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Aboriginal Peoples in Canada: First Nations People, Métis and Inuit

Findings from the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS)

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Diverse groups living across the country



Aboriginal people numbered 1.4 million in 2011

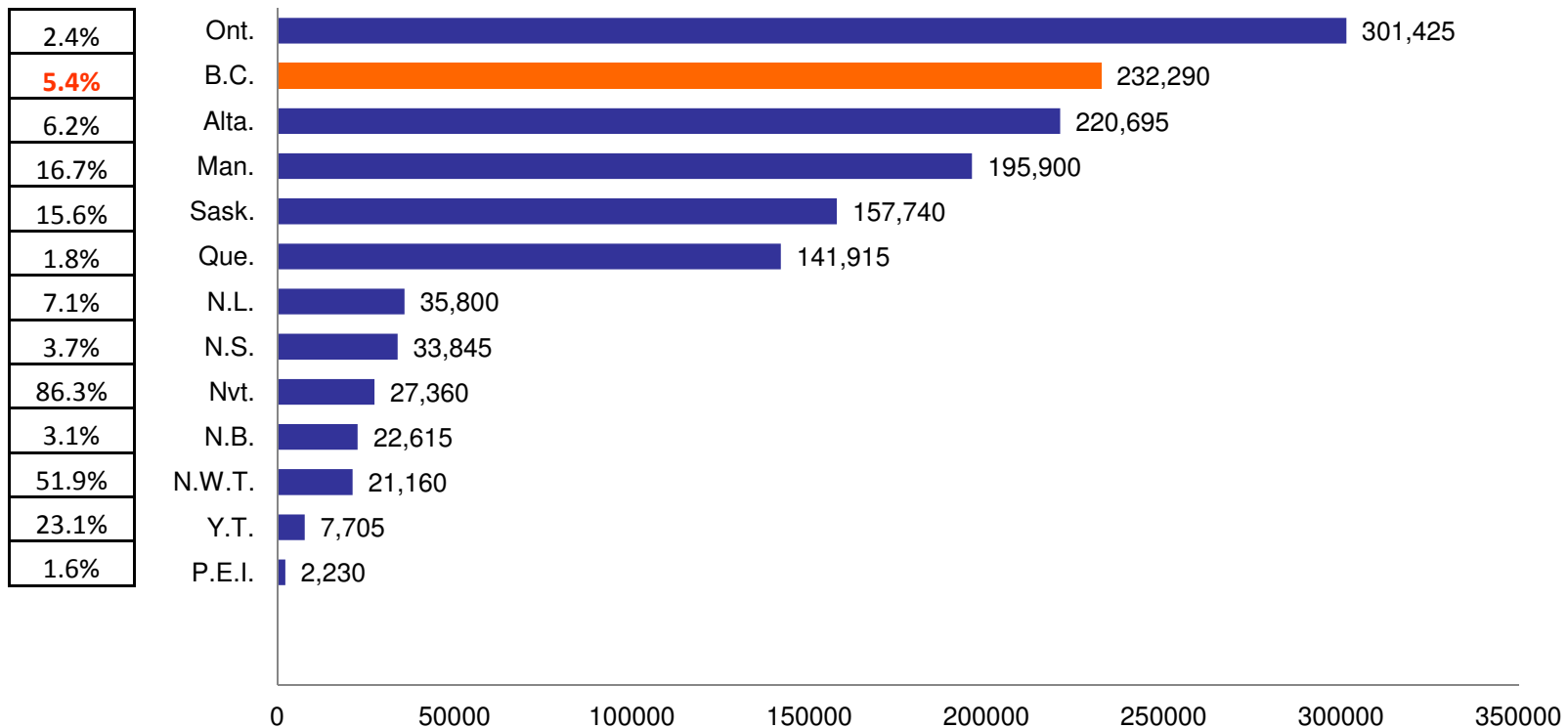
- Data from the National Household Survey (NHS) show that 1,400,685 people had an Aboriginal identity in 2011, representing 4.3% of the total Canadian population
- Aboriginal people accounted for 3.8% of the population enumerated in the 2006 Census, 3.3% in the 2001 Census and 2.8% in the 1996 Census



Aboriginal people in Canada

Aboriginal people as a % of the total population in each province and territory

Number of Aboriginal people, 2011



Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011.



Aboriginal people in B.C.

Top 10 CMA/CAs with largest Aboriginal populations - B.C., 2011 (RANKED)

<u>CMA and CA</u>	<u>Total Population</u>	<u>Aboriginal Population</u>	<u>Ab pop. as % of ttl pop.</u>
British Columbia	4,324,455	232,290	5.4
Vancouver	2,280,695	52,375	2.3
Victoria	336,180	14,200	4.2
Prince George	82,865	9,935	12.0
Chilliwack	90,240	8,335	9.2
Kamloops	96,605	8,270	8.6
Kelowna	176,435	8,260	4.7
Abbotsford - Mission	166,680	6,965	4.2
Nanaimo	95,685	6,505	6.8
Duncan	42,215	5,275	12.5
Prince Rupert	13,110	5,020	38.3

Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011.



The Aboriginal population is diverse

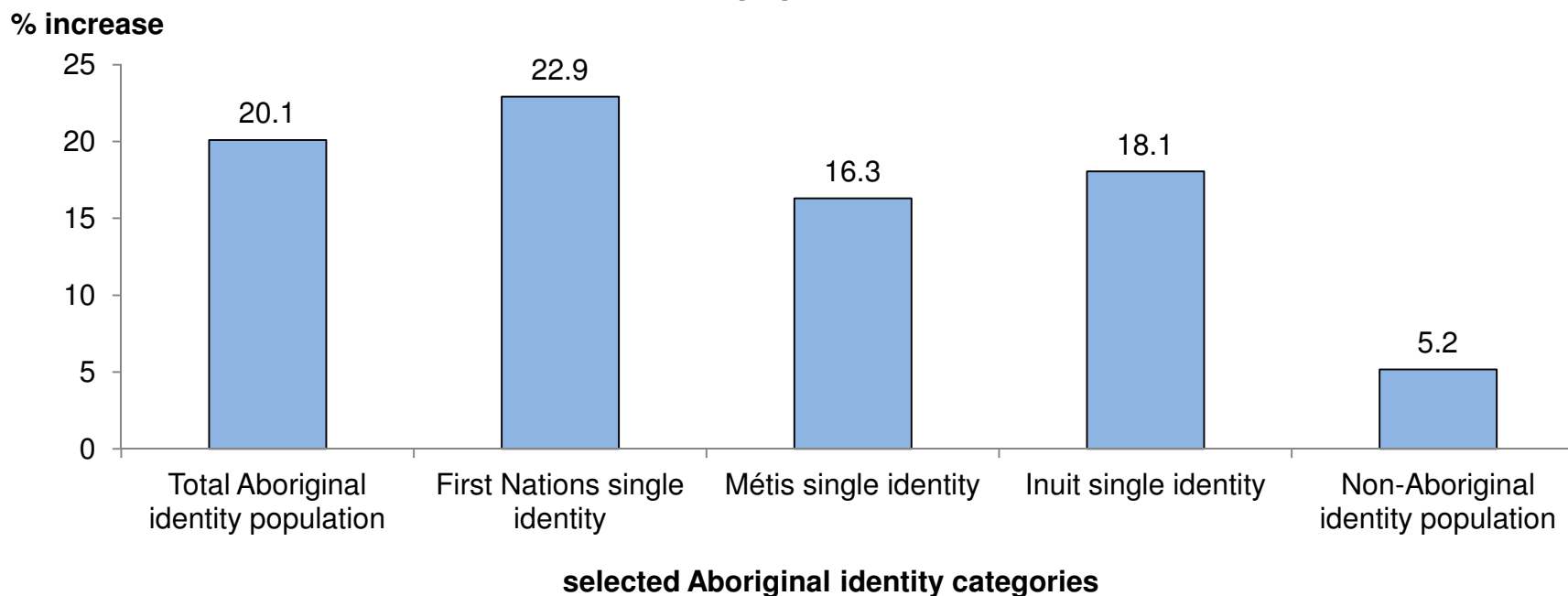
Aboriginal identity	Number	Percent
Total Aboriginal identity population	1,400,685	100.0
First Nations single identity	851,560	60.8
First Nations single identity (Registered or Treaty Indian)	637,660	45.5
First Nations single identity (not a Registered or Treaty Indian)	213,900	15.3
Métis single identity	451,795	32.3
Inuit single identity	59,445	4.2
Multiple Aboriginal identities	11,415	0.8
Aboriginal identities not included elsewhere	26,475	1.9

Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011.



Aboriginal population increasing at faster pace than non-Aboriginal population

Percent increase of the population, Canada, 2006 to 2011

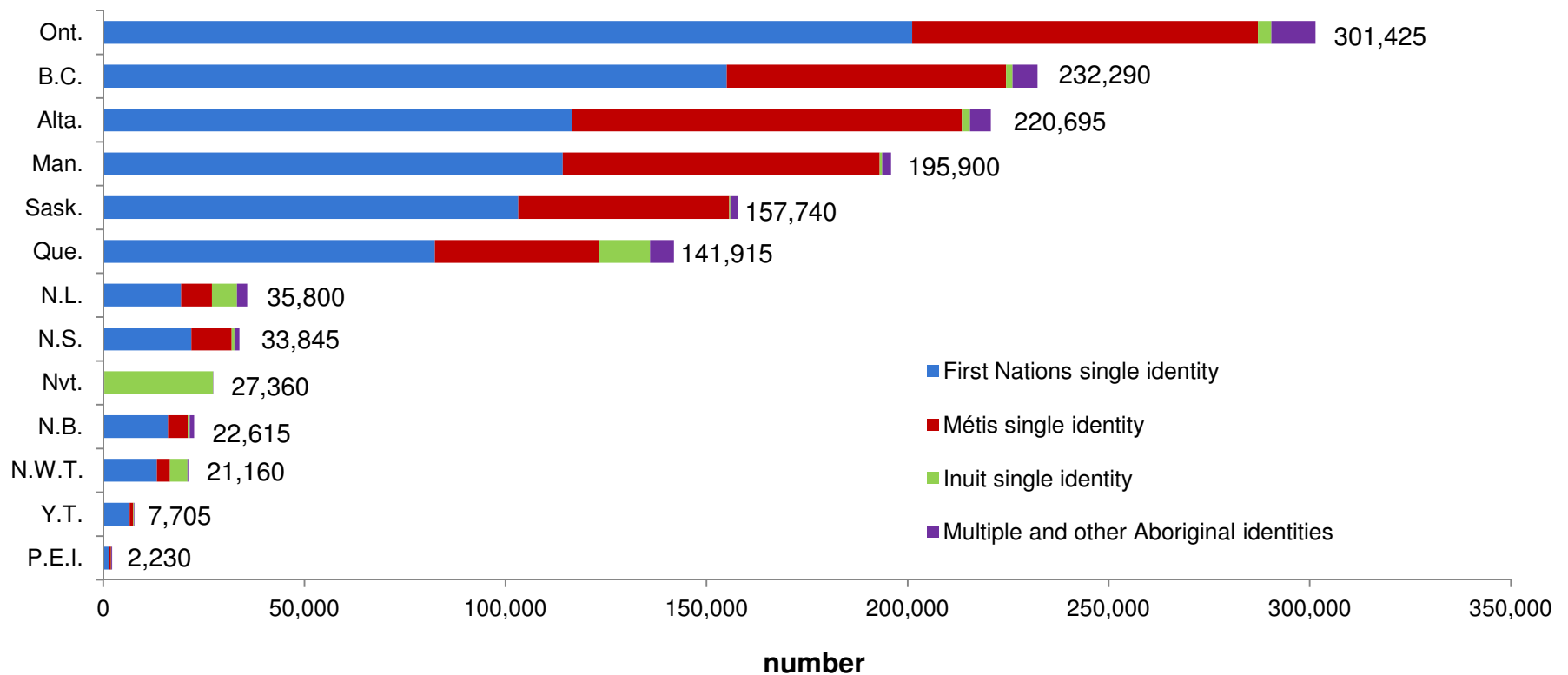


Sources: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011, Census of Population, 2006.



Different regions have different proportions of Aboriginal groups

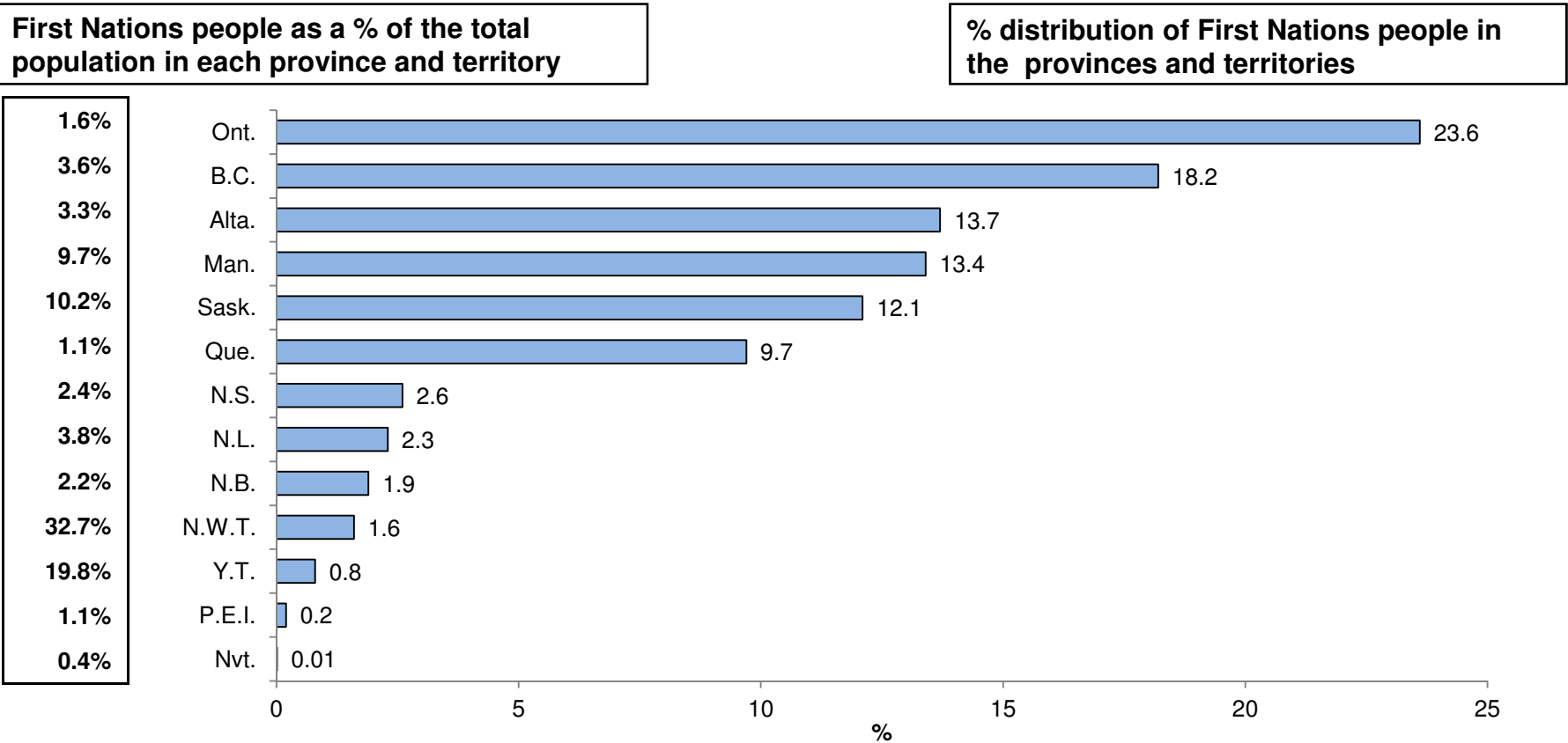
provinces and territories



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Four in five First Nations people live in Ontario and the western provinces



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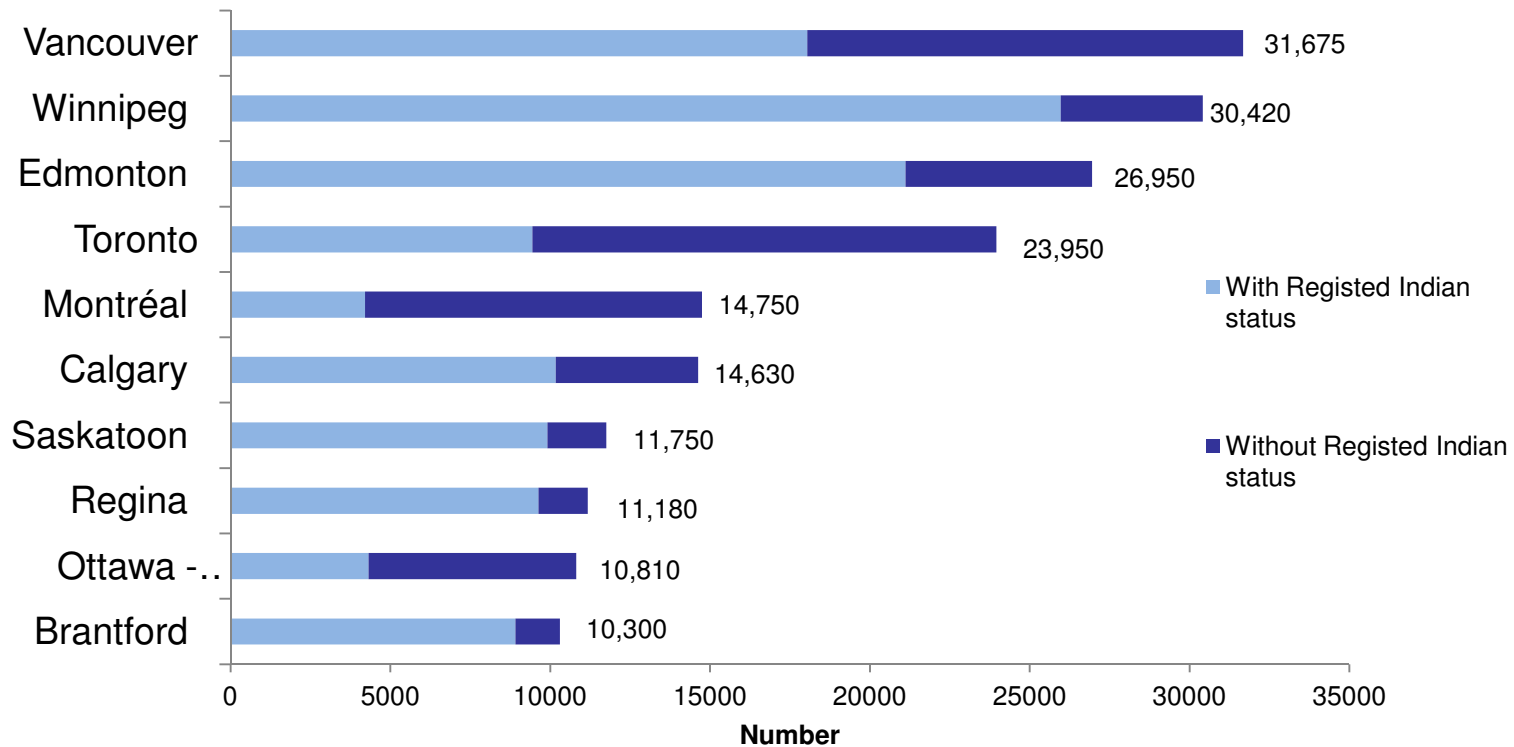
Nearly half of First Nations people with registered Indian status live on reserve

- Of the 637,660 First Nations people who reported being Registered Indians, nearly one-half (49.3%) lived on an Indian reserve or Indian settlement. This proportion varied across the country
- Quebec had the highest proportion (72%) of First Nations people with registered Indian status living on reserve while Newfoundland-and-Labrador had the lowest (35.1%)



Vancouver is the city with the largest urban First Nations population in Canada

Census metropolitan areas with the largest First Nations populations, by Registered Indian Status, 2011

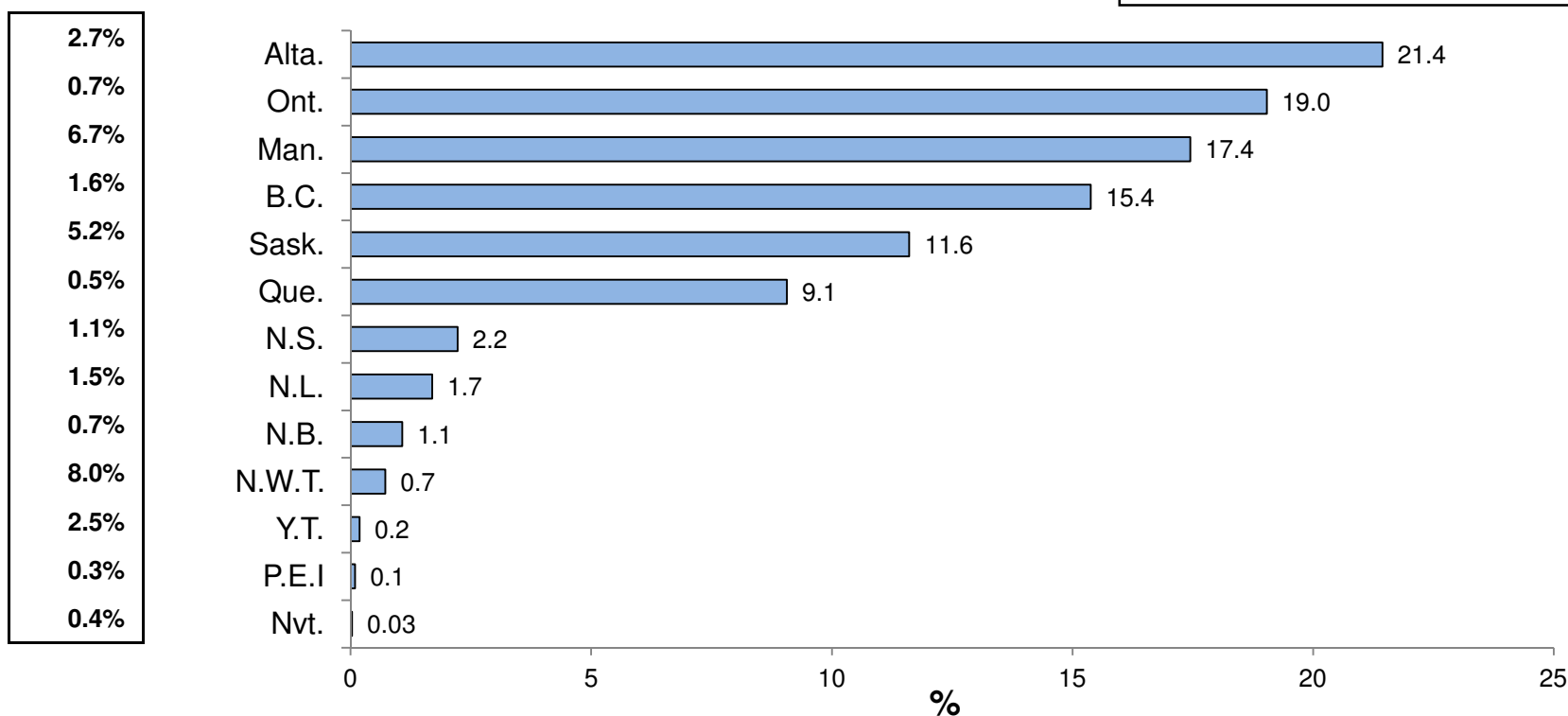


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85% of Métis live in Ontario and the western provinces

Métis as a % of the total population in each province and territory

% distribution of Métis in the provinces and territories

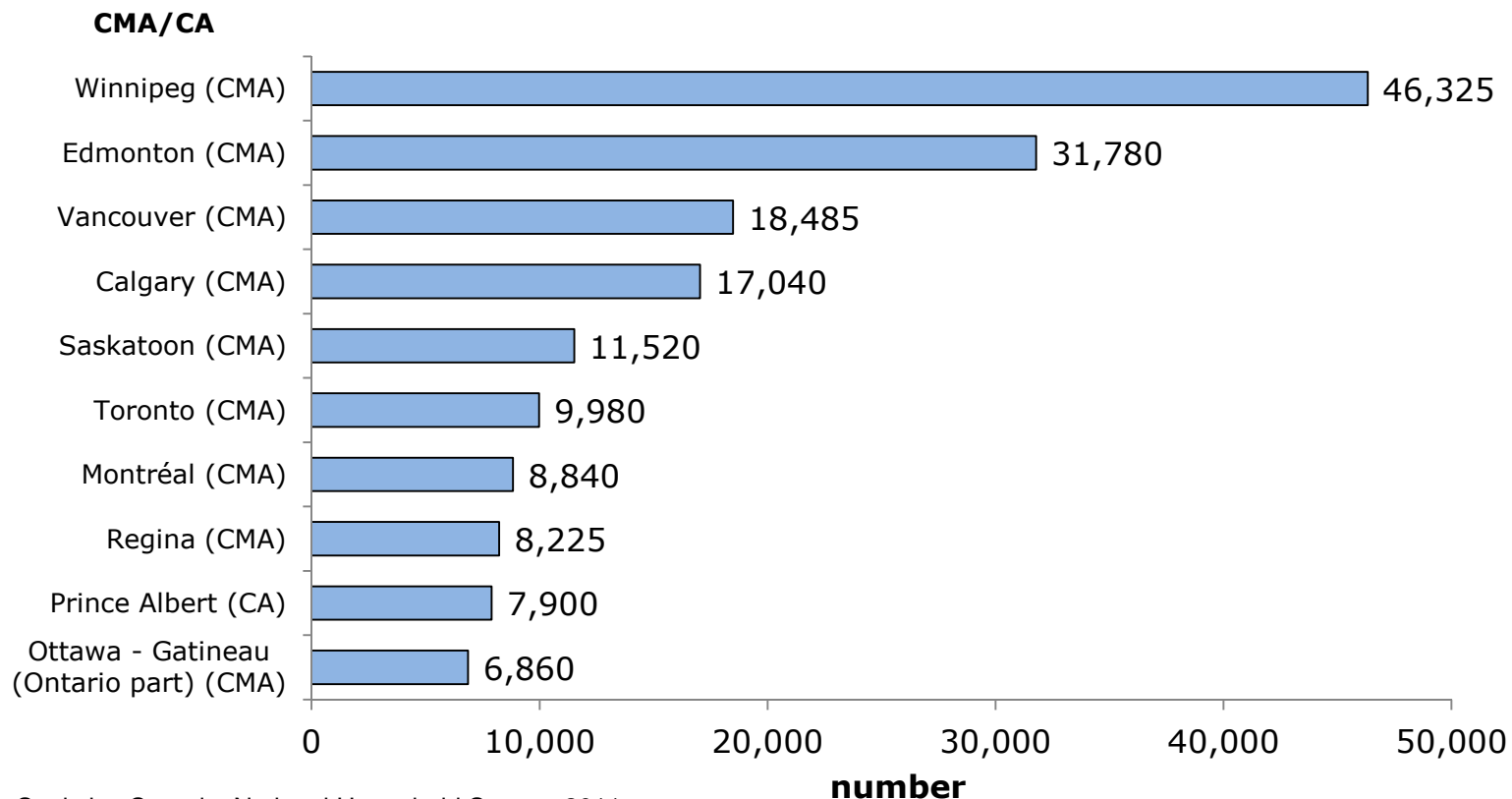


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Winnipeg has the largest Métis population

Census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations with the largest Métis populations, 2011

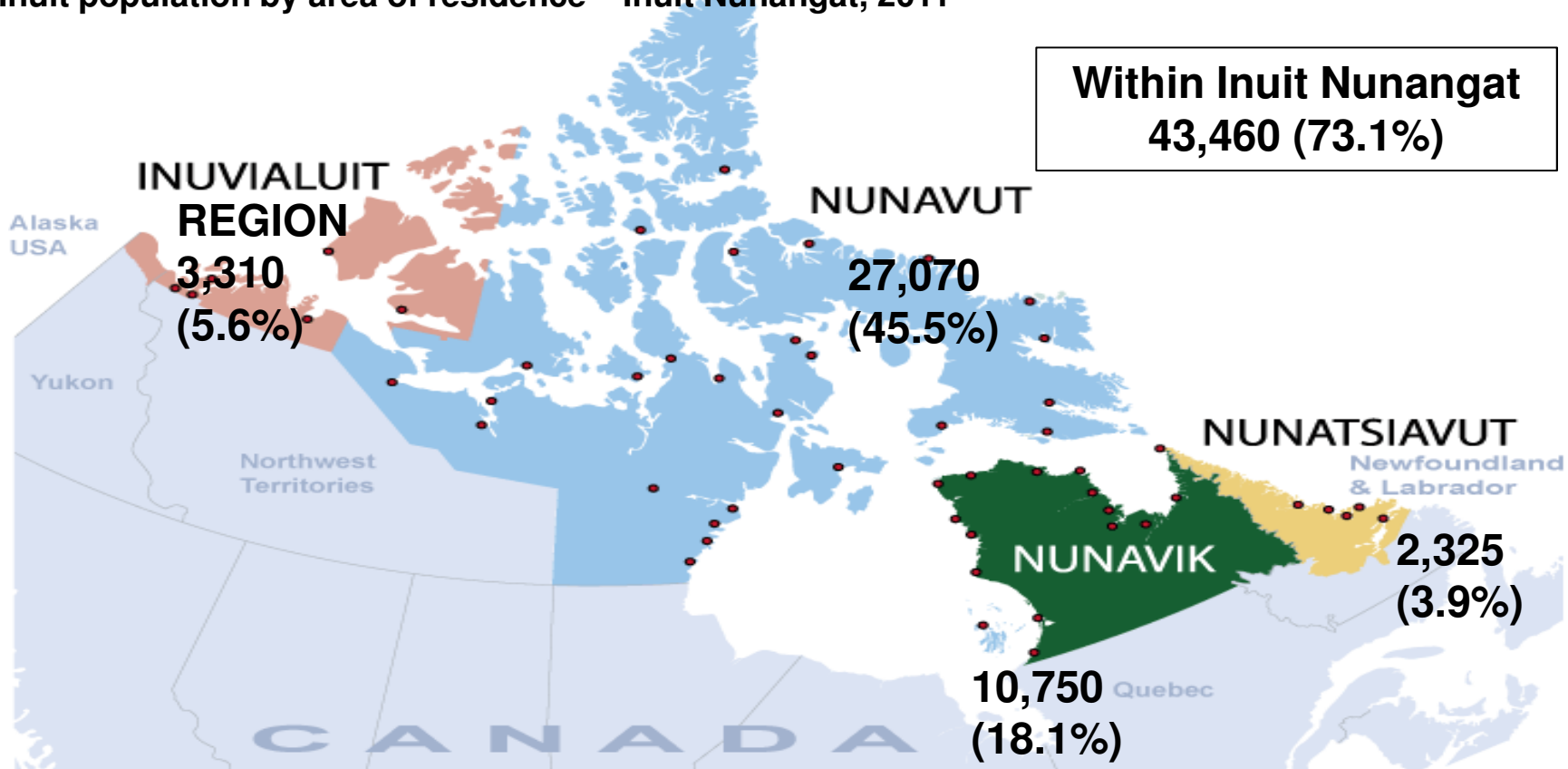


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Nearly three-quarters of Inuit live in 'traditional homeland' Inuit Nunangat

Inuit population by area of residence – Inuit Nunangat, 2011



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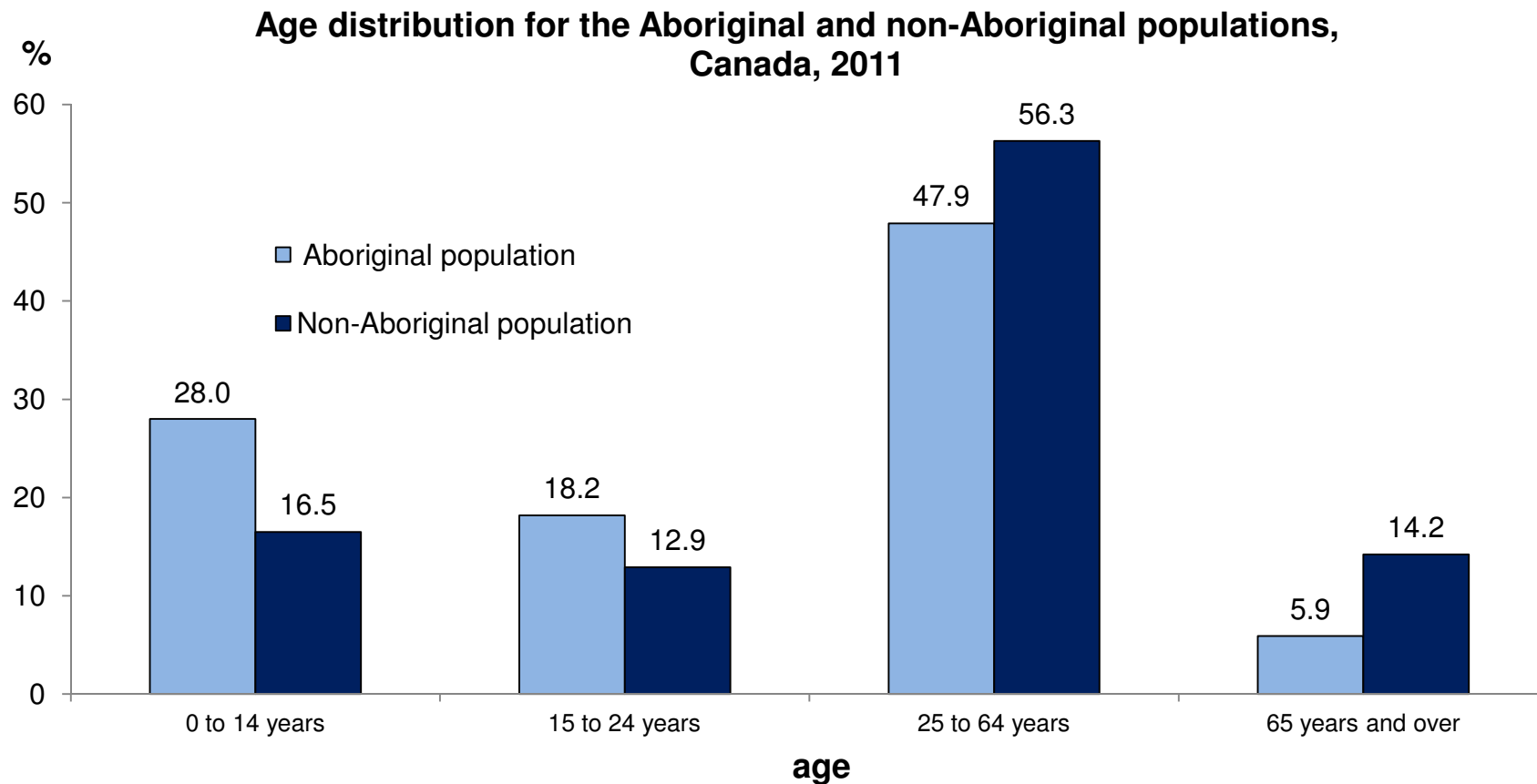
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Other selected characteristics



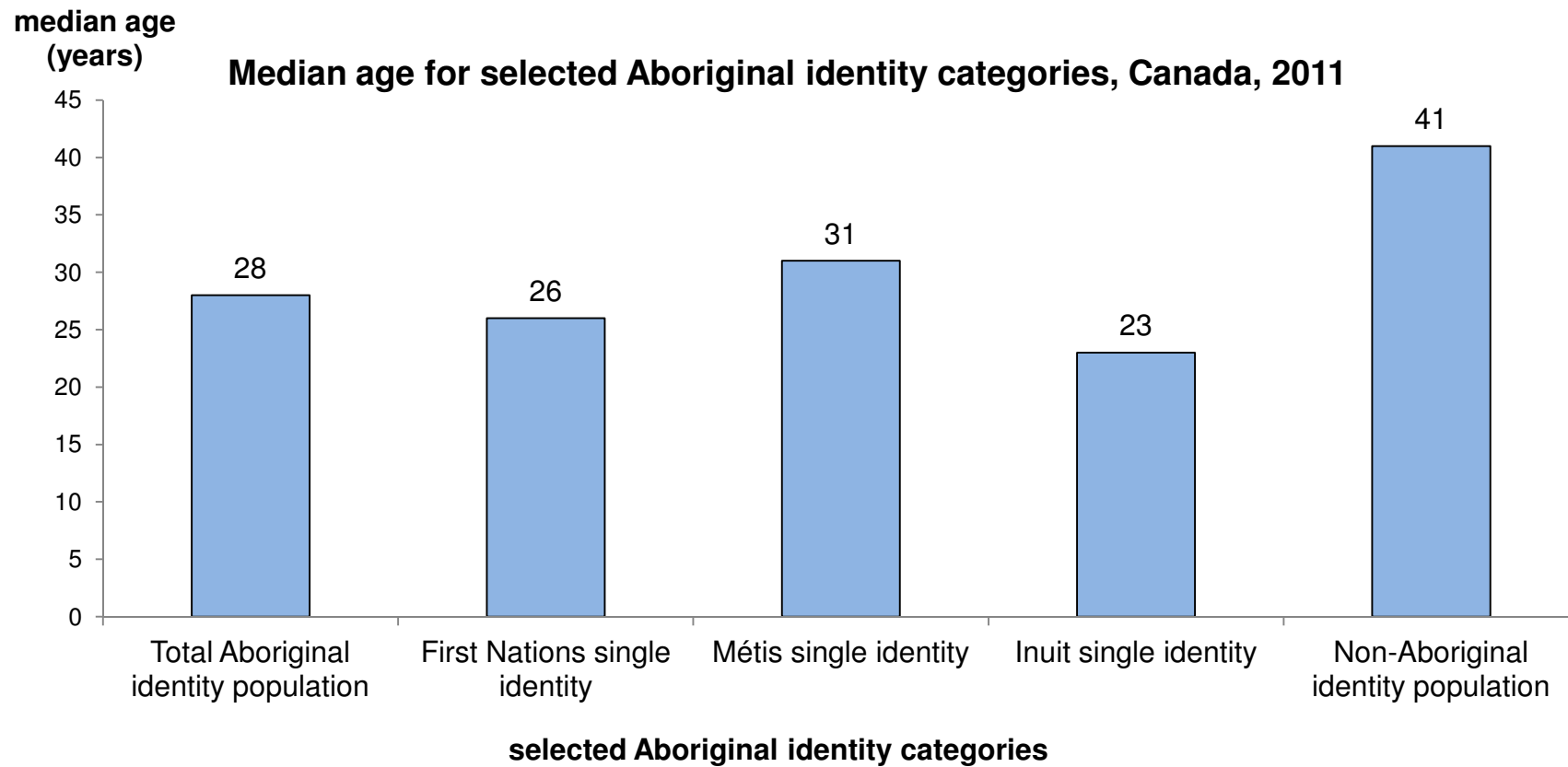
Aboriginal population younger than non-Aboriginal population



Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011.



Inuit are the youngest of the three Aboriginal groups

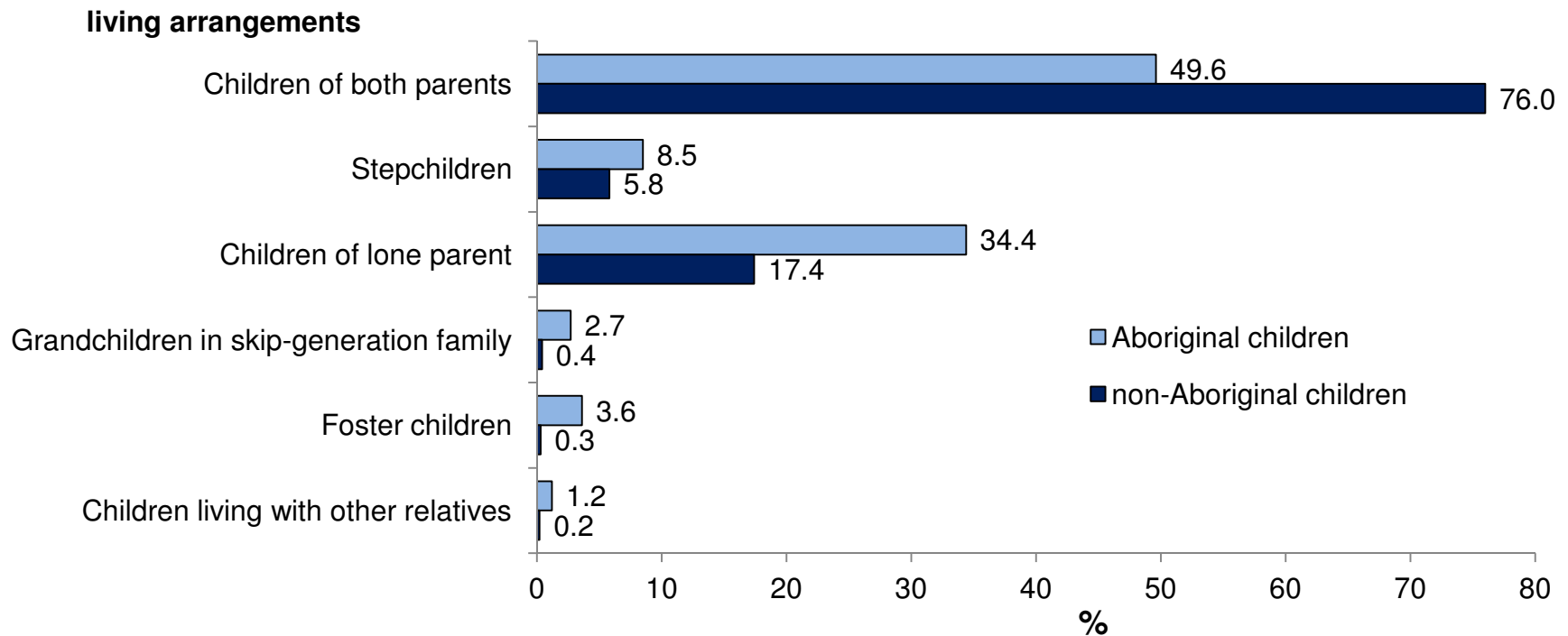


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Diverse living arrangements for children 14 years and under

Distribution of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children aged 14 and under by living arrangement, Canada, 2011



Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011.



About one in six Aboriginal people can speak an Aboriginal language

- Just over 240,800 Aboriginal people (17.2%) reported that they were able to conduct a conversation in an Aboriginal language
- The proportion of Aboriginal people who were able to conduct a conversation in an Aboriginal language declined from 21.0% to 17.2% between 2006 and 2011



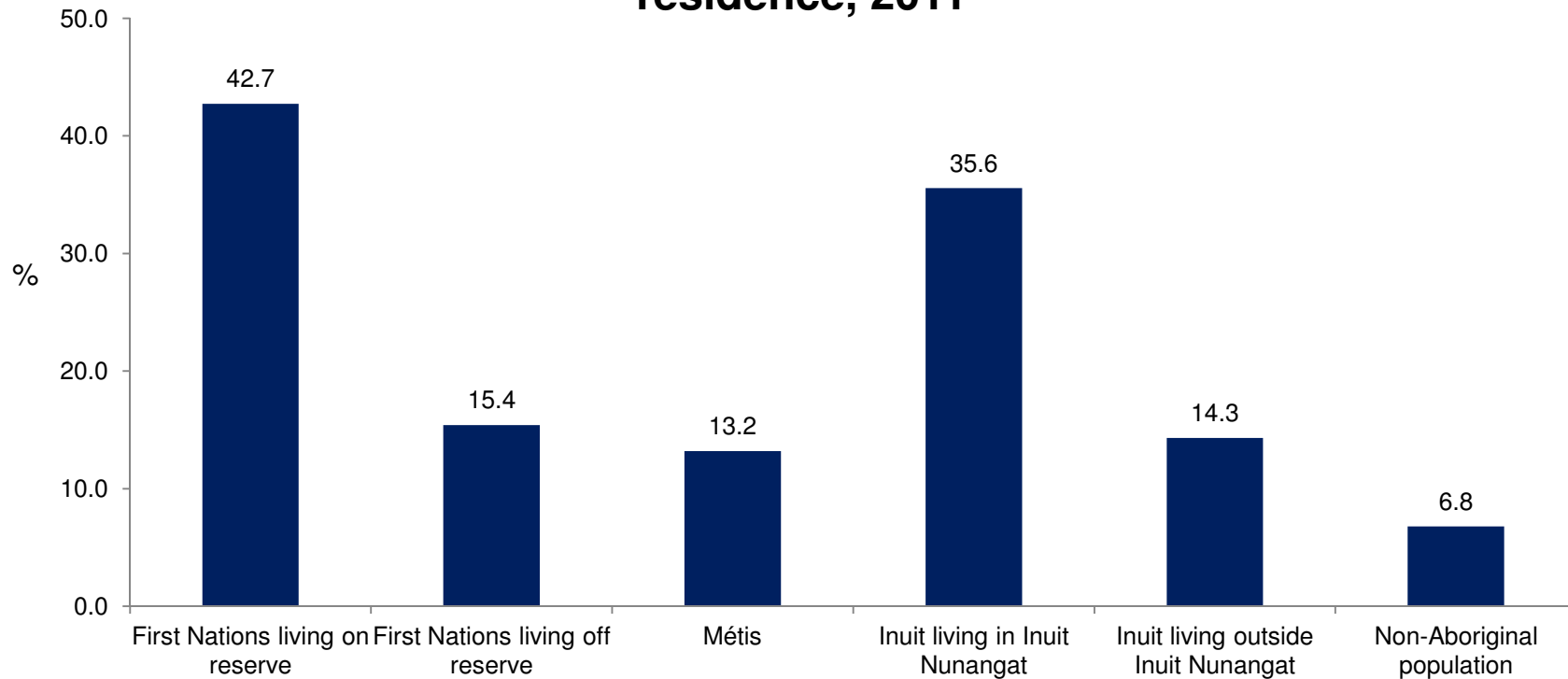
Ability to speak an Aboriginal language varies by group

- Almost two thirds (63.7%) of Inuit reported that they were able to conduct a conversation in an Aboriginal language, mostly Inuktitut.
- Among First Nations people, the proportion was 22.4%, and among Métis, 2.5%
- Aboriginal/Inuit languages spoken by the largest number of:
 - **First Nations people:** Cree languages, Ojibway and Innu/Montagnais
 - **Inuit:** Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun and Inuvialuktun
 - **Métis:** Cree languages, Dene and Michif



Need for major repairs greatest for on-reserve First Nations people and Inuit in Inuit Nunangat

Need for major repairs, by Aboriginal identity and area of residence, 2011

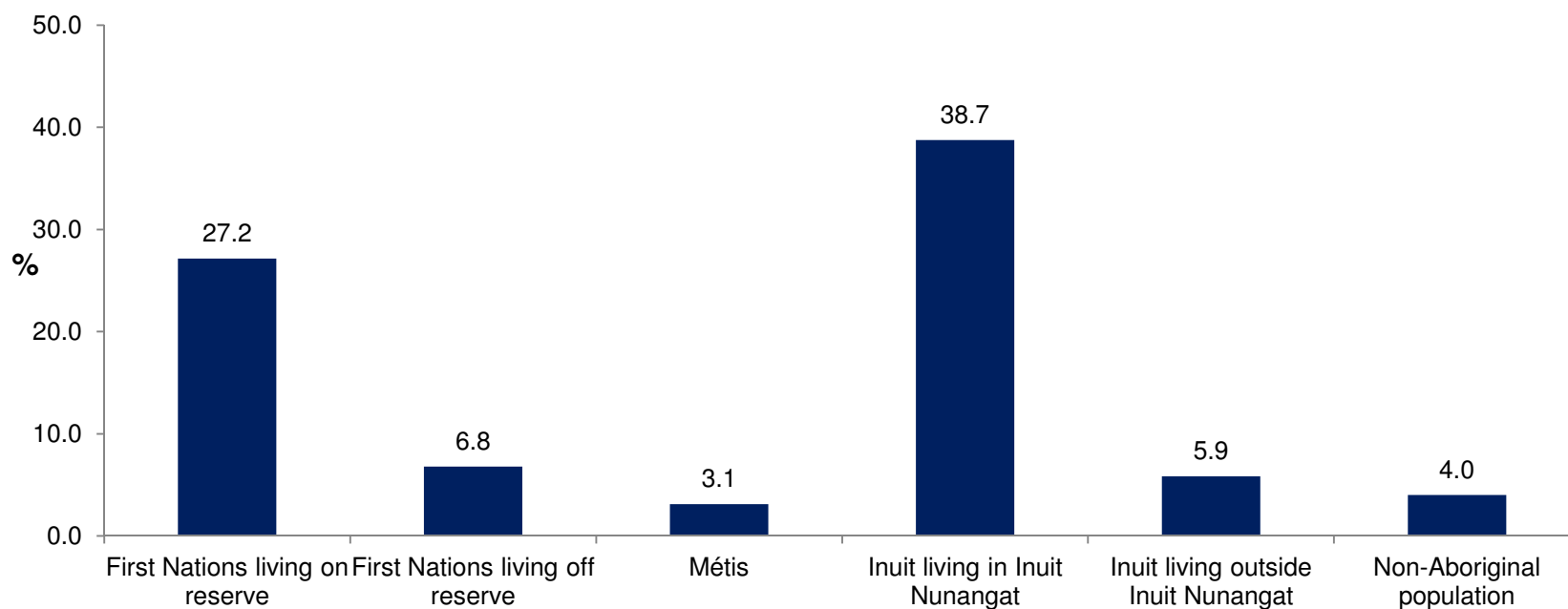


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Crowding most prevalent on reserve and in the North

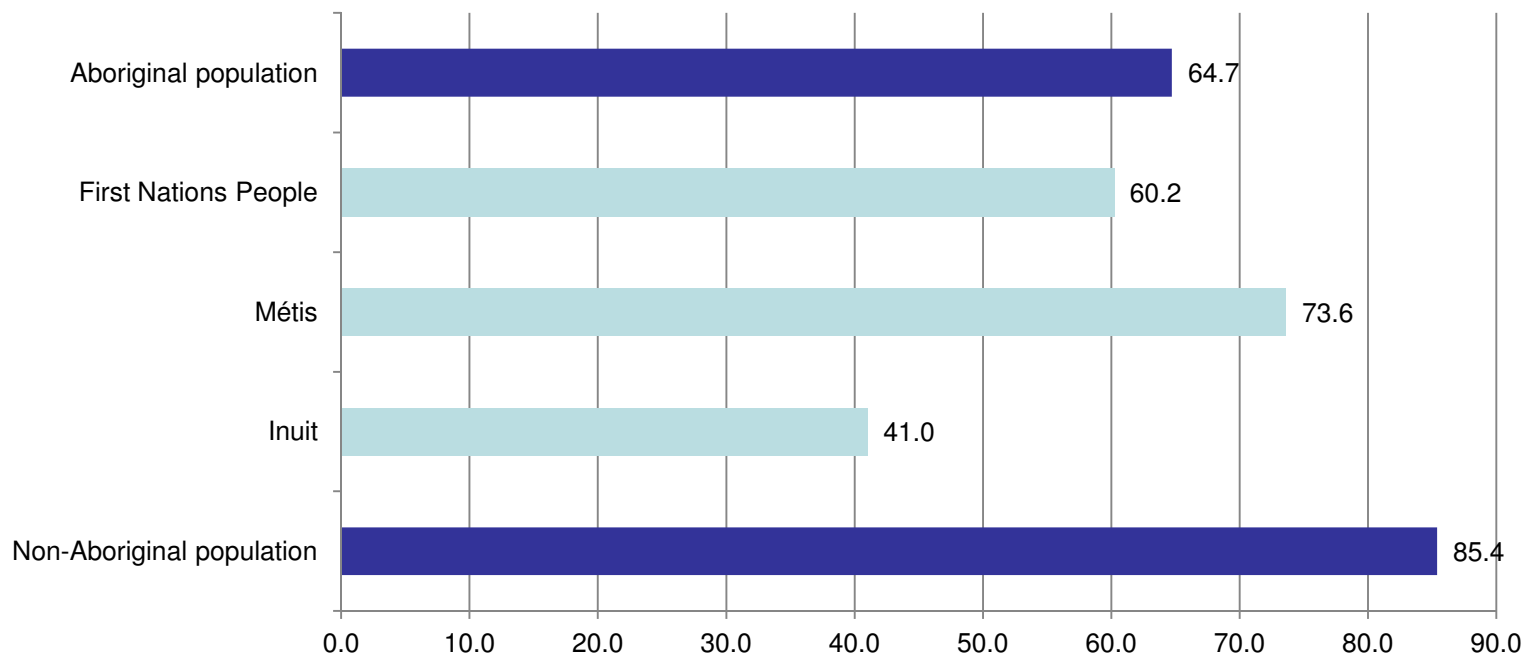
One or more persons per room by Aboriginal identity and area of residence, 2011



Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011

Nearly two-thirds of Aboriginal people had completed high school

Population between 25 and 64 years who had completed of high school or equivalent, Canada, 2011

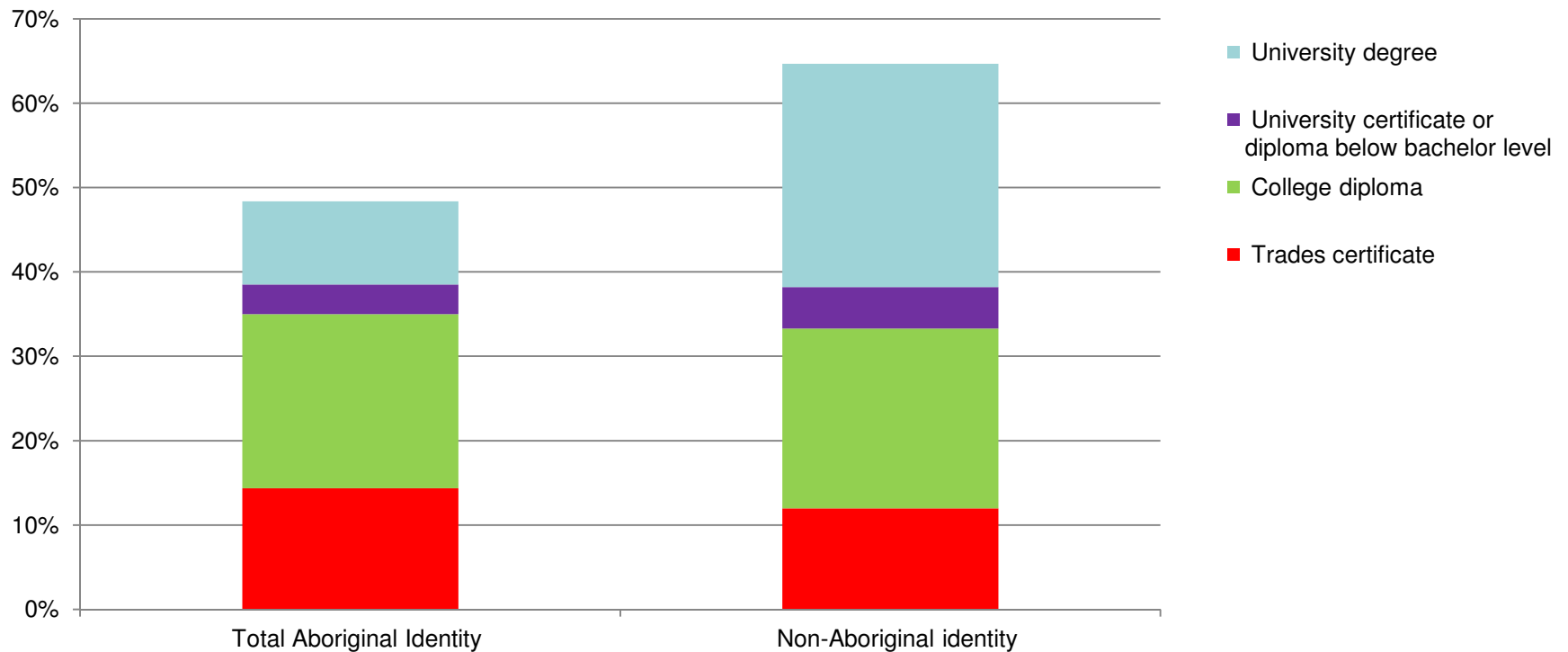


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Almost half of Aboriginal people aged 25 to 64 had a postsecondary qualification

Proportion of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people aged 25 to 64 by selected levels of educational attainment, Canada, 2011

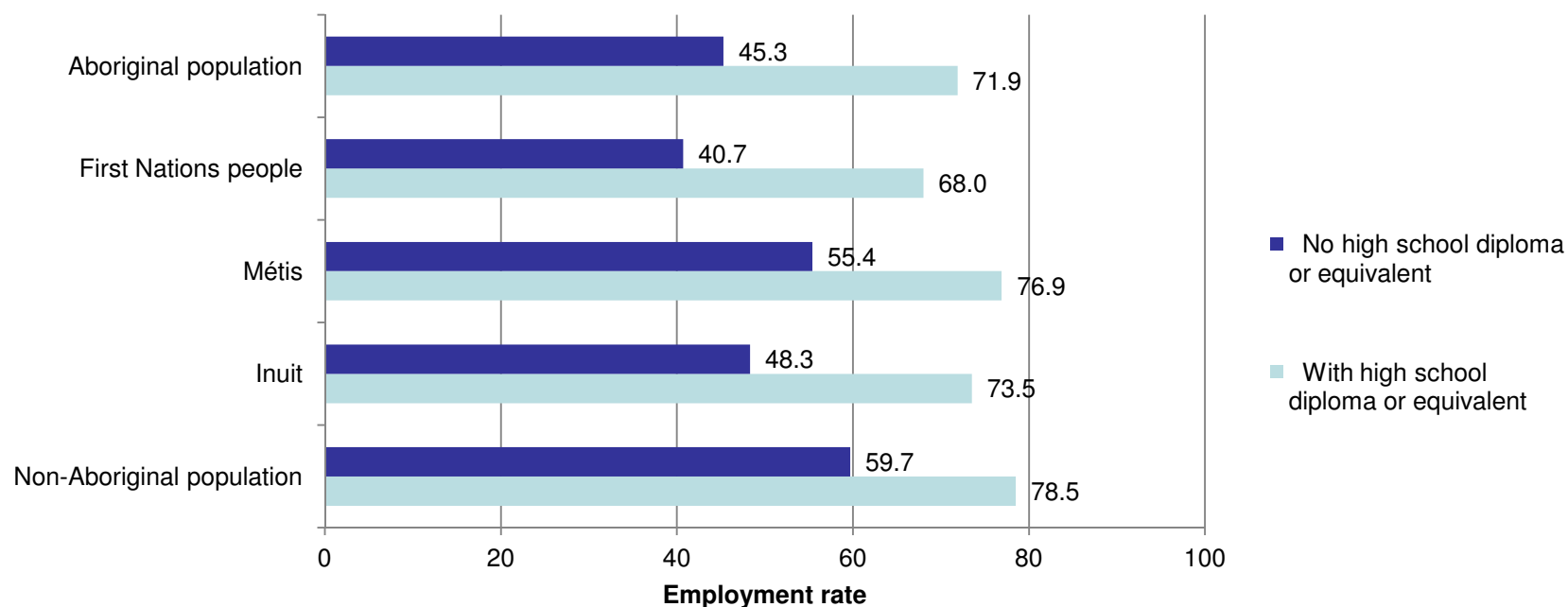


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Employment rates higher among people who had at least completed high school

Employment rate by level of education for the population between 25 and 64 years of age, Canada, 2011

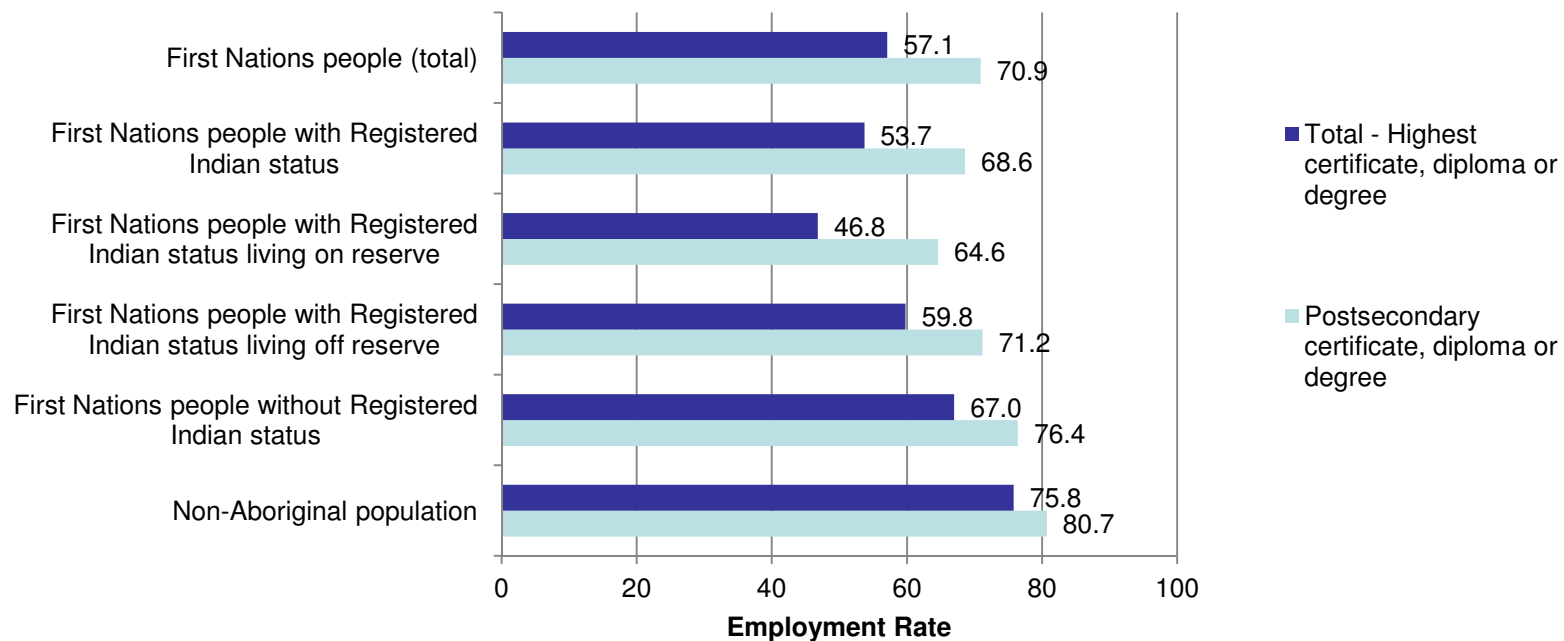


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First Nations people employment rates rise with education level

Employment rate by level of education for First Nations people and non-Aboriginal population between 25 and 64 years of age, 2011 NHS

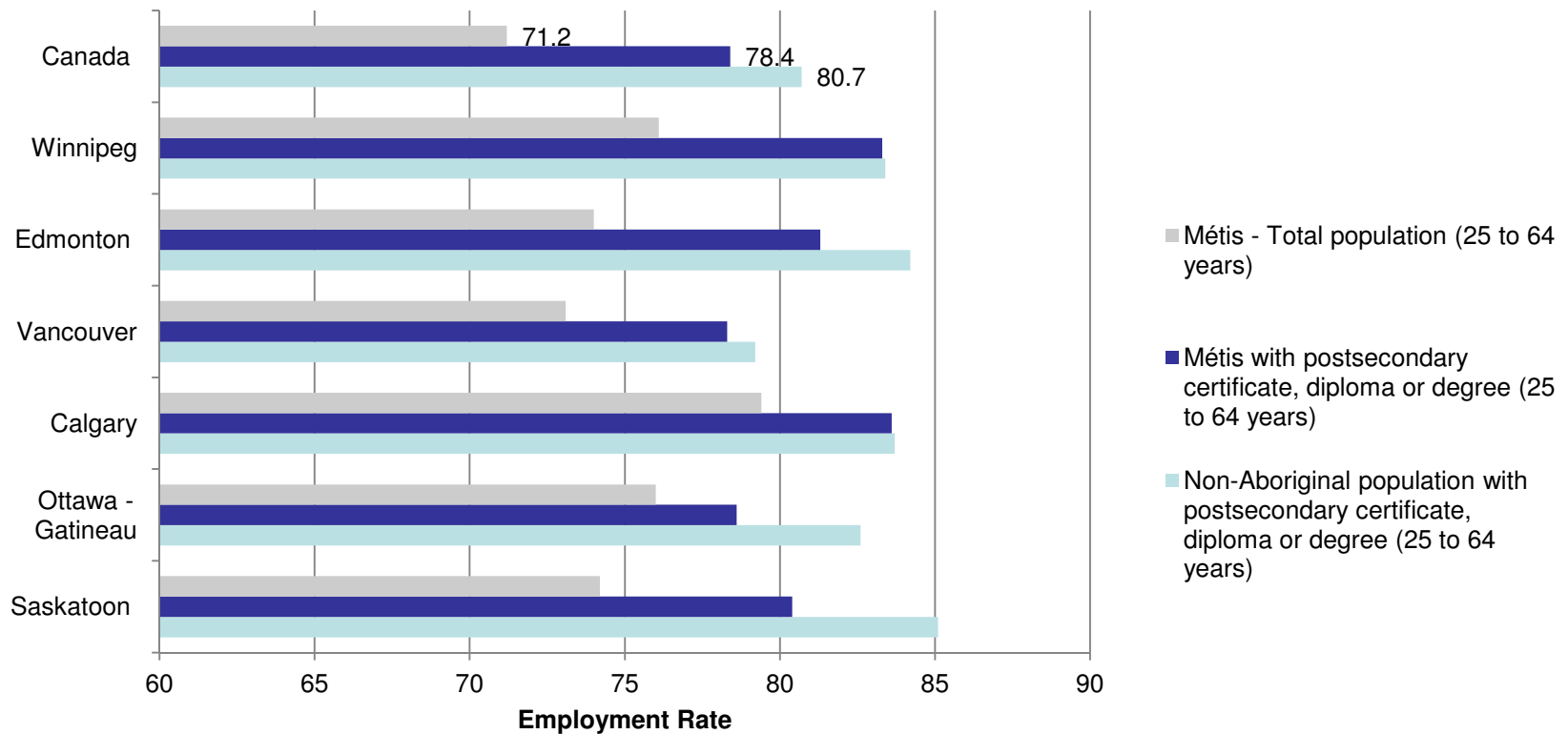


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Métis: Completing postsecondary schooling boosts employment rate

Employment rate by level of education, Métis and non-Aboriginal population between 25 and 64 years of age, Canada and selected CMAs, 2011 NHS

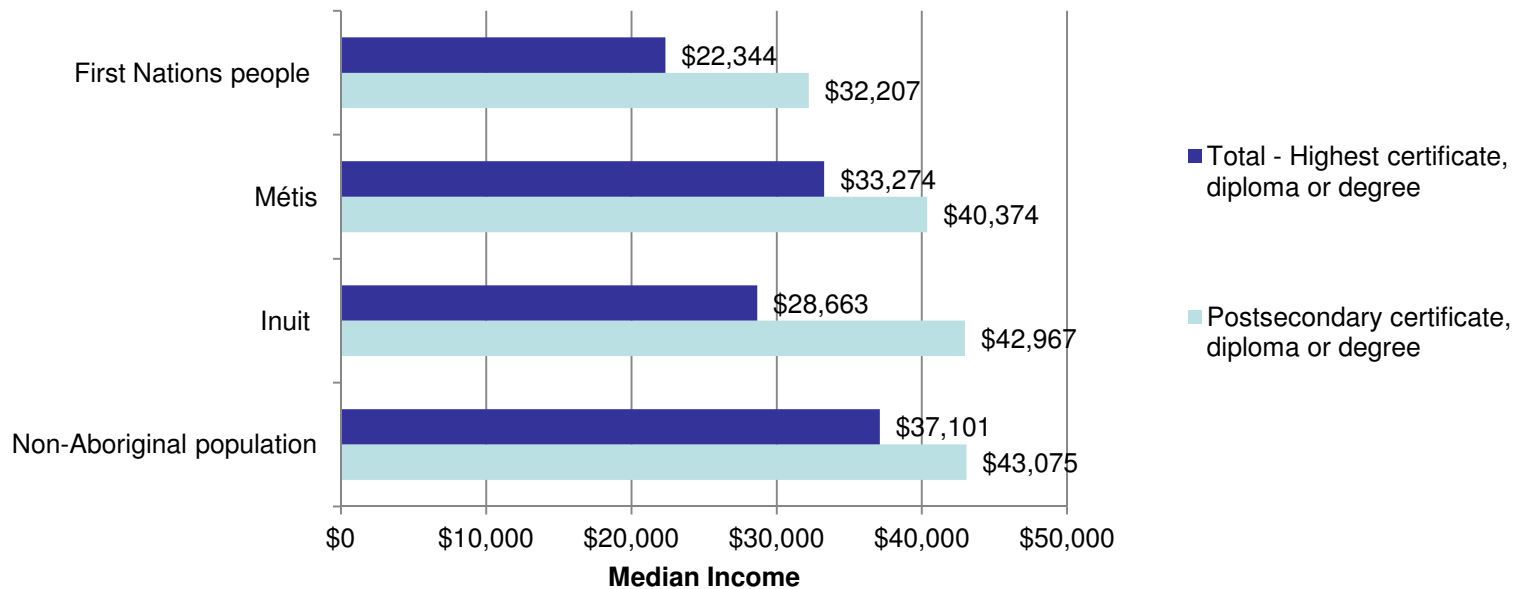


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Median income rises with education level

Median Income by level of education by Aboriginal identity, population between 25 and 64 years, 2011 NHS



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