

# Saskatchewan Language, Mobility & Citizenship

2006 Census of Canada

## LANGUAGE

The vast majority of Saskatchewan residents (85.1 percent) reported English as their mother tongue (the first language learned as a child and still understood) according to the 2006 Census of Canada. French as a mother tongue was reported for 1.7 percent of the population while non-official languages made up 12.4 percent of responses. Multiple mother tongues were responsible for the other 0.8 percent of responses.

Table 1 provides the top 5 mother tongues (single responses) for 2006.

**Table 1: Top 5 Saskatchewan Mother Tongues**

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
|                        | 2006    |
| English                | 811,725 |
| German                 | 29,780  |
| Cree                   | 26,155  |
| Ukrainian              | 17,290  |
| French                 | 16,055  |
| Other Single Responses | 45,245  |

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

## IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP

For the first time since 1931, the number of immigrants increased in Saskatchewan. There were 48,160 immigrants in Saskatchewan in 2006 compared with 47,820 for 2001 (a marginal increase of 340 persons). There were 4,610 non-permanent residents (which include persons who held work or study permits, refugee claimants as well as family members living with them in Canada) in Saskatchewan in 2006 compared with 3,110 in 2001.

Immigrants and non-permanent residents accounted for 5.5 percent of the Saskatchewan population in 2006. This is well below the national average of 20.7 percent.

The large majority of Saskatchewan residents (98.2 percent) were Canadian citizens in 2006. This is well above the national average of 94.4 percent and the highest proportion of all provinces excluding Atlantic Canada.

## MOBILITY & MIGRATION

Saskatchewan residents moved less than the national average. Between 2001 and 2006, 63.9 percent of Saskatchewan residents aged 5 years and older had the same address in 2006 and 2001 compared with the national average of 59.1.

Of the 36.1 percent of Saskatchewan residents who moved between 2001 and 2006, over half of these persons (55.7 percent) moved within the same census subdivision while 28.6 percent moved to a different census subdivision in Saskatchewan. Persons who moved to Saskatchewan between 2001 and 2006 accounted for the remaining 15.7 percent of movers (38,930 persons from other provinces and 12,130 from other countries).

The figures above do not include former Saskatchewan residents who have moved to other provinces (interprovincial out-migrants). During the same time period 64,305 persons aged 5 years and over moved from Saskatchewan to other provinces. The majority (58.2 percent) of the movers went to Alberta with British Columbia, Ontario and Manitoba being the other favored destinations of former Saskatchewan residents.

Table 2 highlights interprovincial migration patterns between the 2001 and 2006 Census.

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**Table 2: Origin and Destination of Interprovincial Migrants Aged 5 Years and Over, 2001-2006**

| Origin | Destination |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |     |
|--------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-----|
|        | NFLD        | PEI   | NS     | NB     | PQ     | ONT    | MAN    | SASK   | ALTA   | BC     | YT    | NWT   | NVT |
| NFLD   | 0           | 455   | 4,260  | 1,345  | 975    | 9,060  | 705    | 605    | 11,355 | 2,220  | 35    | 610   | 405 |
| PEI    | 365         | 0     | 1,520  | 1,170  | 475    | 2,125  | 100    | 55     | 1,345  | 470    | 0     | 45    | 15  |
| NS     | 3,635       | 1,930 | 0      | 6,290  | 3,445  | 19,450 | 1,200  | 675    | 12,625 | 5,960  | 120   | 465   | 235 |
| NB     | 2,895       | 1,325 | 8,005  | 0      | 6,750  | 11,395 | 985    | 570    | 7,765  | 2,165  | 40    | 190   | 100 |
| PQ     | 760         | 420   | 2,665  | 5,345  | 0      | 52,770 | 1,815  | 945    | 9,750  | 10,070 | 195   | 280   | 180 |
| ONT    | 10,160      | 2,680 | 19,245 | 11,200 | 44,535 | 0      | 11,125 | 6,050  | 49,455 | 56,035 | 545   | 1,090 | 580 |
| MAN    | 1,750       | 205   | 1,275  | 805    | 1,805  | 13,975 | 0      | 5,855  | 19,595 | 11,455 | 150   | 230   | 225 |
| SASK   | 240         | 90    | 830    | 380    | 1,220  | 7,060  | 5,670  | 0      | 37,430 | 10,700 | 125   | 480   | 80  |
| ALTA   | 4,115       | 630   | 5,295  | 3,175  | 5,890  | 29,800 | 7,745  | 16,635 | 0      | 62,795 | 750   | 1,655 | 195 |
| BC     | 1,385       | 500   | 4,330  | 1,685  | 7,880  | 38,120 | 6,580  | 7,000  | 72,680 | 0      | 1,380 | 820   | 215 |
| YT     | 50          | 0     | 125    | 35     | 135    | 355    | 100    | 145    | 1,455  | 1,480  | 0     | 110   | 20  |
| NWT    | 135         | 45    | 300    | 110    | 125    | 900    | 390    | 295    | 3,105  | 1,165  | 295   | 0     | 185 |
| NVT    | 275         | 0     | 180    | 35     | 310    | 775    | 165    | 105    | 310    | 195    | 35    | 365   | 0   |

|            | NFLD   | PEI   | NS     | NB      | PQ      | ONT     | MAN     | SASK    | ALTA    | BC      | YT    | NWT   | NVT   |
|------------|--------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>In</b>  | 25,780 | 8,300 | 48,035 | 31,570  | 73,555  | 185,785 | 36,590  | 38,930  | 226,870 | 164,715 | 3,665 | 6,360 | 2,425 |
| <b>Out</b> | 32,030 | 7,685 | 56,030 | 42,185  | 85,195  | 212,700 | 57,325  | 64,305  | 138,680 | 142,575 | 4,010 | 7,050 | 2,750 |
| <b>Net</b> | -6,250 | 615   | -7,995 | -10,615 | -11,640 | -26,915 | -20,735 | -25,375 | 88,190  | 22,140  | -345  | -690  | -325  |

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

All data in this report are based on the 2006 Census of Canada. The Census population counts are not comparable to quarterly population estimates from the Statistics Canada Demography Division. Census population does not include net undercount (number of persons missed by the Census less the number of persons counted twice) and other adjustments made by Demography Division to the Census data. All data in this report are preliminary and subject to revision. For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca).