

COMMUNITY PROFILE



REGION: Northern
 POPULATION (2006): 5589
 PERCENT OF POPULATION 65+: 9%
 MEDIAN AGE: 33.5

The Town of The Pas sits between the thick northern forests and fertile southern farm lands approximately 610 kilometres north of Winnipeg. Aboriginal people lived in the area for thousands of years before the first permanent settlement was constructed in 1741. The Railroad arrived in The Pas in 1908, bringing flocks of people to the area. The Pas was officially incorporated in 1912.

The Pas serves as a major economic centre for communities in northwest Manitoba, providing goods and services to many neighbouring communities. The area has a thriving tourist industry due mainly to the forested woodlands of the Canadian Shield. The abundant forests of the area also support a strong forestry industry, supplying local producers with raw timber.

Two major festivals draw hundreds of visitors each year. The Northern Manitoba Trapper's Festival, held in February, includes activities such as the World Championship Sled Dog Races. In August, the Opaskwayak Indian Days celebrate the heritage and culture of the area's native people. One of the brightest attractions in the community is the Aurora Borealis, known as the Northern Lights.

(Adapted from: <http://www.communityprofiles.mb.ca>)



TOWN OF THE PAS	
CHARACTERISTIC	% OF TOTAL POPULATION
Total Population ^(1, 2)	5589
Population change from 2001 (%)	-3.6
Population density per square kilometre	116.9
GENDER	
Male	47.7%
Female	52.3%
AGE GROUP	
< 45	66.3%
45-54	13.8%
55-64	10.1%
65-74	5.3%
75+	4.5%
LANGUAGE	
English as first language	87.3%
French as first language	1.3%
All other languages	11.4%
ETHNIC COMPOSITION AND IMMIGRATION	
Percentage of Canadian-born population	95.5%
Percentage of foreign-born population	4.5%
Percentage of foreign-born population who immigrated to Canada before 1991	82.0%
Percentage of population self-identified as Visible Minority	2.7%
Percentage of population self-identified as Aboriginal	40.6%
MARITAL STATUS	
Single (never married)	40.6%
Married/Common-law	41.4%
Divorced/separated	11.6%
Widowed	6.4%
HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION	
Less than high school graduation certificate	30.2%
High school graduation certificate only	22.5%
Non-university ⁽³⁾	36.7%
University degree	10.6%
ECONOMIC ISSUES	
Median household income (\$)	49,031
Unemployment rate (%) ⁽⁴⁾	7.3
HOUSING	
Total number of dwellings	2205
Number of owned dwellings	1340
Number of rented dwellings	870
Average value of dwelling (\$)	95,885

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

All data taken from: Statistics Canada. 2007. The Pas, Manitoba (table). 2006 Community Profiles. 2006 Census. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 92-591-XWE. Ottawa. Released March 13, 2007. <http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/data/profiles/community/Index.cfm?Lang=E> (accessed August 25, 2009).

⁽¹⁾ Figure taken from 'Population and dwelling counts'

⁽²⁾ Figure taken from 'Legal marital status characteristics'

⁽³⁾ Non-university includes: trades certificate/diploma, college certificate/diploma, university certificate/diploma below bachelor's degree

⁽⁴⁾ Unemployment rate refers to the unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day (May 16, 2006).