

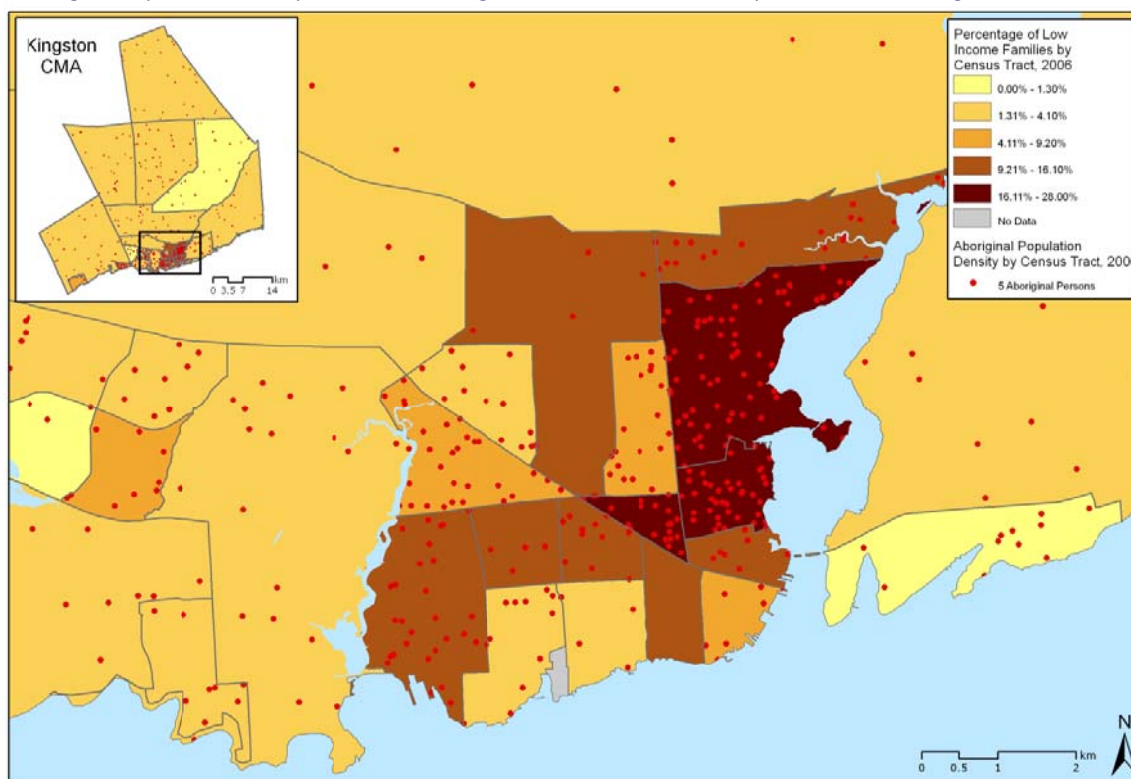
Aboriginal Peoples

Information on the quality of life of Aboriginal peoples in Kingston is limited, however data from the 2001 Census suggests that the Aboriginal population of Kingston is growing, which may be due to a greater number of persons reporting Aboriginal identity, in particular Métis status. In addition, data also shows that Aboriginal people in Kingston are well educated but have lower median incomes than their non-Aboriginal counterparts and the average for all Ontario Aboriginal peoples.

Highlights

- From 2001 to 2006:
 - The Aboriginal population of Kingston grew by 63% to 3295 persons.
 - The number of persons identifying themselves as Métis increased from 520 to 1130.
- The 2001 median income for an Aboriginal person in Kingston was \$13,500 and \$16,023 for all Aboriginal peoples in Ontario. By comparison, non-Aboriginal peoples in Kingston had a median income of \$23,000 or \$10,000 higher than their Aboriginal counterparts.
- In 2001, the unemployment rate for Aboriginal peoples in Kingston was 19.1 compared to 7.5 for non-Aboriginal residents.

Aboriginal Population Density and the Percentage of Low Income Families by Census Tract in Kingston, 2006



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census.

Produced by Social Planning Council of Kingston & Queen's University

Implications

- There could be underreporting of Aboriginal identity in the Census, skewing data.
- There is a need for programs to be oriented towards public school age and early career Aboriginal peoples.
- Investment in education and labour participation programs may be needed to decrease the severity and prevalence of poverty among Aboriginal peoples.