

# National Indigenous History Month 2024

In 2009, June was declared National Aboriginal History Month by the House of Commons. In 2017, the name was changed to National Indigenous History Month.

National Indigenous History Month is a time for all Canadians, Indigenous, non-Indigenous and newcomers alike, to reflect and educate ourselves on the strength, history, sacrifices, cultures, and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people.

It is important to remember that the histories of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples are distinct, with unique histories within each group.

## Why do non-Indigenous Canadians need to learn about Indigenous history?

- Until recently, many Canadians were unaware of the history between Indigenous Peoples and Canada.
- For many generations, Canadians have lived without ever learning about residential schools, the historical and current effects of the [Indian Act](#), the importance of [treaties](#), or the contributions made by Indigenous Peoples to the diversity of Canada.
- Non-Indigenous Canadians should learn about Indigenous history to recognize the significant role of Indigenous Peoples in shaping the [country](#) and protecting democracy.
- June is a chance for all Canadians to get together and learn and celebrate Indigenous history.

## Learn more about Indigenous History Month

- [Key events and developments in Indigenous history in what is now Canada](#)
- [Find out whose land you are on](#)
- Take part in professional training like [the University of Alberta's free Indigenous Canada online course](#)
- [Learn what it means to be a good ally](#)
- [8 ways to engage in truth and reconciliation](#)

## Learn about the work towards Truth and Reconciliation

- [United Nations Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples.](#)
- [The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples explained](#)
- [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation: NCTR](#)



- [The Reconciliation Journey](#)
- [Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)
- [Beyond 94: Where is Canada at with reconciliation?](#)
- [The Indian Residential School Survivors Society \(IRSSS\)](#)

## Celebrate Indigenous Culture

- [Na-Me-Res Pow Wow & Indigenous Arts Festival \(June 15 & 16, 2024\)](#)
- An iconic collection of Indigenous Canadian art, both historical and contemporary, is housed in the [McMichael Canadian Art Collection](#)
- [The Native Canadian Centre of Toronto](#)
- [2024 Ontario Pow Wow Calendar](#)
- [Explore the deep Canadian Indigenous cultural roots of Tkaronto \(Toronto\), Ishpadinaa \(Spadina Road\) and the 60+ years of history of the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto!](#)

## Indigenous-owned businesses to support

- [Indigenous authors and bookstores, Indigenous-owned bookstores in the USA and Canada](#) [First Nations, Métis & Inuit Education](#)
- [Indigenous Owned and Operated Restaurants, Experience Indigenous cuisine in Ontario](#)
- [Indigenous-owned business, 14 Must-Visit Indigenous Businesses in Toronto, Indigenous-owned businesses to check out right now.](#)

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