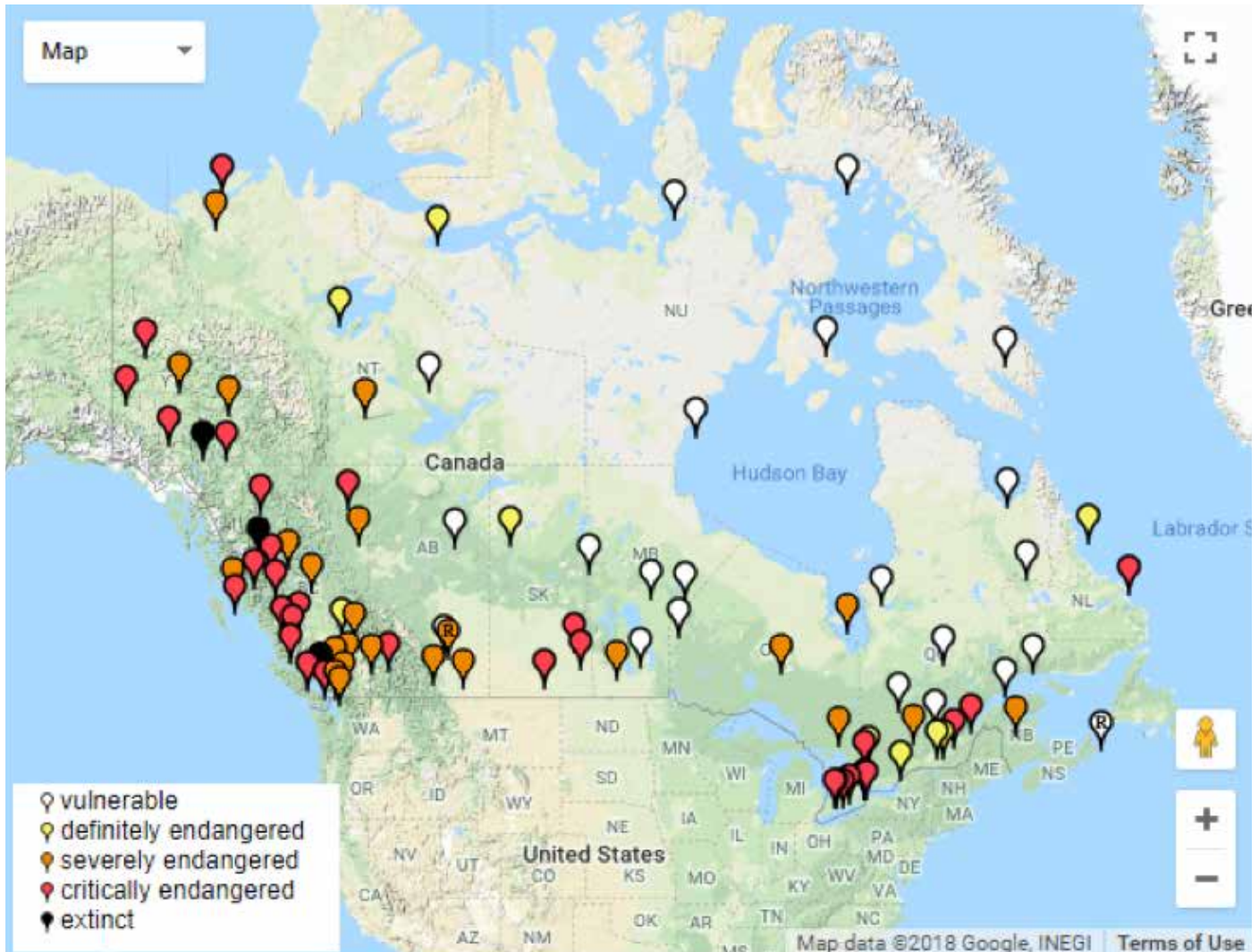







# INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

## ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

In Canada, many Indigenous languages are in critical danger of going extinct from lack of use and educational support for maintaining the oral traditions that are necessary to pass on this knowledge to younger generations. Below is a map showing the distribution of these languages across Canada based on degree of endangerment:



Map Source: Moseley, Christopher (ed.), 2010. Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger, 3rd edn. Paris, UNESCO Publishing. Online version: <http://www.unesco.org/culture/en/endingendangeredlanguages/atlus>

Degree of endangerment	Intergenerational Language Transmission
safe	language is spoken by all generations; intergenerational transmission is uninterrupted >> not included in the Atlas
 vulnerable	most children speak the language, but it may be restricted to certain domains (e.g., home)
 definitely endangered	children no longer learn the language as mother tongue in the home
 severely endangered	language is spoken by grandparents and older generations; while the parent generation may understand it, they do not speak it to children or among themselves
 critically endangered	the youngest speakers are grandparents and older, and they speak the language partially and infrequently
 extinct	there are no speakers left >> included in the Atlas if presumably extinct since the 1950s

# INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

## ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

Below is a table showing different Indigenous languages in Canada and their level of vitality and examples of communities in which these languages are spoken. This information comes from the UNESCO Atlas of World's Languages in Danger and is based on data from the Statistics Canada 2006 Census.

ORIGINAL NAME	NAME OF THE LANGUAGE	VITALITY	NUMBER OF SPEAKERS (based on 2006 Census)	AVERAGE AGE OF SPEAKER	LOCATIONS	COORDINATES
<b>Aivilingmiutut</b>	Aivilingmiutut	Vulnerable	1,500	22	Spread over 2 communities in Canada	lat : 64.2; long : -83.2
<b>Nakhóta</b>	Assiniboine	Critically endangered	99	62	Spread over 2 communities in Canada	lat : 50.4; long : -103.5
<b>Nuxálk</b>	Bella Coola	Critically endangered	99	59	Spread over 1 community in Canada	lat : 52.4; long : -126.7
<b>Blackfoot</b>	Blackfoot	Severely endangered	3,300	45	Spread over 3 communities in Canada	lat : 49.4; long : -113.3
<b>Central Ojibwe</b>	Central Ojibwe	Severely endangered	750	51	Spread over 13 communities in Canada	lat : 50.3; long : -89.0
<b>Chilcotin</b>	Tsilhqot'in	Definitely endangered	1,300	44	Spread over 3 communities in Canada	lat : 52.0; long : -123.2
<b>Dakota</b>	Dakhóta	Severely endangered	950	45	Spread over 6 communities in Canada	lat : 49.8; long : -100.5
<b>Dëne Sųliné</b>	Dene Suline	Definitely endangered	10,800	29	Spread over 25 communities in Canada	lat : 56.5; long : -109.4
<b>Innu-aimun</b>	Eastern Montagnais	Vulnerable	6,500	26	Spread over 7 communities in Canada	lat : 50.2; long : -66.2

# INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

## ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

ORIGINAL NAME	NAME OF THE LANGUAGE	VITALITY	NUMBER OF SPEAKERS (based on 2006 Census)	AVERAGE AGE OF SPEAKER	LOCATIONS	COORDINATES
<b>Nishnaabemwin</b> (encompasses both the Ottawa and Eastern Ojibwe languages)	Eastern Ojibwe	Critically endangered	1,200	55	Spread over 15 communities in Canada	lat : 44.8; long : -80.2
<b>Gitsenimx̓</b>	Gitksan	Severely endangered	1,300	54	Spread over 6 communities in Canada	lat : 55.4; long : -127.7
<b>Haisla</b>	Haisla	Critically endangered	200	63	One community in Canada	lat : 54.0; long : -128.6
<b>Wyandot</b>	Huron-Wyandot	Critically endangered	49	n/a	One community in Canada	lat : 46.9; long : -71.4
<b>Inuinnaqtun</b>	Inuinnaqtun	Definitely endangered	1,000	43	Spread over 4 communities in Canada	lat : 67.8; long : -115.3
<b>Kivallirmiutut</b>	Kivallirmiutut	Vulnerable	5,500	25	Spread over 5 communities in Canada	lat : 61.1; long : -94.1
<b>Kwak'wala</b>	Kwak'wala	Critically endangered	400	61	Spread over 6 communities in Canada	lat : 50.7; long : -127.45
<b>Lakota</b>	Lakota	Critically endangered	49	n/a	One community in Canada	lat : 49.3; long : -106.4
<b>Státimcets</b>	Lillooet	Severely endangered	650	50	Spread over 10 communities in Canada	lat : 50.3; long : -122.7

# INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

## ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

ORIGINAL NAME	NAME OF THE LANGUAGE	VITALITY	NUMBER OF SPEAKERS (based on 2006 Census)	AVERAGE AGE OF SPEAKER	LOCATIONS	COORDINATES
<b>Michif</b>	Michif	Critically endangered	900	55	Spread over 2 communities in Canada	lat : 51.3; long : -104.0
<b>Ililimowin</b>	Moose Cree	Severely endangered	150	52	Spread over 2 communities in Canada	lat : 52.3; long : -81.6
<b>Nisga'a</b>	Nisga'a	Critically endangered	750	n/a	Spread over 3 communities in Canada	lat : 55.2; long : -129.1
<b>Nuu-chah-nulth</b>	Nootka	Critically endangered	350	56	Spread over 7 communities in Canada	lat : 49.3; long : -126.1
<b>Northern Tutchone</b>	Northern Tutchone	Severely endangered	200	52	Spread over 3 communities in Canada	lat : 62.8; long : -136.6
<b>Onqda'géga'</b>	Onondaga	Critically endangered	50	n/a	One community in Canada	lat : 43.1; long : -80.1
<b>Nishnaabemwin</b> (Encompasses both the Ottawa and Eastern Ojibwe languages)	Ottawa	Severely endangered	2,000 (estimate)	n/a	Manitoulin Island, Ontario; Walpole Island, Ontario; Mount Pleasant, Michigan and other reserves in Ontario and Michigan.	lat : 42.6; long : -82.5
<b>Nēhiyawēmowin (northern); Nēhiyawēwin (southern)</b>	Plains Cree	Vulnerable	29,900	36	Spread over 88 communities in Canada	lat : 56.4; long : -113.8

# INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

## ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

ORIGINAL NAME	NAME OF THE LANGUAGE	VITALITY	NUMBER OF SPEAKERS (based on 2006 Census)	AVERAGE AGE OF SPEAKER	LOCATIONS	COORDINATES
Bodéwadmimwen	Potawatomi	Critically endangered	50	n/a	One community in Canada	lat : 42.5; long : -82.6
Qikiqtaaluk nigiani	Qikiqtaaluk nigiani	Vulnerable	5,740	26	Spread over 5 communities in Canada	lat : 63.8; long : -68.5
Qikiqtaaluk uannangani	Qikiqtaaluk uannangani	Vulnerable	4,550	21	Spread over 8 communities in Canada	lat : 69.48; long : -81.6
Nakawēmowin	Saulteau	Vulnerable	6,558	41	Spread over 64 communities in Canada	lat : 50.6; long : -98.7
Nakhóda	Stoney	Vulnerable	2,765	28	Spread over 5 communities in Canada	lat : 51.2; long : -114.9
Rigolet Inuktitut (en), inuktitut rigolet (fr), inuí rigolet (es)	Eastern Canadian Inuktitut	Critically endangered	50	n/a	One community in Canada	lat : 54.2; long : -58.4
Tsuut'ina	Sarcee	Severely endangered	150	50	One community in Canada	lat : 51.0; long : -114.4
Onötowáka	Seneca	Critically endangered	50	n/a	One community in Canada	lat : 43.1; long : -80.2
Skwxwú7mesh sníchim	Squamish	Severely endangered	n/a	53	Spread over 3 communities in Canada	lat : 49.3; long : -123.1

# INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

## ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

ORIGINAL NAME	NAME OF THE LANGUAGE	VITALITY	NUMBER OF SPEAKERS (based on 2006 Census)	AVERAGE AGE OF SPEAKER	LOCATIONS	COORDINATES
Nēhinawēwin	Swampy Cree	Vulnerable	21,300	31	Spread over 30 communities in Canada	lat : 54.0; long : -97.8
Łingít	Tlingit	Critically endangered	100	60	Spread over 2 communities in Canada	lat : 60.2; long : -132.7
Wôbanakiôdwawôgan	Western Abenaki	Critically endangered	50	n/a	One community in Canada	lat : 46.1; long : -72.8
Ilnu-aimun	Western Montagnais	Vulnerable	3900	30	Spread over 3 communities in Canada	lat : 49.0; long : -68.6
Skarù·rę'	Tuscarora	Critically endangered	50	n/a	One community in Canada	lat : 43.1; long : -80.0