

Table IV-6: Aboriginal High School Completion Rates for persons 15 and over in Vital Signs Communities, 2001 and 2006

	2001			2006			no cert 2001	no cert 2006
	Total Aboriginal population 15 years and over	High school graduation certificate or higher	Proportion of Aboriginal Population With High School Certificate or More	Total Aboriginal population 15 years and over	At least one certificate, diploma or degree	Proportion of Aboriginal Population With at Least One Certificate, Diploma or Degree		
Canada	652,350	339,035	52.0	823,890	464,110	56.3	313,315	359,780
New Brunswick	12,100	6,890	56.9	13,205	8,025	60.8	5,210	5,180
Saint John	675	380	56.3	1,000	625	62.5	295	375
Fredericton	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,720	1,155	67.2	n.a.	565
Quebec	55,890	27,055	48.4	80,910	45,185	55.8	28,835	35,725
Montreal	8,835	5,755	65.1	14,520	10,385	71.5	3,080	4,135
Ontario	132,670	76,550	57.7	178,165	111,190	62.4	56,120	66,975
Ottawa	7,205	5,315	73.8	10,155	7,530	74.2	1,890	2,625
Toronto	15,170	10,090	66.5	20,710	14,590	70.4	5,080	6,120
Sudbury	5,470	3,395	62.1	7,505	5,230	69.7	2,075	n.a.
Kitchener	2,225	1,505	67.6	3,410	2,255	66.1	720	1,155
London	3,865	2,465	63.8	4,405	2,925	66.4	1,400	1,480
Guelph	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	950	640	67.4	n.a.	310
Oakville	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	555	445	80.2	n.a.	110
Saskatchewan	78,655	37,265	47.4	91,295	46,160	50.6	41,390	45,135
Saskatoon	12,530	7,190	57.4	14,060	8,600	61.2	5,340	5,460
Alberta	102,525	53,680	52.4	129,745	72,250	55.7	48,845	57,495
Calgary	15,225	9,645	63.3	19,515	13,460	69.0	5,580	6,055
Lethbridge	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2,660	1,635	61.5	n.a.	1,025
Medicine Hat	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,740	1,060	60.9	n.a.	680
Red Deer	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2,635	1,770	67.2	n.a.	865
British Columbia	118,025	66,575	56.4	140,825	85,910	61.0	51,450	54,915
Vancouver	27,130	17,060	62.9	30,465	21,475	70.5	10,070	8,990
Victoria	6,430	4,135	64.3	8,090	5,510	68.1	2,295	2,580

Source: For 2001 data. Statistics Canada. Census 2001. Topic-based-tabulations.
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Note: The large increase in the Aboriginal population is in large part due to increases in the Metis population (more than 30 per cent in 5 years), which reflects a higher rate of identification of that group, and not necessarily higher fertility rates. Since the Metis are in general more educated than the North American Indian and Inuit populations, part of the improvement in high school completion rates is explained by the rapid growth in the Metis population.

Note: The Census definitions of educational attainment were changed between the 2001 and 2006 Census so changes should be interpreted with caution. For more details, see <http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/reference/infocensus/education.cfm>