

BY THE NUMBERS:

Indian Status and First Nation Citizenship under Bill S-3



In June 2018, the Government of Canada launched the *Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nation Citizenship*, a process that promises to reform Indian registration, band membership and First Nation citizenship. Such reforms might permanently shift the ways in which First Nations identity and belonging are imagined. Here are the stakes:

2016 CENSUS NUMBERS



820,120

individuals reported Indian status



1,525,570

individuals reported First Nation ancestry

PROJECTIONS FOR INDIAN STATUS ELIGIBILITY UNDER BILL S-3



28,000 - 35,000
individuals

Original Projections



670,000

individuals

w/2017 Senate Amendments*

**This amendment extends Indian status eligibility prior to 1951, and as far back as 1869.*

MEMBERSHIP CONTROL VS. STATUS DETERMINATION

43%

First Nations that control their own membership or citizenship:
267/618** or 43%

0%

First Nations with the ability to determine Indian Status:
0/618 or 0%

***Bands that control their membership under Section 10 of the Indian Act and through self-government agreements.*

LEARN MORE: Visit www.yellowheadinstitute.com to read the Yellowhead Brief, A Brief Assessment of Canada's Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nation Citizenship