

Quality of Life: First Nations and Rest of Canada

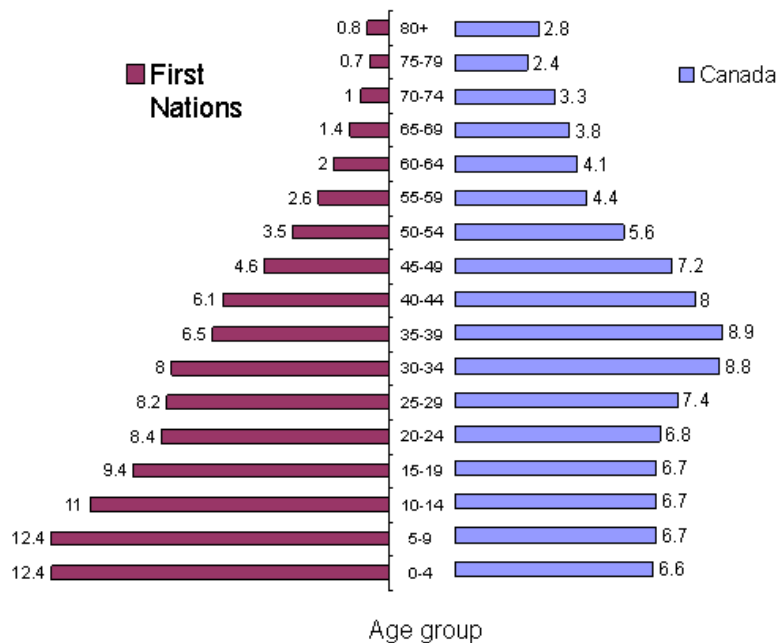
Graphs and charts can be “read” to determine important information about geographic data. Graphs and charts organize information visually, allowing us to see trends or patterns. This allows us to *infer* information (just like when we’re reading!) and determine if any information is missing.

In your inquiry teams, you will analyse some of the recent data collected on life for Canada’s First Nations population in order to determine a) Whether or not there is an inequality present and b) next steps.

Definitions to Know:

- **Quality of life:** Human well-being, measured by *social indicators* (education, environment, health, living standards).
- **Demographics:** Statistics for an area’s population relating to age, sex, income and education.
- **Life Expectancy:** The average number of years a person is expected to live.
- **Population Pyramid:** A horizontal bar graph that indicates the number of people in different age groups and the balance between males and females.

Age Distribution of the First Nations and Canadian Populations



Population Pyramid: First Nations vs Canada

Inquiry # 1: Population Pyramid

Look at the population pyramid above, comparing First Nations demographics to the rest of the Canadian population.

- What age group has the largest population numbers for the First Nations?
- What age group has the largest population numbers for the rest of Canada?
- Why do you think this difference exists? What could it mean for the future?

Inquiry #2:

Look at the infographic below. What are three key take-aways you notice about Aboriginal identity and demographics in Canada?

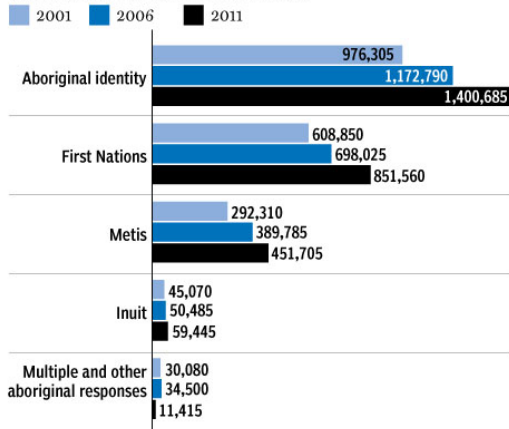
ABORIGINAL CANADA



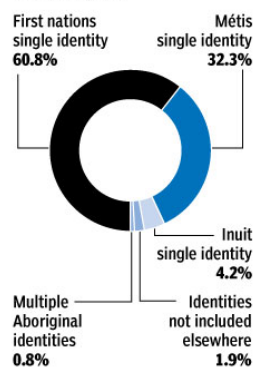
Key Take-aways:

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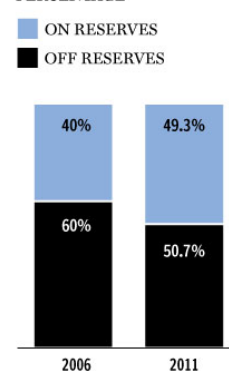
ABORIGINAL IDENTITY IN CANADA



ABORIGINAL IDENTITY POPULATION IN 2011
 PERCENTAGE

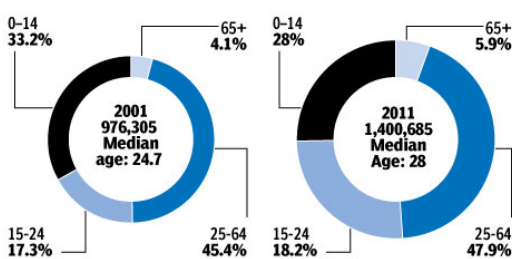


FIRST NATIONS WITH REGISTERED STATUS
 PERCENTAGE



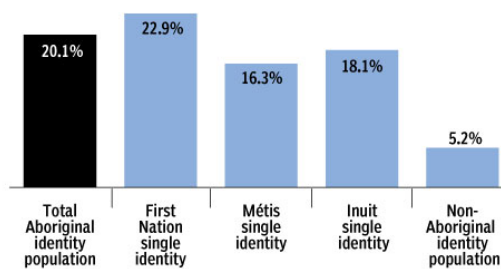
ABORIGINAL IDENTITY BY AGE

AGE IN YEARS



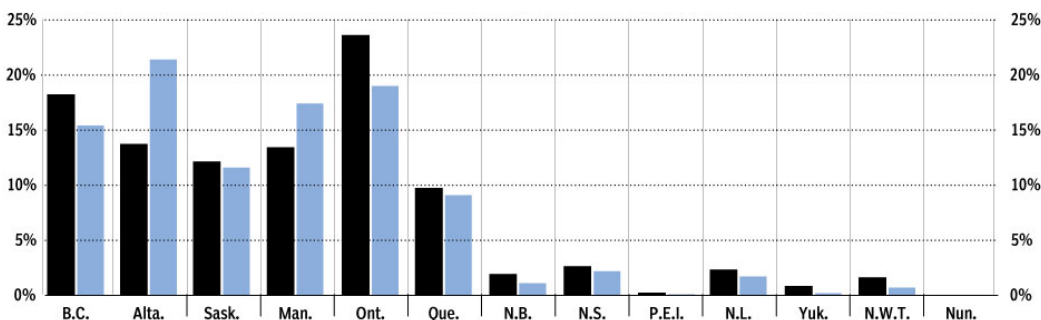
INCREASE IN THE NATIVE POPULATION 2006 TO 2011

PERCENTAGE INCREASE BY IDENTITY



DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL ABORIGINAL POPULATION IN 2011 BY PROVINCE

■ FIRST NATIONS PERCENTAGE ■ MÉTIS PERCENTAGE

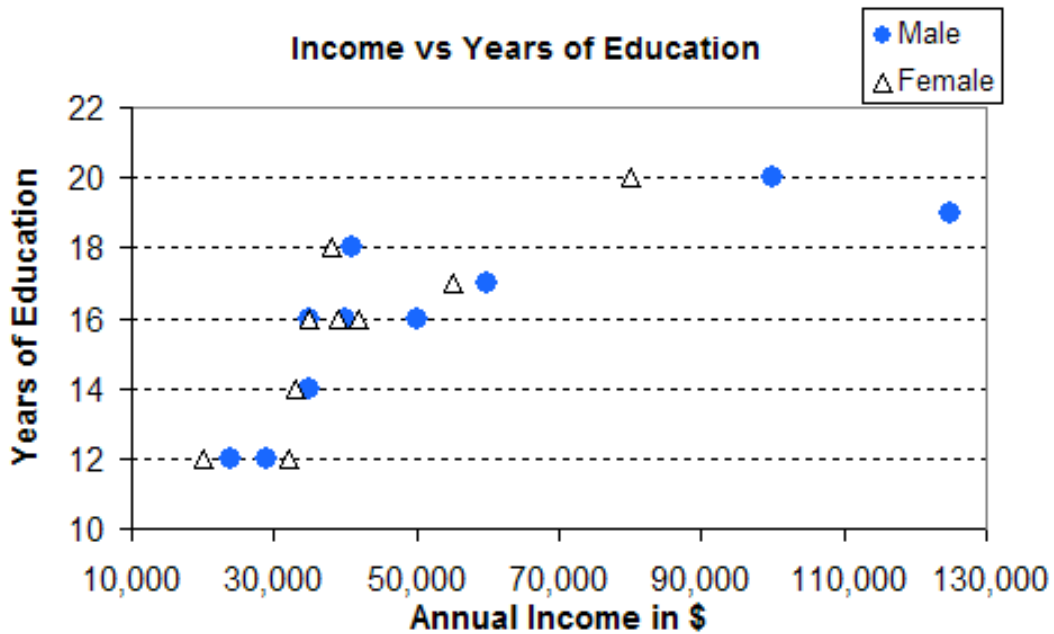
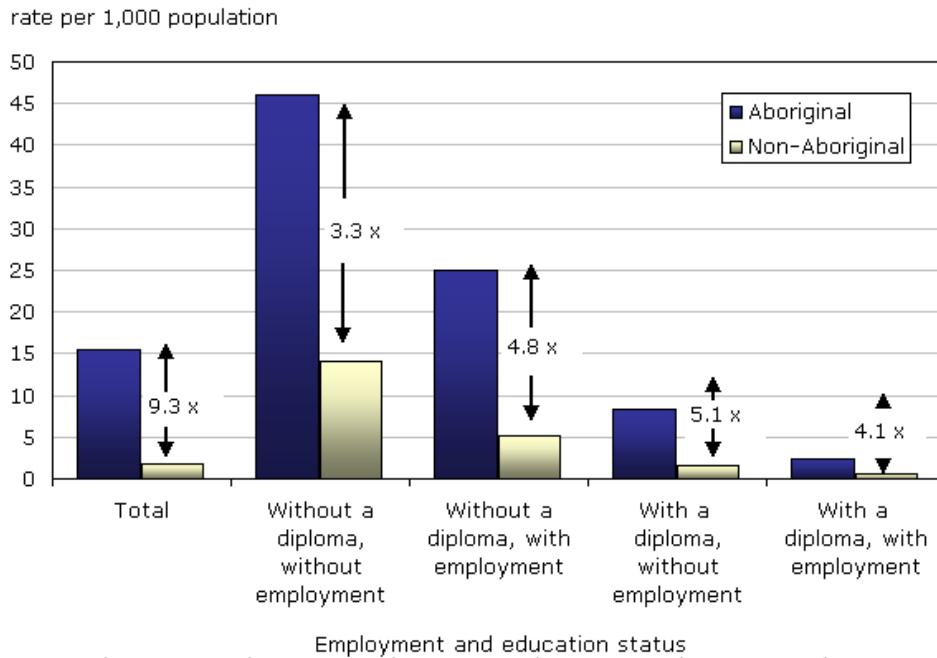


NOTE: Data have been adjusted to account for incompletely enumerated Indian reserves and Indian settlements in 2006 and/or 2011; 2006 census data have been adjusted to the same universe used for the 2011 NHS (population in private households)

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, 2006 CENSUS, AND NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

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Aboriginal vs Non-Aboriginal Employment in Canada



Inquiry #3:

Combining the information from the two graphs above, what can you infer about *quality of life* in Canada for Aboriginal vs Non-Aboriginal populations? Consider education levels, employment, income, and other indicators (ability to buy food, shelter, etc.).