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Aboriginal Peoples circa 1740

This map shows the distribution of Aboriginal peoples early in the eighteenth century after a hundred years of Aboriginal-European contact at the time of the French Regime. 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 eighteenth century. 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 1740 for the information).

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

Major Linguistic Families circa 1740	Population circa 1740	Extent of Areas Known to Europeans circa 1740
Inuit	Less than 100	Extent of Areas Known to Europeans
Dene	100 - 199	
Beothuk	200 - 499	
Algonquian	500 - 999	
Siouan	1 000 - 1 999	
Athapaskan	2 000 - 3 999	
	4 000 - 8 000	

Source(s):
Extent of Areas Known to Europeans circa 1740
The approximate extent of the areas known directly to Europeans or through reliable Aboriginal accounts circa 1740. Areas outside represent the extent of areas unknown to Europeans. Natural Resources Canada. 1988. Canada-Native Peoples 1740 [map]. Fifth Edition, National Atlas of Canada.
Major Linguistic Families circa 1740
The major linguistic families are mapped using graduated circles to represent their estimated population circa 1740. Their location was determined primarily through eighteenth century written accounts and maps. Natural Resources Canada. 1988. Canada-Native Peoples 1740 [map]. Fifth Edition, National Atlas of Canada.
Population circa 1740
The graduated circles shown on the map indicate the approximate locations of population groups belonging to the major linguistic families.

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