



Aboriginal Cultural Areas (Nunavut)

Canada may be divided into six broad Aboriginal cultural areas based on major geographic regions. Tribes in the same region share a greater number of cultural affinities than tribes from different regions. However only in the Arctic do the lines of geography, language and culture coincide so closely. Nunavut's boundary strongly reflects that of the cultural zone of the Aboriginal people of the Eastern Arctic. The Inuit are descendants of the Thule, who came from Asia and lived in the Arctic for thousands of years. Their language, Inuktitut, is spoken by most of the population.

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

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| Aboriginal Cultural Areas | Populated Places | Boundaries |
| Arctic | Nunavut Community | International |
| Quebec | 1 - 4 999 | Provincial / Territorial |
| Northeast | 5 000 - 49 999 | Canada / Kalaallit Nunaat dividing line |
| Great Plains | 50 000 - 99 999 | EEZ (200 mile) |
| Plateau | 100 000 and greater | |
| Northwest Coast | Provincial and Territorial Capital | |
| Regions outside Canada | National Capital | |
| Water area | | |
| Polar Ice Area | | |

Source(s):
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Canada can be divided into six native cultural areas, corresponding to the principal geographic regions of the country. Tribes in the same region share a greater number of cultural affinities than tribes from different regions. Natural Resources Canada, 1980. Canada-Indian and Inuit Communities and Languages [map]. Fifth Edition, National Atlas of Canada.

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