

# Nunavut Facts

**Capital city:** Iqaluit (population 4,897)

**Population:** 27,692 (Inuit make up 85 percent of this total)

**Number of people per 100 square kilometres:** 1,3 (compared to 29 for Canada as a whole)

**Percentage of population under 25:** 60 percent

**Birth rate:** more than twice the national average (29 per 1,000, compared to 12 per 1,000 in Canada as a whole)

**Number of communities:** 28 (Iqaluit is the largest)

**Most northern community:** Grise Fiord (population 157), which has 24 hours of daylight every day in June, and round-the-clock darkness in December

**Geographic regions:** Qikiqtaaluk (Baffin), Kivalliq (Keewatin) and Kitikmeot

**Area:** 2 million square kilometres (about one fifth of Canada's land mass), including seven of Canada's 12 largest islands and two thirds of the country's coastline

**Land:** rocky tundra with stunted vegetation located above the tree-line, snow-covered most of the year

**Length of winter:** nine months

**Average January temperature:** -30 degrees Celsius

**Average July temperature:** 15 degrees Celsius

**Cost of living:** 1.6 to 3 times that of southern Canada

**Average household income:** \$31,471 (compared to \$45,251 for Canada as a whole)

**Economic activities:** mining, tourism, shrimp and scallop fishing, hunting and trapping, arts and crafts production

**Transportation:** one 21-kilometre government-maintained road between Arctic Bay and Nanisivik; air connection between communities; daily air connection between Iqaluit and Montreal/Ottawa; and annual summer sea-lift by ship and barge for transport of construction materials, dry goods, non-perishable food, trucks and cars, etc.

**Number of hospitals:** one (in Iqaluit), and 26 health centres with nursing care to serve communities

**Policing:** Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

**Hours of Inuktitut (Inuit-language) television programming per week:** 5.5

**Government:** a Legislative Assembly of 19 elected members, who choose a government leader and ministers by consensus structure, with 10 departments in 11 different communities