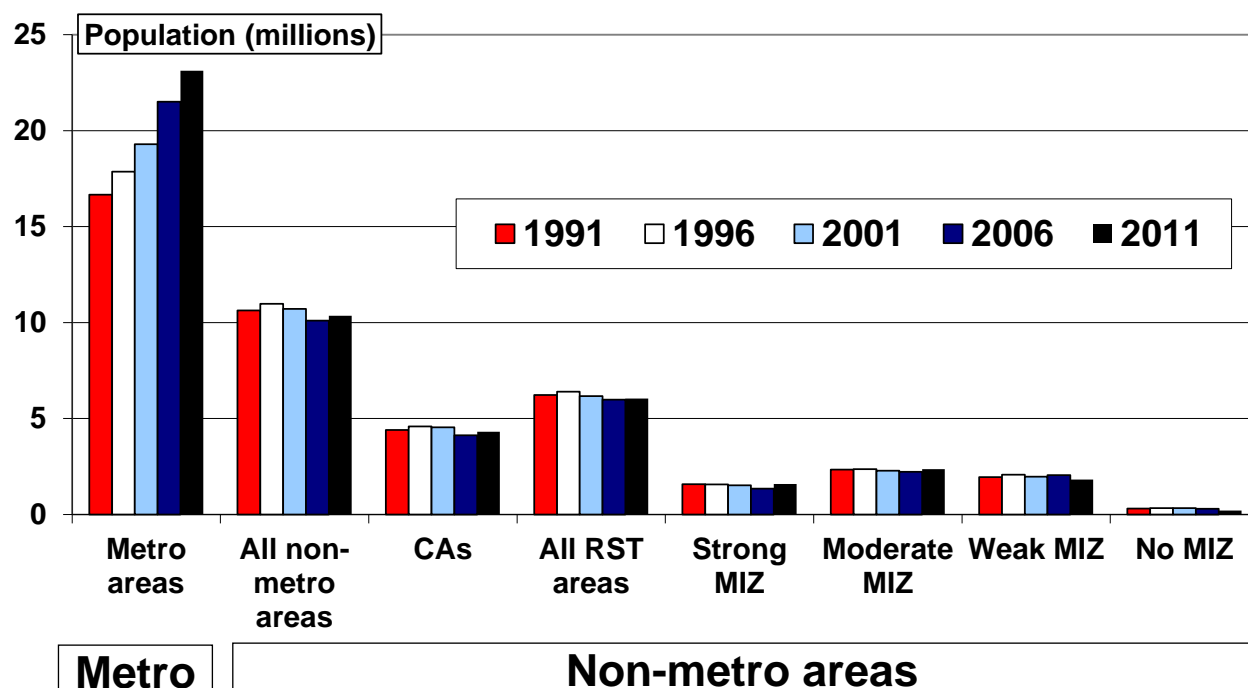


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### Canada's non-metro population was 10.4 million in 2011



Note: Data are tabulated within boundaries applicable at the time of the given census.

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 1991 to 2011.

- In 2011, 10.4 million Canadians resided in non-metro areas.
- This represents 31% of Canada's population.
- The chart shows no change in the size of non-metro Canada since 1991. This is due to growth in non-metro Canada – some cities were reclassified to become metro and thus the non-metro population appears lower in those periods. And, part of the growth of metro is due to some cities becoming classified as metro.
- **Metro** refers to residents of Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs). CMAs have 50,000 or more in the built-up core (100,000 or more prior to 2006) and includes all neighbouring towns and municipalities where 50 percent or more of the workforce commutes to the built-up core.
- **Non-metro** refers to the residents outside CMAs.
  - Census Agglomerations (CAs) in 2006 and 2011 have a built-up core of 10,000 or more with a total population of less than 100,000 and includes all neighbouring towns and municipalities where 50 percent or more of the workforce commutes to the built-up core (prior to 2006, a few CAs had a total population over 100,000 if they had less than 100,000 in the built-up core – due to the different definition of a CMA prior to 2006).
  - Metropolitan Influenced Zones (MIZ) are assigned on the basis of the share of the workforce that commutes to any CMA or CA (Strong MIZ: 30 to 49 percent; Moderate MIZ: 5 to 29 percent; Weak MIZ: 1 to 5 percent; No MIZ: no commuters).

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