

Definition/Description:

A population projection is defined as “a prediction of population growth or decline based on historical demographic trends using mathematical modelling and the assumption that current or predicted trends do not change significantly.”

Projected Aboriginal Population, for the City of Winnipeg to 2016.

For the purposes of this series of projections, categories ‘Aboriginal population’ were defined as follows:

Status Indian: A person who declared being a Registered Indian irrespective of his/her Aboriginal ancestry. Also included in this category is Inuit people. **Inuit:** A non-registered Indian who indicated an Inuit ancestry irrespective his/her Aboriginal ancestry;
Metis: A non-registered Indian and non-Inuit individual who indicated a Metis ancestry;
Non-Status or Other: The Non-Status and Other Indian category is the residual category and includes individuals who are not registered and whose only Aboriginal ancestry is North American Indian.

These categories were referenced in the source report as having been excerpted from Statistics Canada 91-5390 XPE

Source:

Manitoba Bureau of Statistics for the Native Affairs Secretariat, Manitoba Northern Affairs, February, 1997. Manitoba's Aboriginal Populations Projected 1991 - 2016.

Findings:

Aboriginal Population Projections by Status Indian, Metis and Non-Status and Other Indians for Winnipeg 1998-2016, expressed in thousands

Year	Status Indian	Metis	Non-Status and Other Indians
Base Year (1991)	15.9	20.0	9.1
1998	22.1	22.5	7.3
1999	22.9	22.7	7.0
2000	23.9	23.1	6.9
2001	24.8	23.7	6.7
2002	25.7	24.1	6.7
2003	26.5	24.5	6.7
2004	27.4	24.9	6.7
2005	28.4	25.1	6.7
2006	29.3	25.4	6.8
2007	30.2	26.0	6.8
2008	31.1	26.3	6.9
2009	32.1	26.7	7.0
2010	33.1	27.1	7.1
2011	34.1	27.5	7.2
2012	35.2	27.8	7.2
2013	36.3	28.4	7.3
2014	37.4	28.6	7.5
2015	38.5	28.9	7.5
2016	39.6	29.4	7.6

Notes: These projections were developed using 1991 Census data as the base.

Highlights:

- Although the data is somewhat dated, it is included to illustrate the expected trends relative to changes in the Aboriginal populations for Winnipeg as defined above.
- A portion of the changes observed in 'Status Indian' and 'Non-Status and Other Indians' are as a result of the number of individuals who regained 'status' under Bill C31. In 1997, it was expected that 93% of the persons regaining 'status' would originate from the 'Non-Status and Other Indians' Aboriginal category.
- The 'Status Indian' category was projected to grow by 83.2% between 1991 and 2016 with an average annual growth rate of 2.5%.
- The 'Metis' category was projected to grow by 49.5% between 1991 and 2016, with an average growth rate of 1.6%.
- The 'Non-Status and Other Indians' category was projected to decrease from 15 000 in 1991 to 11 000 in 2002 before increasing to 12 500 by 2016. This is a result of Bill C31 as noted above.
- Substantial increases in the overall Aboriginal population are expected. As a result, the Aboriginal population in the WHR will represent an increasingly large proportion of the total population.