

## 2006 Census Demographics Ethnic Origin, Capital Region



	CRD	BC
Total Population	340,055	4,074,385
<u>Ethnic Origin Responses Summary</u>		
British Isle Origins (1)	218,135	1,860,675
<i>English</i>	149,660	1,207,245
<i>Scottish</i>	97,365	828,145
French Origins (2)	35,030	363,205
Aboriginal Origins	16,870	250,900
<i>North American Indian</i>	12,630	193,060
<i>Métis</i>	4,410	62,570
<i>Inuit</i>	290	2,190
Other North American Origins	77,780	766,305
<i>Canadian</i>	72,795	720,200
<i>American (USA)</i>	7,270	66,765
Caribbean Origins (3)	1,735	17,590
<i>Jamaican</i>	520	6,915
Latin, Central and South American Origins (4)	3,070	41,110
<i>Chilean</i>	385	4,440
<i>Mexican</i>	1,015	12,050
European Origins	132,890	1,591,085
<i>Western European Origins(5)</i>	66,060	783,100
<i>Northern European Origins(6)</i>	29,820	321,970
<i>Eastern European Origins(7)</i>	38,615	493,365
<i>Southern European Origins(8)</i>	21,230	291,330
African Origins (9)	2,935	32,870
<i>Black</i>	460	5,055
<i>South African</i>	865	7,230
Arab Origins (10)	1,390	18,340
<i>Egyptian</i>	200	2,585
<i>Lebanese</i>	615	5,970
<i>Maghrebi Origins(11)</i>	195	1,735
West Asian Origins (12)	1,585	44,600
<i>Armenian</i>	235	2,525
<i>Iranian</i>	930	29,265
<i>Turk</i>	255	4,245
South Asian Origins (13)	7,690	265,595
<i>East Indian</i>	6,620	232,370
<i>Pakistani</i>	305	7,975
<i>Punjabi</i>	575	18,525
East and Southeast Asian Origins (14)	22,380	650,110
<i>Chinese</i>	13,655	432,435
<i>Filipino</i>	3,110	94,255
<i>Japanese</i>	2,775	41,585
<i>Korean</i>	1,270	51,860
<i>Taiwanese</i>	405	10,565
<i>Vietnamese</i>	1,075	30,835
Oceania Origins (15)	2,090	27,670
<i>Australian</i>	1,125	11,155
<i>New Zealander</i>	545	4,430
<i>Pacific Islands Origins</i>	515	12,580

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## **Technical Notes**

### **Ethnic Origin**

Refers to the ethnic or cultural group(s) to which the respondent's ancestors belong. Ethnic or cultural origin refers to the ethnic 'roots' or ancestral background of the population, and should not be confused with citizenship or or nationality.

The count for "Total Population" represents the total population for the geographic area reported on, excluding institutional residents. The sum of the ethnic origin groups in this table is greater than the total population count because a person may report more than one ethnic origin in the Census.

The count for each ethnic origin group shown represents the sum of single responses and multiple responses received in the Census for that ethnic group. A single ethnic origin response occurs when a respondent provides one ethnic origin only. A multiple ethnic origin response occurs when a respondent provides two or more ethnic origins.

Data for incompletely enumerated Indian Reserves are excluded from the totals reported in this table.

Other related Census variables include:

Visible Minorities: Refers to the visible minority group to which the respondent belongs.

Citizenship: Refers to the legal citizenship status of the respondent.

Place of Birth: Refers to specific provinces or territories for respondents who were born in Canada, or to specific countries if born outside Canada.

Landed Immigrant Status: Refers to people who have been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities.

Language: Home Language refers to the language spoken most often or on a regular basis at home by the individual.

Mother tongue refers to the language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the individual.

### **Footnotes**

(1) British Isle Origins includes responses such as Cornish, English, Irish, Manx, Scottish and Welsh.

(2) French Origins includes responses such as Acadian and French.

(3) Caribbean Origins includes responses such as Antiguan, Bahamian, Bermudan, Cuban, Guyanese, West Indian.

(4) Latin, Central and South American Origins includes responses such as Argentinian, Bolivian, Brazilian, Chilean, Costa Rican, Guatemalan, Hispanic, Mexican, Peruvian, Salvadorean and Venezuelan.

(5) Western European Origins includes responses such as Austrian, Belgian, Dutch (Netherlands), German, Swiss.

(6) Northern European Origins includes responses such as Finnish, Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

(7) Eastern European Origins includes responses such as Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Russian and Ukrainian.

(8) Southern European Origins includes responses such as Albanian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Greek, Italian, Portugese, Serbian, Slovenian, Spanish and Yugoslav.

(9) African Origins includes responses such as Afrikaner, Black, Ethiopian, Ghanaian, Nigerian, Somali, Ugandan, South African and Zambian.

(10) Arab Origins includes responses such as Egyptian, Iraqi, Lebanese, Libyan, Palestinian and Maghrebi.

(11) Maghrebi Origins includes responses such as Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian.

(12) West Asian Origins includes responses such as Armenian, Georgian, Iranian, Israeli and Turk.

(13) South Asian Origins includes responses such as Bangladeshi, East Indian, Pakistani, Punjabi and Sri Lankan.

(14) East and Southeast Asian Origins includes responses such as Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Malaysian, Taiwanese and Vietnamese.

(15) Oceania Origins includes responses such as Australian, New Zealander, Fijian, Hawaiian and Maori.

**Source: 2006 Census of Canada**