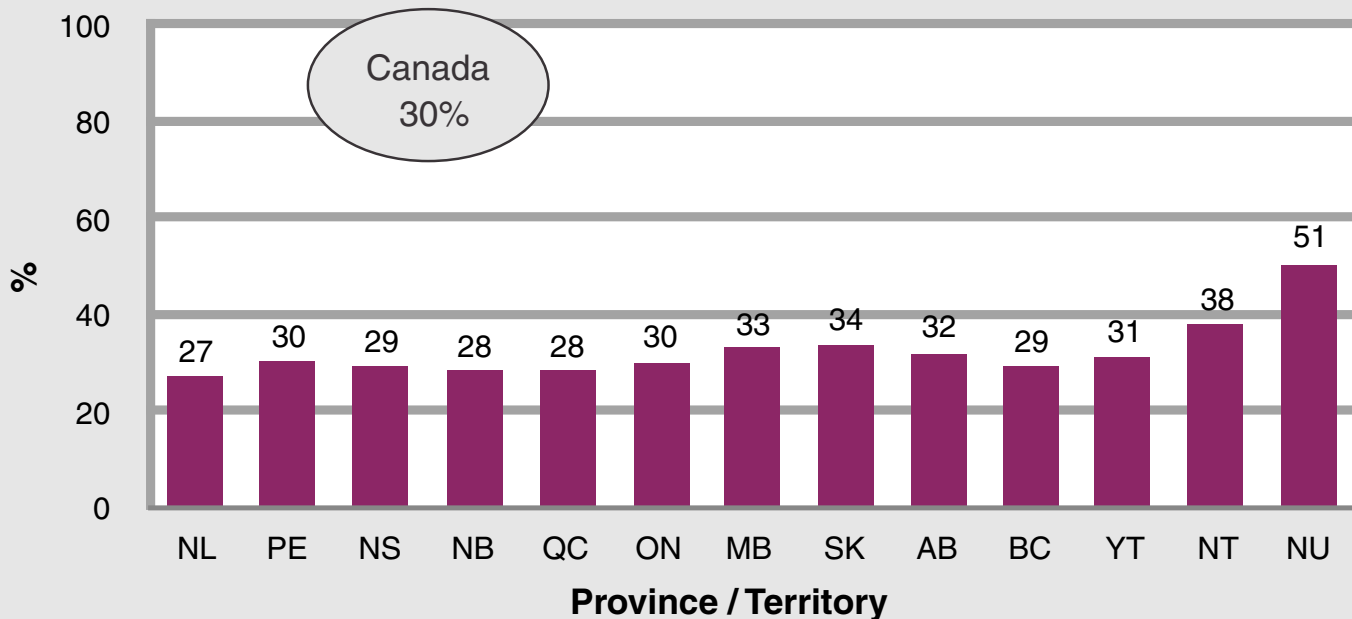




1.1.3 The Number of Children and Youth in Canada

Fig. 1.1.3 Children and youth from birth to age 24, as a proportion of the total population, by province and territory, 2010



Adapted from the Statistics Canada CANSIM database <http://cansim2.statcan.gc.ca>, table no. 051-0001 accessed on July 8, 2011

As of July 1, 2010 approximately 30% of the total population in Canada was children aged from birth to 24 years. In all provinces and the Yukon, the proportion of children and youth under 25 years of age was close to the national average. However, in the Northwest Territories, 38% of all residents were children and youth and, more than half of Nunavut's population were children and youth.

Implications

Everywhere they reside, children must have access to health care, education, early childhood learning and care, and other social supports that promote their well-being and healthy development. This is especially critical in NWT and Nunavut where children and youth make up a large proportion of the population.

