

Aboriginal Health & Well Being

A Look at the Conditions of
First Nations, Métis and Inuit
Communities in Canada


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Mapping the conditions of First Nations Communities

- ▶ As of 2011 there were just over 1,400,685 (4.3%) Aboriginal Canadians 
- ▶ That 4.3% is made up of...
 - First Nations (60.8%)
 - Métis (32.3%)
 - Inuit (4.2%)
- ▶ In Canada the Aboriginal population is on the rise, between 2006 and 2011 it grew 20% compared to 5.2% for the rest of Canada.






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- The majority of Registered Indians in Canada live in approximately **900** small First Nations Communities.
- Nearly all have a substantially lower than average standard of living than the average Canadian community – the best off First Nations communities compare with the worst off areas of non Aboriginal Canada

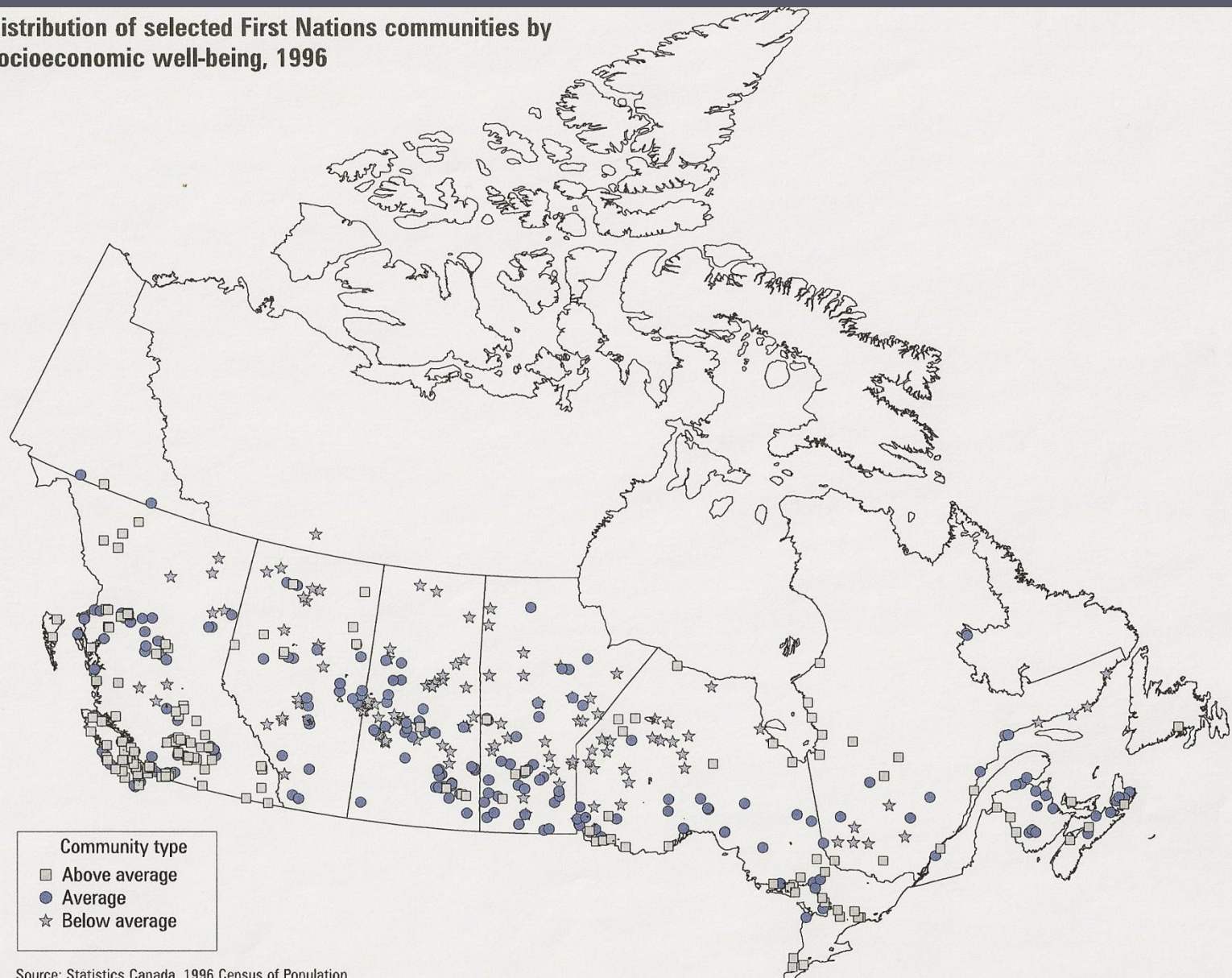
Mapping the Conditions of First Nations Communities

- ▶ 23% were considered above average communities, most were clustered in Quebec, mid and southern Ontario, and the southern and coastal areas of British Columbia 
- ▶ 47% were considered average, found in the Maritimes, southern Manitoba and southern Saskatchewan 
- ▶ 32% were considered below average and these were situated in mid Quebec, north western Ontario, northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan and Alberta 

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Distribution of selected First Nations communities by socioeconomic well-being, 1996



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Stats	Worst off non Aboriginal regions	Best off First Nations communities	Above Average	Average	Below Average
% with less than grade 9 education	20	12	15	20	44
% employed	57	58	60	42	35
# persons per room in homes	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.3
average annual income	18,900	18,200	16,000	11,000	10,000

FYI The average parental income for Fenelon Falls Secondary is 44,700

DYK Poverty Low Income Cut Offs are 24,000 for a family of 4 in Fenelon or 36,000 for a family of 4 in Toronto

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So...
What do we know
so far?

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Student Action...

- ▶ In your small group, go to one of the work stations,
- ▶ Each station has an iPad and some work sheets with instructions
- ▶ Our goal is to find the most up to date information regarding social conditions in Canada for First Nations, Métis and Inuit



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#1 Comparatively Speaking, Just How Bad is it?

Go to http://www.beststart.org/resources/anti_poverty/pdf/WhyAmIPoor.pdf find pages

- ▶ the current rates of overall child poverty in Canada are _____
- ▶ the current rates of Aboriginal child poverty in Canada are _____
- ▶ the United Nations rank Canada's standard of living overall _____
- ▶ the UN rank Canada's standard of living for Aboriginal people _____

- ▶ the cost of lost revenue based on low income tax and social assistance costs is _____
- ▶ the difference between the rates of poverty of for First Nations children living off reserve versus non Aboriginal children is _____
- ▶ the difference between the rates of poverty of for First Nations children living in big cities versus non Aboriginal children is _____

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#2 Employment

Go to http://www.beststart.org/resources/anti_poverty/pdf/WhyAmIPoor.pdf find pages 8 & 17 of this pdf

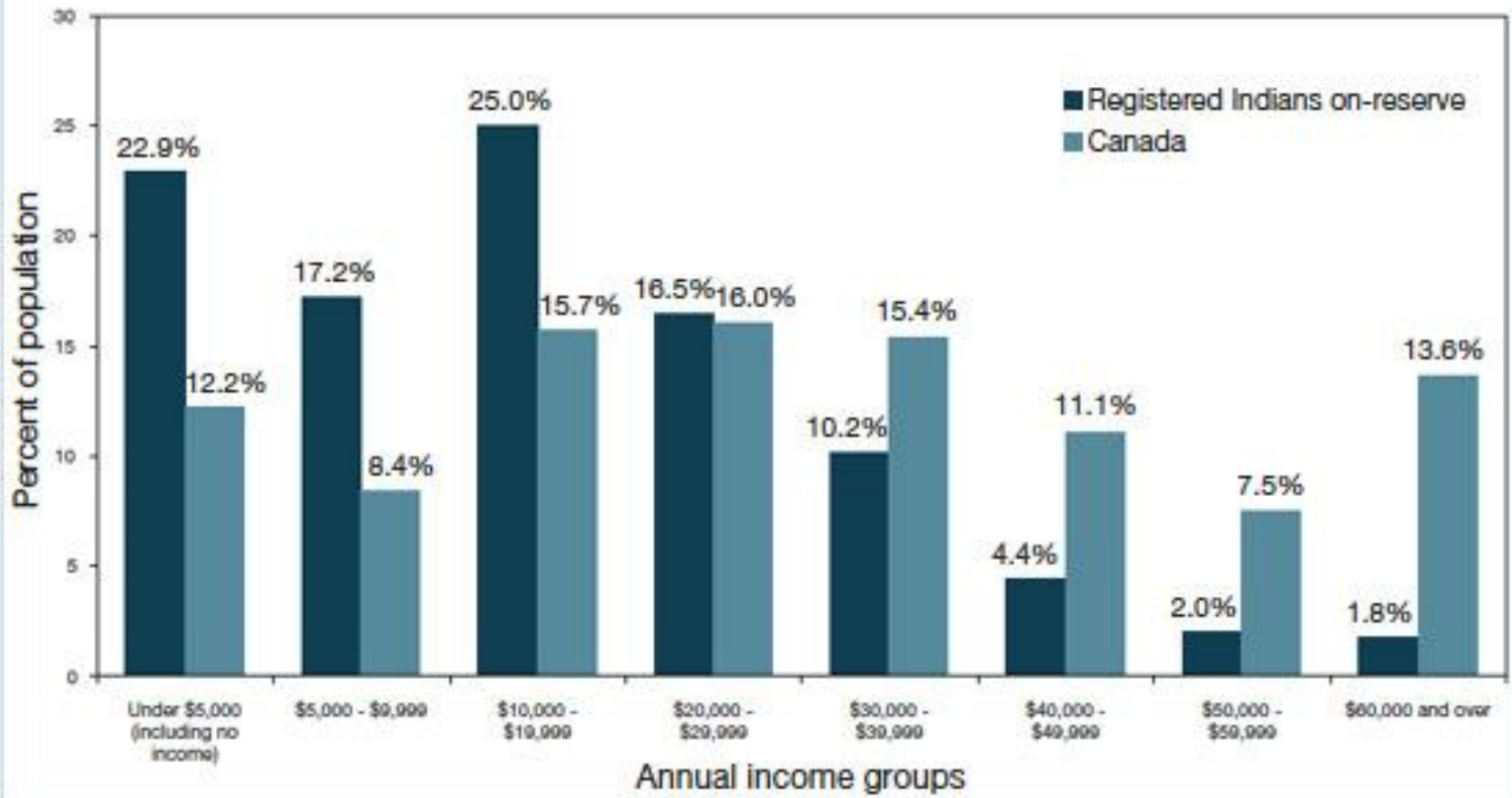
Go to <http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/pubs/aborig-autoch/2009-stats-profil/index-eng.php> and answer the following questions...

- ▶ In 2006, comparatively speaking, the unemployment rates on reserves were _____
 - ▶ First Nations children are at a higher risk of living with _____ % of the average median income of Canadians or less?
 - ▶ The employment rate for Registered Indians on-reserve compares to the general Canadian rate _____
 - ▶ Between 1996 2001 figures on-reserve Registered Indians labour force participation, employment rates and unemployment rates were _____
 - ▶ The median annual income for Registered Indians on-reserve is _____ that of the general Canadian population
 - ▶ Given equal education and experience First Nations people _____
- Go to <http://www12.statcan.ca/census-recensement/2006/as-sa/97-559/table/t7-eng.cfm>
- ▶ On reserve statistics compare to off reserve statistics for Registered Indians _____

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Annual Income Brackets

Figure 6. Annual Income Groups for Registered Indians' On-reserve and Canada², 25 to 64 Years, 2000



Employment and Systemic Discrimination

- ▶ The unemployment rates are improving but it is still 3 xs higher
- ▶ Unemployment rates dropped 4.9% for FN in 2001 but dropped 7% for non FN

What does this table tell us?	Non Aboriginal Man Employed	Aboriginal Man Employed	Non Aboriginal Woman Employed	Aboriginal Woman Employed
Not finished high school	41%	32%	62%	42%
University Graduate	78%	84%	82%	86%

- Overrepresented in mining, construction, and public administration
- Underrepresented in management, professional, scientific, tech, finance and insurance



#3 Housing

- ▶ Go to <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2011/11/24/f-first-nations-infrastructure.html> and read the article and answer the questions
- ▶ Attawapiskat housing conditions are _____
- ▶ _____ percentage of First Nations communities have unsafe drinking water
- ▶ _____ First Nations people are currently living without indoor plumbing
- ▶ Chief Shawn Atleo thinks that these conditions are allowed to continue because _____
- ▶ Some of the other hazards these communities face connected to housing include _____
- ▶ Go to <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2011/11/25/f-native-housing.html>
- ▶ _____ percentage of homes on reserves require major repairs
- ▶ _____ of the average Canadian home require major repairs
- ▶ The overcrowding rates on reserve compared to the average Canadian rate are _____
- ▶ Go to http://www.beststart.org/resources/anti_poverty/pdf/WhyAmIPoor.pdf
- ▶ What rate of Aboriginal Canadian families across Canada have core housing needs (costs more than 30% of their income)?
- ▶ Off reserve _____ Aboriginals live in housing that is need of major repair

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Courtesy Jessica Taylor and Aviva community Fund

#4 Education

- ▶ Go to http://www.beststart.org/resources/anti_poverty/pdf/WhyAmIPoor.pdf page 16 to 18
- ▶ _____ percentage of non Aboriginals hold a University degree?
- ▶ _____ percentage of on reserve Aboriginals do? _____ percentage of off reserve Aboriginals do?
- ▶ _____ percentage of non Aboriginal Canadians have less than a high school diploma?
- ▶ this compares to _____ First Nations Canadians?
- ▶ First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures taught in schools across Canada

- ▶ _____ percentage of FN children felt that they were unwelcome?
- ▶ _____ percentage of FN children experienced racism at school?
- ▶ Aboriginal school funding _____ since 1996
- ▶ Go to <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2011/11/24/f-first-nations-infrastructure.html>
- ▶ The school conditions in many Aboriginal communities are _____

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Education

- ▶ Currently schools are either provincially run, federally and band run or federally run

The Good News...

- ▶ **As of 2001 496 of 503 schools are band run with more of an emphasis on First Nations curriculum, languages and culture**
- ▶ **Increased sensitivity and awareness and less biased texts and materials are on the rise**
- ▶ **2001 39% didn't finish high school compared to 20% non-Aboriginal**

However, this is an improvement over 1996 45% didn't finish high school

- ▶ **Increase in the number of FN enrolled in Post Secondary schools from 14,000 in 1987 to 26,000 in 2001**

#5 Health & Life Expectancy

- ▶ Go to http://www.beststart.org/resources/anti_poverty/pdf/WhyAmIPoor.pdf page 21
- ▶ These aspects of poverty and housing that affect health _____
- ▶ _____ is the infant mortality rate in Canada; it is _____ on reserve; and off reserve for Aboriginal people it is _____
- ▶ _____ all contribute to the higher rates of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) for Aboriginal babies
- ▶ Food security is connected to health because _____
- ▶ The rates of respiratory conditions _____
- ▶ Poverty is connected to mental health _____
- ▶ Go to http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/diseases-maladies/2005-01_health-sante_indicat-eng.php#potential
- ▶ The life expectancy rates for Non Aboriginal versus Aboriginal Canadians are _____
- ▶ The Potential Years of Life Lost rates (unintentional injury and or suicide) are _____
- ▶ Heart and stroke fatalities _____

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Additional Health Concerns

- ▶ Lower health care standards
- ▶ Diabetes rates are 3 to 5 times higher
- ▶ More than ½ First Nations children are overweight – 22.3% overweight and 36.2% obese
- ▶ HIV AIDs annual # stabilized but growing over recent years in aboriginal communities from 1% in 1990 to 7.2% in 2001
- ▶ Tuberculosis rates 8 to 10 times higher