

Saskatchewan Ethnic Origins, Visible Minorities & Immigration

2011 National Household Survey

ETHNIC ORIGINS

The 2011 National Household Survey indicates that Saskatchewan continues to be populated by persons of European ancestry. 76.0% of Saskatchewan's population is of European descent.

Ethnic origin refers to the respondent's ancestors and is usually more distant than a grandparent. People can be of single or multiple ethnicities. At the provincial total, 44.7% of the population reported single ethnicity while 55.3% reported multiple ethnic origins.

Table 1 provides ethnic origin information for the top ten ethnic origins in Saskatchewan from the 2011 National Household Survey.

Table 1: Ethnic Origins, Total responses¹ Saskatchewan, 2011

Ethnic Origin	Total Responses	% of Total
German	288,790	28.6%
English	251,190	24.9%
Scottish	190,450	18.9%
Canadian	189,165	18.8%
Irish	156,655	15.5%
Ukrainian	136,415	13.5%
French	122,620	12.2%
North American Indian ²	122,340	12.1%
Norwegian	69,490	6.9%
Polish	58,085	5.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey

1. "Total responses" is the total of single and multiple responses. Therefore, individuals who reported multiple ethnic origins are counted more than once in this table. For example, if someone were to report multiple origins of German and English, their response would appear in both line items.

2. North American Indian ethnic origin is not comparable with North American Indian identity population counts. This also holds for Metis and other all other aboriginal population data. Identity is related to self-identification as Aboriginal while ethnic origin relates to the respondent's ancestry.

In terms of single ethnicity, North American Indian made up the largest part of this subset of the population (81,000 persons or 18.0% of all single ethnic backgrounds). English and German provided the highest counts for multiple ethnic origins.

VISIBLE MINORITIES

The proportion of Saskatchewan residents who report to be visible minorities continues to climb. In 2011, 6.3% of Saskatchewan population was a visible minority compared with 3.6% in 2006. The Census defines visible minorities as persons, other than Aboriginals, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in color.

The most populous visible minorities in Saskatchewan were Filipino, South Asian, Chinese and Black.

The majority of Saskatchewan visible minorities reside in the two provincial Census Metropolitan Areas. Saskatoon is home to 45.3% of Saskatchewan's visible minority population with Regina being home to 34.7%.

IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP

There were 68,780 immigrants in Saskatchewan in 2011 compared with 48,160 for 2006 (an increase of 20,620 persons). There were 8,270 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 2011 compared with 4,610 in 2006.

Immigrants and non-permanent residents accounted for 7.6% of the Saskatchewan population in 2011. This is well below the national average of 27.7%.

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The large majority of Saskatchewan residents, 96.1%, were Canadian citizens in 2011. This is down from 98.2% in 2006. This is well above the national average of 94.0% and the highest proportion of all provinces excluding Atlantic Canada.

As well the vast majority of Saskatchewan's citizens were born in Canada. Table 2 provides information for where the citizens of Saskatchewan in 2011 were born.

Table 2: Citizens by place of birth Saskatchewan, 2011

Ethnic Origin	Total Responses	% of Total
Canada	939,980	93.2%
Philippines	12,770	1.3%
United Kingdom	7,365	0.7%
United States	5,020	0.7%
China	4,625	0.5%
Pakistan	3,115	0.3%
India	3,080	0.3%
Germany	2,625	0.3%
Vietnam	1,775	0.2%
Ukraine	1,720	0.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey

Data in this report are based on the 2011 National Household Survey and 2006 Census of Canada, which may not be directly comparable due to methodological changes. For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca.