

15. Geography of the Azoreans

All over Canada there are Portuguese, of whom it is estimated that 60% or more are Azorean. However, they are not evenly distributed.

Among the various provinces and territories that Canada is made up of, some provinces and cities in them undoubtedly stand out. Of greater relevance is the province of Ontario and its city of Toronto, but also the province of Quebec with the city of Montreal, and British Columbia with the city of Vancouver.

The Canadian provinces and cities with the largest number of Azoreans:

- Ontario: Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton, Cambridge, Kingston, Hamilton, London, Strathroy, Windsor.
- Quebec: Montreal, Laval, Sainte-Thérèse, Hull, Quebec City.
- British Columbia: Vancouver, Burnaby, Surrey, Victoria, Kitimat.
- Manitoba: Winnipeg.
- Alberta: Edmonton, Calgary.

Following are the data on the population with Portuguese origins in Canada according to the Canadian Census:

Census of 1981 – by mother tongue

Province/Territory	Number of people (Portuguese as mother tongue)
CANADA	164 615
Newfoundland	175
Nova Scotia	305
Island of Prince Edward	45
New Brunswick	185
Quebec	25 470
Ontario	112 715
Saskatchewan	465
Manitoba	6 940
Alberta	5 145
British Columbia	13 135
Yukon	0
Northwest Territories	25 (em Fort Smith region)

Source: Statistics Canada – *Census of Population of 1981*.

Census of 1991 – population of portuguese origin

Province/Territory	Number of people	Number of people
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	with Portuguese origin	unique Portuguese origin	with multiple Portuguese origins
CANADA	246 885		45 300
Newfoundland	190		255
Nova Scotia	510		1 240
Island of Prince Edward	40		85
New Brunswick	260		605
Quebec	37 165		5 805
Ontario	176 300		26 095
Saskatchewan	475		320
Manitoba	8 215		1 305
Alberta	6 830		2 920
British Columbia	16 865		6 510
Yukon	15		75
Northwest Territories	15		65

Source: Statistics Canada - *Census of Population of 1991*.

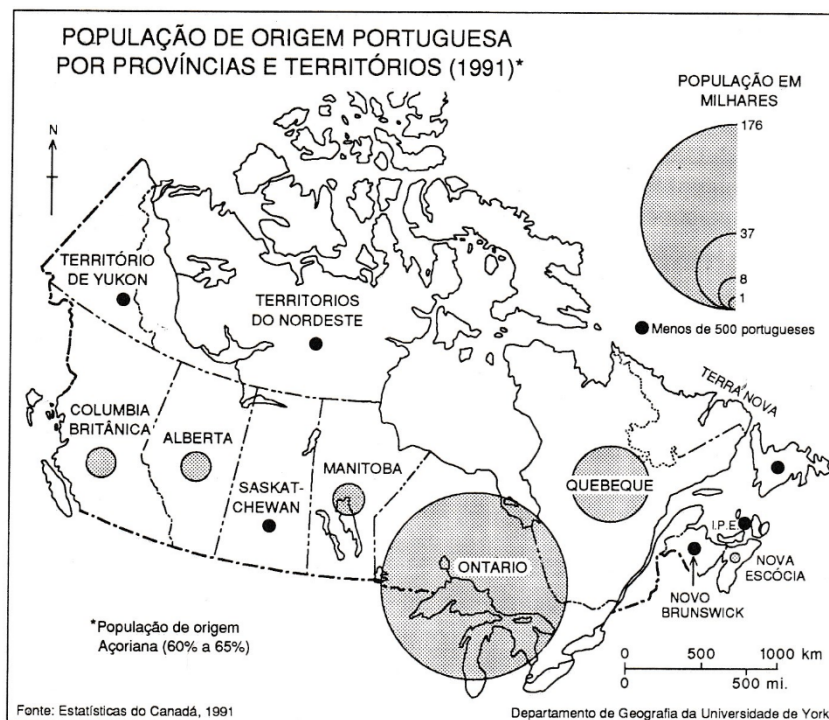


Figure: Population of portuguese origins in the provinces and territories of Canada in 1991.

Source: TEIXEIRA, Carlos - «A comunidade portuguesa de origem açoriana em Toronto: uma comunidade em transição». In GABINETE DE EMIGRAÇÃO E APOIO ÀS COMUNIDADES AÇORIANAS, compilação e apoio técnico – 4.º Congresso de Comunidades Açorianas. Angra do Heroísmo: Edição da Comissão Preparatória do IV Congresso de Comunidades Açorianas, 1995. Pág. 485.

Census of 1996 – population of portuguese origin

Province	Number of people with unique Portuguese origin	Number of people with multiple Portuguese origins
CANADA	252,640	82,470
Newfoundland and Labrador	205	660
Nova Scotia	460	1.825
Island of Prince Edward	40	135
New Brunswick	300	1.045
Quebec	36.580	10.550
Ontario	181.465	50.335
Saskatchewan	445	490
Manitoba	9.045	2.050
Alberta	6.600	4.585
British Columbia	17.455	10.680
Yukon	20	35
Northwest Territories	25	75

Source: Statistics Canada, Censo da População de 1996.

Census of 2001 – population of portuguese origin

Province	Number of people with unique Portuguese origin	Number of people with multiple Portuguese origins
CANADA	252 835	104 855
Newfoundland and Labrador	140	600
Nova Scotia	490	1,890
Island of Prince Edward	30	70
New Brunswick	300	870
Quebec	36,570	12,200
Ontario	182,775	65,485
Saskatchewan	330	670
Manitoba	8,230	2,855
Alberta	7,395	6,495
British Columbia	16,535	13,555
Yukon	15	70
Northwest Territories	15	75
Nunavut	15	35

Source: Statistics Canada – *Censo da População de 2001*.

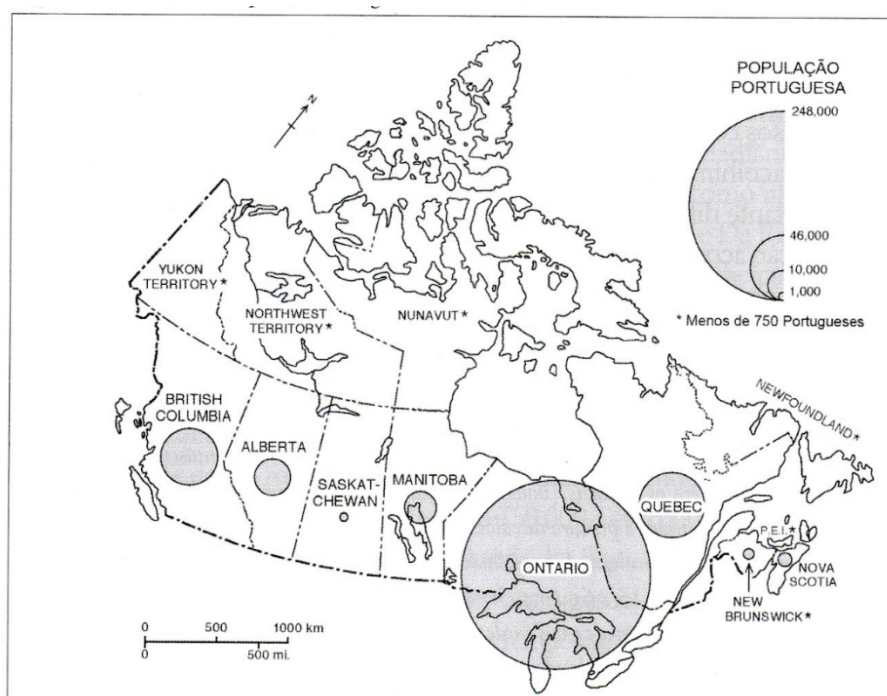


Figure: Population of portuguese origins in the provinces and territories of Canada in 2001.

Source: TEIXEIRA, José Carlos - «Toronto Multicultural e *Little Portugal* (“a Décima Ilha dos Açores”)”. In FONSECA, Maria Lucinda, coord. – *Aproximando Mundos: Emigração, Imigração e Desenvolvimento em Espaços Insulares. Atas da Conferência Internacional*. Lisboa: Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento, maio de 2010. Pág. 198.

Census of 2006 – population of portuguese origin

Province	Number of people with unique Portuguese origin	Number of people with multiple Portuguese origins
CANADA	262.230	148.620
Newfoundland and Labrador	185	720
Nova Scotia	625	2.485
Island of Prince Edward	20	150
New Brunswick	245	1.410
Quebec	38.425	19.025
Ontario	189.405	93.460
Saskatchewan	475	595
Manitoba	7.745	3.360
Alberta	8.340	9.260

British Columbia	16.730	17.930
Yukon	10	55
Northwest Territories	10	120
Nunavut	10	35

Source: Statistics Canada – *Census of Population of 2006*.

Census of 2011 – population of portuguese origin

Province	Number of people with unique Portuguese origin	Number of people with multiple Portuguese origins
CANADA	250.320	179.530
Newfoundland and Labrador	140	635
Nova Scotia	550	2.940
Island of Prince Edward	60	370
New Brunswick	215	1.150
Quebec	34.555	24.845
Ontario	184.170	110.865
Saskatchewan	300	825
Manitoba	7.410	5.275
Alberta	7.470	11.300
British Columbia	15.425	21.115
Yukon	0	20
Northwest Territories	0	120
Nunavut	10	80

Source: Statistics Canada – *Census of Population of 2011*.

Census of 2016 – population of portuguese origin

Province	Number of people with unique Portuguese origin	Number of people with multiple Portuguese origins
CANADA	264.815	217.790
Newfoundland and Labrador	290	925
Nova Scotia	600	2.975
Island of Prince Edward	120	215
New Brunswick	325	1.455

Quebec	38.590	31.210
Ontario	191.740	133.190
Saskatchewan	475	1.410
Manitoba	8.040	6.500
Alberta	8.540	13.845
British Columbia	16.040	25.730
Yukon	20	45
Northwest Territories	20	190
Nunavut	10	105

Source: Statistics Canada – *Census of Population of 2016*.

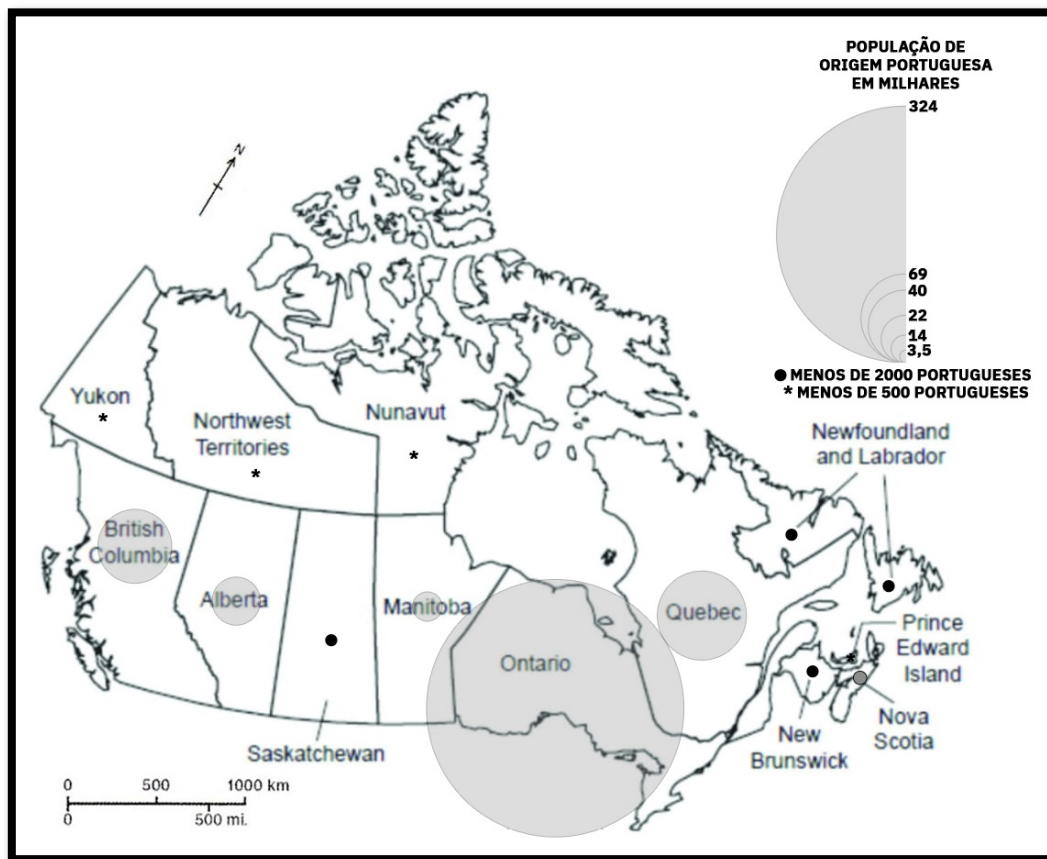


Figure: Population of portuguese origin in the provinces and territories of Canada according to the census of population of 2016.

Source of data: Statistics Canada – *Census of Population of 2016*.