

NU09 Netsilik 1922-23

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Sources:

- Rasmussen, Knud (1931) The Netsilik Eskimo: social life and spiritual culture. *Report of the Fifth Thule Expedition 1921-1924*, vol. 8(1-2). Copenhagen: Gyldendalske Boghandel
- Damas, David (1969) Band Societies. *National Museum of Canada Bulletin 228*, plus unpublished data.

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Location: Boothia Peninsula, Pelly Bay, Murchison River, Adelaide Peninsula and Back River, N.W.T., Canada; 65-73 N, 90-100 W

Dates of census:

- Period to which data pertain: 1922 - 1923
- When collected:
 - Household lists by Rasmussen, Winter 1922 - 1923
 - Genealogies by Damas, 1960 - 1961

Netsilik Eskimo population in 1923: 259 (Rasmussen 1931:82)

Society codes: EA = Na42; OWC = ND13

File type: short interval diachronic

Basis of genealogical diagrams: 10. ResGrp1 (1-6) Regional populations, Winter 1922-23. Diagrams 1, 4, 5 and 6 represent four separate regional populations, none of which was linked by known genealogical ties with any other. The third and largest diagram represents an interconnected group of people who together constituted Regional Populations 2 and 3. Putting all of them into a single diagram obscures the visual distinction between the two populations, but my attempt to put them into to separate diagrams created major problems in representing the multitude of linkages between the two regions. You can use the residency data to construct diagrams for each population separately if you do not need to depict genealogical ties between populations. Note that squares (□) in the genealogical diagrams denote people (almost always small children)

of unknown sex, while a dark symbol without an "X" denotes a living person who resides outside these villages but serves as a genealogical link between villages.

Number of living people: 409

Number of data records: 502 (including deceased links and living links who resided outside the villages)

KEY

1. ID number
2. Life status 1=alive, 0=dead
3. Sex: 1=male, 2=female
4. Age: not available
5. Current marital status: 0=not applicable, 1=never married, 2=married, 4=widowed
6. Father's ID
7. Mother's ID
8. 1st spouses' ID
9. 2nd spouses' ID
10. ResGrp1 (1-6) Regional populations, Winter 1922-23
11. ResGrp2 (1-13) Villages, Spring 1923
12. ResGrp3 (1-80) Households, Spring 1923
13. ID code used in source document.

QUICK TABULATION

	Male	Female	Unknown	Total
Living	238	171	0	409
Dead	50	43	0	93
Total	288	214	0	502

Table 1. Life status by sex.

	Male	Female	Unknown	Total
Never married	130	59	0	189
Married	106	105	0	211
Divorced	0	0	0	0
Widowed	2	7	0	9
Total	238	171	0	409

Table 2. Marital status among living by sex.

Variable number	Variable name and values	Number of people	Mean size of residential units
10	Regional populations (6) Winter 1922-23 RP# 1-6	363	61
11	Villages (13) Spring 1923 V# 1-13	363	28
12	Households (80) Spring 1923 HH# 1-80	363	4.5

Table 3. Residential group sizes.