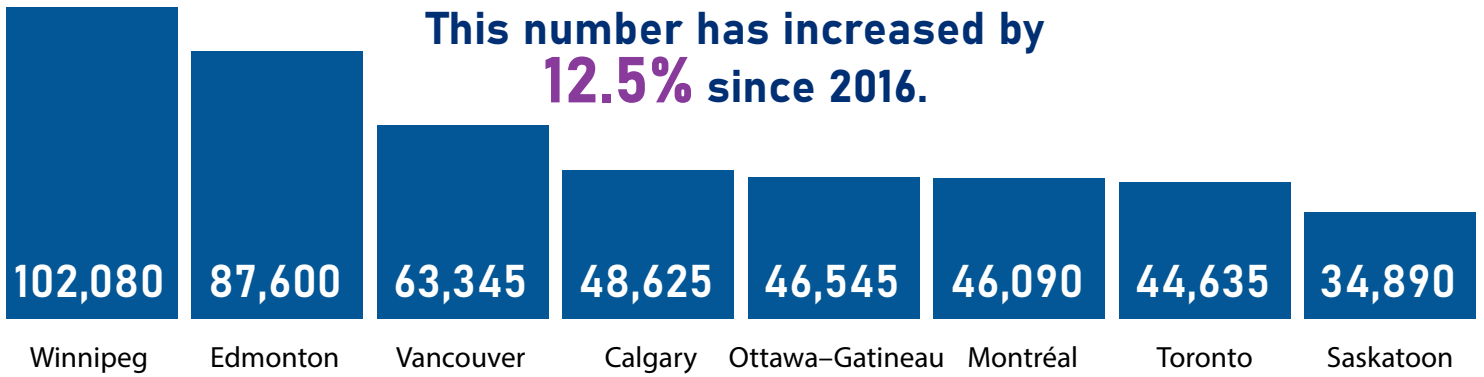




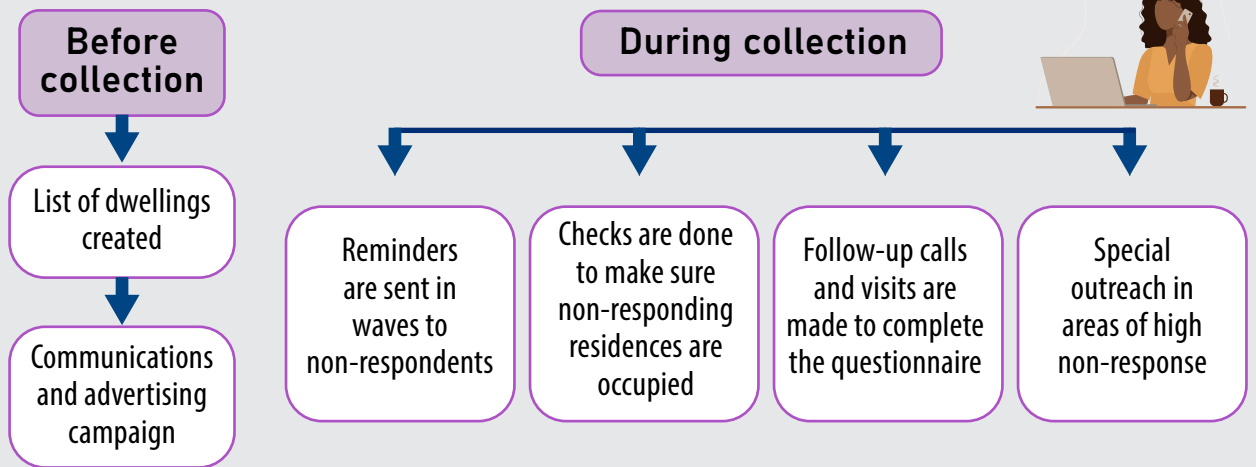
# How the Census counts Indigenous people in urban areas

In 2021, **801,045** Indigenous people were living in urban areas in Canada.

This number has increased by **12.5%** since 2016.



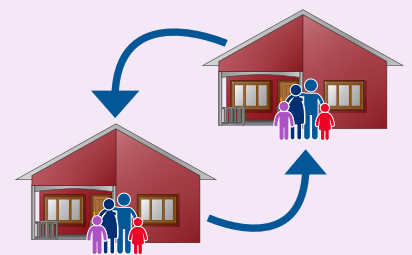
The census tries to reach everyone



## Counting people in their usual place of residence

One reason why people are not enumerated in some areas is because the census counts people based on their **usual place of residence** on Census Day.

Therefore, some census respondents may be counted in one place rather than another because they spend **part of the year** in that place and **the rest of the year** elsewhere.



➔ For example, **many students relocate** to Thunder Bay from remote First Nations communities to pursue higher education. Similarly, many Inuit **relocate temporarily to Ottawa** to access medical services.

In 2016, undercoverage was **2.4%**.

The 2021 Census undercoverage estimates for the Indigenous population will be available in **2023**.

## After every census, studies are done to measure undercoverage

Census coverage studies evaluate the net impact of some people **not being enumerated** and others being counted **more than once**.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021, and Guide to the Census of Population, 2021.

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