

## SOCIOECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF NATIVE PEOPLE IN CANADA

The statistics herein describe selected demographic and socio-economic characteristics of status Indians, Metis and the Inuit in Canada. The completeness or comprehensiveness of the socio-economic data on native people in Canada is uneven (i.e. data on status Indians are more comprehensive than are the data related to the Metis population).

The statistics are, in the main, based on 1981 and 1986 Census data that are tabulated in Statistics Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada sources.

### DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

#### A. Native Population (1986)

Status Indian (on reserve)	264,187 <sup>(1)</sup> (65% of all status Indians)
Status Indian (off reserve)	123,642 <sup>(2)</sup> (35% of all status Indians)
Inuit	27,290 <sup>(3)</sup>
Metis	59,745 <sup>(4)</sup>

#### B. Total Fertility Rate (average number of births per woman) 1981

Status Indian Rate	3.15 <sup>(5)</sup>
Inuit	2.7 <sup>(6)</sup>
Canadian Rate	1.7 <sup>(7)</sup>