

There are 566 Indian Bands. More than 460 Bands manage their own funds and administer public funds for programmes on reserves. Indians have organized 56 associations and brotherhoods – some with national, some with provincial memberships.

Many provinces (like Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan), and cities (like Ottawa), trace the origins of their names to Indian words. "CANADA" is derived from the Huron-Iroquois word "KANATA" meaning a "collection of huts" or "village".

In 1968, British Columbians elected Len Marchand to be the first Indian to sit in the House of Commons.

Elements of the Indian way of life absorbed into everyday Canadian living include the growing of corn, squash, pumpkins and tobacco, and the use of canoes and snowshoes.

Order of Canada

The Order of Canada is an honour established in 1967 to recognize outstanding merit among Canadian citizens and others. The Order provides three levels of membership: Companions, Officers and Members, (all of whom must be Canadian citizens.) The Order of Military Merit honours outstanding achievements for members of the Forces. In addition, there are three awards for bravery: Cross of Valour, the Star of Courage and the Medal of Bravery.

Religious Denominations

The Christian religion has the largest membership in Canada. Three churches, in numerical order, the Roman Catholic, United Church and Anglican, together include nearly 80% of the population. The Presbyterian, Lutheran and Baptist denominations