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Aboriginal Peoples circa 1630

The map shows the distribution of Aboriginal peoples early in the seventeenth century before the eastern population dislocations. Ethnohistorical societies are identified on the map by the major linguistic family to which they belong. Ethnohistorical societies are Aboriginal peoples that were known by name and location to Europeans early in the seventeenth century. Also mapped are the major archaeological sites current to 1960. A linguistic family code identifies each ethnohistorical society on the map and is used to reference specific information for each ethnohistorical society (refer to the Atlas of Canada 5th Edition map Native Peoples 1630 for the information).

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Lambert Conformal Conic Projection. Standard Parallels 49°N and 77°N

- Major Linguistic Families circa 1630**
- Inuit
 - Beothuk
 - Siouan
 - Algonquian
- Archaeological Complexes**
- Late Prehistoric Arctic
 - Terminal Woodland
 - Late Prehistoric Plains
 - Late Prehistoric Athapaskan
 - Late Prehistoric Northwest Coast
- European Settlements circa 1630**
- French
 - Dutch
 - English
- Population circa 1630**
- Less than 100
 - 100 - 199
 - 200 - 499
 - 500 - 999
 - 1 000 - 1 999
 - 2 000 - 3 999
 - 4 000 - 7 999
 - 8 000 - 15 999
 - 16 000 or more
- Extent of Areas Known to Europeans circa 1630**
- Extent of Areas Known to Europeans

Source(s):
Archaeological Complexes
Distribution of archaeological complexes is based on the distribution of distinctive late prehistoric (pre-European) artifact assemblages, related settlement patterns and burial practices. The distribution of archaeological complexes also gives some indication of the extent of the archaeological survey to 1981. Natural Resources Canada. 1988. Canada-Native Peoples 1630 [map]. Fifth Edition, National Atlas of Canada.
Distribution of Ethnohistorical Societies circa 1630
The location of the ethnohistorical societies was determined primarily through seventeenth century written accounts and maps. Natural Resources Canada. 1988. Canada-Native Peoples 1630 [map]. Fifth Edition, National Atlas of Canada.
Extent of Areas Known to Europeans circa 1630
The approximate extent of the areas known directly to Europeans or through accounts of Aboriginal peoples circa 1630. Areas outside represent the extent of areas unknown to Europeans. Natural Resources Canada. 1988. Canada-Native Peoples 1630 [map]. Fifth Edition, National Atlas of Canada.
Major Linguistic Families circa 1630
The major linguistic families are mapped using graduated circles to represent their estimated population circa 1630. Their location was determined primarily through seventeenth century written accounts and maps. Natural Resources Canada. 1988. Canada-Native Peoples 1630 [map]. Fifth Edition, National Atlas of Canada.

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