

# Aboriginal Nursing in Canada

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There are **9,695 Aboriginal nurses in Canada**. Aboriginal people make up **3.0% of the Registered Nursing workforce**, but form **4.9% of the overall Canadian population**.

	Total % of Aboriginal Nurses (2011)*	Total % of Aboriginal Nurses (2016)	Number of Aboriginal Nurses in Canada/ Number of Nurses in Canada (2016)	First Nations	Métis	Inuit	Multiple/ Other
<b>Canada</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>9695/327780</b>	<b>4195</b>	<b>4995</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>155</b>
AB	2.5	3.1	1295/41495	455	780	10	50
BC	2.6	3.0	1305/43495	580	650	15	60
MB	7.2	9.2	1310/14285	420	870	10	15
NB	1.6	2.4	210/8745	90	105	0	10
NL	5.0	8.5	515/6060	375	90	20	30
NT	23.7	15.9	65/410	20	35	10	0
NS	2.6	4.0	440/11010	170	245	15	20
NU	24.2	14.3	20/140	10	0	10	0
ON	1.9	2.2	2540/115910	1325	1060	25	130
PEI	1.8	1.5	25/1675	10	10	0	0
QC	1.0	1.6	1125/72320	415	630	15	65
SK	6.1	7.0	830/11900	310	510	0	10
YK	11.1	5.9	20/340	20	0	0	0

\* The 2011 National Household Survey used different occupational classifications; this column refers to NOC-S 2006-D111 which entails "Nurse Supervisors and Registered Nurses".

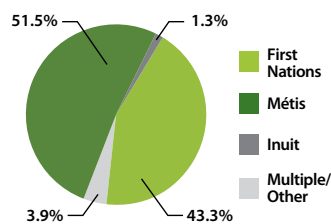
## 74.5% of Aboriginal health professionals are Registered Nurses.

Aboriginal health professionals include physicians, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists, occupational therapists, optometrists, chiropractors, speech pathologists, dietitians, nutritionists, physiotherapists, audiologists and registered nurses, etc. There are 13,010 health professionals identifying as Aboriginal; of which 9,695 are nurses.

1.2% of all Canadian health professionals are Aboriginal health professionals.

7.3% of Aboriginal Registered Nurses are male (705 out of 9,695). 8.2% of all Canadian RNs are male (26,785 out of 327,780).

### Identification of Aboriginal RNs



## Aboriginal Registered Nurses are younger than the average Canadian nurse.

	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+
<b>All Nurses</b>	4.9%	26.0%	22.3%	23.8%	18.5%	4.5%
<b>Aboriginal Nurses</b>	4.8%	27.6%	25.8%	23.6%	15.0%	3.1%

This fact sheet uses the term "Aboriginal" instead of "Indigenous" to reflect Statistics Canada and TRC terminology.



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It is common knowledge that an increase in the number of Aboriginal health professionals is needed to improve the future health outcomes for Aboriginal people in Canada. The 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Call to Action #23 calls for an increase in the number of Aboriginal professionals working in the health-care field. Although there has been good progress in improving the number and proportion of Aboriginal health professionals, the country still has far to go to achieve representation. Registered Nurses are the backbone of the health care system and are central to First Nations, Métis and Inuit health care delivery. This factsheet provides the most current information available on the status of the Aboriginal Registered Nursing workforce in Canada, based on the 2016 Census.



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