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The Northern Policy Institute announced Tuesday the launch of Northbynumbers.ca, an interactive data tool that displays Northern Ontario census data from between 2001 and 2011. Screen capture northbynumbers.ca

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### Northern Policy Institute launches Northbynumbers.ca, which has census data from 2001-2011

Northern Ontario data is now just a click away.

The Northern Policy Institute announced Tuesday the launch of [Northbynumbers.ca](#), an interactive data tool that displays Northern Ontario census data from between 2001 and 2011.

Northbynumbers.ca was commissioned by the Institute in partnership with North Superior Workforce Planning Board. It was designed by the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre in conjunction with the research team at Institute.

"The interactive map allows users to search census data using a variety of search topics and characteristics," a release from the Institute said.

Some of the search topics include: dwelling characteristics, Aboriginal identity, education, income, labour force, mobility and population and age.

"Users can then define a variable, year, and geographic region based on the search topic," the release said.

Geographic regions are divided into census divisions (districts), census subdivisions (communities) and dissemination areas (neighbourhoods).

"Northbynumbers.ca brings together all the census data for Northern Ontario and presents it using an easily readable, easily accessible, and easy to learn tool," says Institute president and CEO, Charles Cirtwill.

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"This new tool will be an invaluable resources to researchers, policy makers, public officials, students, and anyone looking for data on Northern Ontario."

Launching alongside Northbynumbers.ca is Northern Policy Institute's new website. Developed by Sencia Canada in Thunder Bay, in conjunction with Northern Policy Institute, the new website includes all publications released by the Institute, as well as a new searchable publication database.

The new website will also pave the way for an online library currently under development, as well as an interactive Arc GIS map of Northern Ontario infrastructure.

"As Northern Ontario's own independent think tank, Northern Policy Institute strives to not only conduct research, but to make that research and data available to the people of Northern Ontario," Cirtwill said in the release.

"Northbynumbers.ca and our new website, as well as some exciting features to come, will make it easier to gain access to important data about the north, which we believe will help spearhead even more research and create more informed decisions for moving the north forward."

Northbynumbers.ca can be found at www.northbynumbers.ca. There's a help and glossary section to help familiarize users with the features available on www.northbynumbers.ca.

Northern Policy Institute's new website can be found at www.northernpolicy.ca.

The Institute is Northern Ontario's independent think tank. They perform research, collect and disseminate evidence and identify policy opportunities to support the growth of sustainable

Northern Communities. Their operations are located in Thunder Bay and Sudbury.

"We seek to enhance Northern Ontario's capacity to take the lead position on socio-economic policy that impacts Northern Ontario, Ontario, and Canada as a whole," the release said.

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