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### Northwest Territories Population – July 2016

On July 1, 2016 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,469 people were living in the Northwest Territories, an increase of 0.5% from the previous year. At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.2% between July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016.

All other provinces and territories also experienced positive growth between July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016. Growth was below the national level in the NWT, Yukon, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces with the exception of Prince Edward Island.

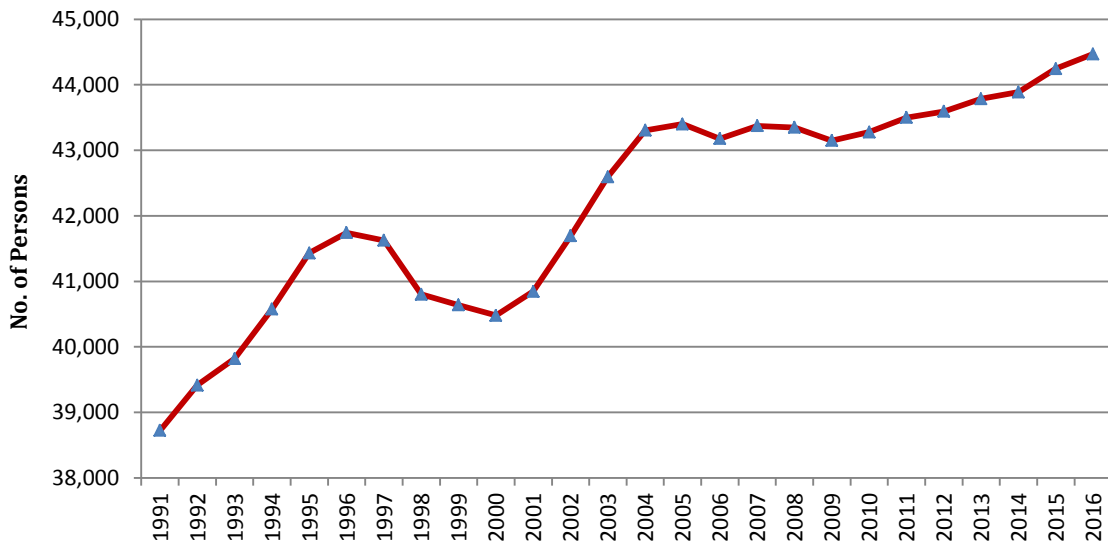
**Table 1** Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory  
July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2016

	2016 Jul 1	% Change	2015 Jul 1	% Change	2014 Jul 1	% Change	2013 Jul 1	% Change
Canada	36,286,425	1.2	35,848,610	0.9	35,544,564	1.1	35,155,451	1.2
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	<b>44,469</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>44,244</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>43,889</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>43,786</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Nunavut	37,082	1.5	36,532	1.4	36,023	1.8	35,401	2.0
Yukon	37,492	0.3	37,393	1.4	36,872	1.5	36,315	0.7
British Columbia	4,751,612	1.2	4,692,953	1.0	4,645,261	1.2	4,589,041	0.9
Alberta	4,252,879	1.8	4,179,660	1.7	4,108,283	2.8	3,996,620	3.0
Saskatchewan	1,150,632	1.6	1,132,263	1.0	1,121,285	1.5	1,104,990	1.7
Manitoba	1,318,128	1.7	1,295,981	1.2	1,280,953	1.2	1,265,597	1.2
Ontario	13,982,984	1.3	13,797,038	0.8	13,685,171	1.0	13,556,229	1.1
Quebec	8,326,089	0.8	8,259,452	0.5	8,214,503	0.7	8,155,505	0.9
New Brunswick	756,780	0.3	754,309	-0.1	754,865	-0.1	755,842	-0.1
Nova Scotia	949,501	0.6	943,373	0.0	943,294	-0.0	943,538	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	148,649	1.3	146,736	0.6	145,832	0.5	145,178	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	530,128	0.3	528,676	0.1	528,333	0.2	527,409	0.2

Between July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016, the population in the Northwest Territories increased by 225 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 685 births and 233 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 452 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 2,323 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,744 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 421 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 194 persons.

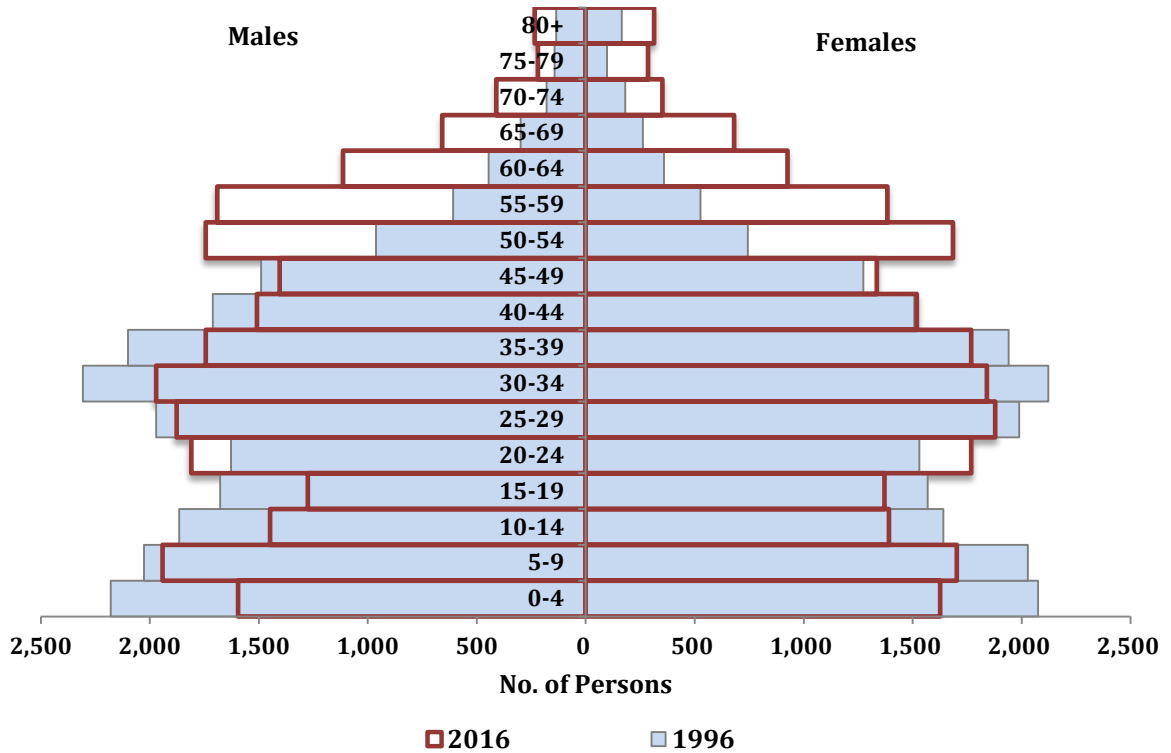
In the NWT, population was relatively flat between 2004 and 2009 and it has been on the increase since 2009.

Figure 1 NWT Population Estimates, July 1, 1991 to July 1, 2016



Statistics Canada also released age and sex breakdowns for each of the provinces and territories. The population pyramid illustrates the aging of the NWT population between July 1, 1996 and July 1, 2016 (Figure 2). This aging is also apparent by an increase in the NWT median age rising from 28.3 to 33.3 years in the past 20 years. However, compared to Canada, the NWT population remains relatively young as the median age at the national level was 40.6 years on July 1, 2016.

Figure 2 Northwest Territories Population Distribution, by Age and Sex  
July 1, 1996 and July 1, 2016



The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2009 are presented in Table 2.

For more information about these estimates or for community level population estimates and projections, please visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca> or call (867) 767-9169.

Table 2 Components of Population Change, by Time Period  
Northwest Territories – January 1, 2009 to July 1, 2016

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2016	Apr-Jun	44,488	44,469	170	53	693	894	-201	65	-
	Jan-Mar	44,426	44,488	186	54	643	738	-95	25	-
2015	Jan-Dec	44,126	44,426	685	227	2,146	2,479	-333	175	-
	Oct-Dec	44,392	44,426	159	59	344	448	-104	38	-
	Jul-Sep	44,244	44,392	170	67	643	664	-21	66	-
	Apr-Jun	44,207	44,244	170	50	594	731	-137	54	-
	Jan-Mar	44,126	44,207	186	51	565	636	-71	17	-
2014	Jan-Dec	43,760	44,126	687	217	2,259	2,452	-193	89	-
	Oct-Dec	44,061	44,126	160	57	295	342	-47	9	-
	Jul-Sep	43,889	44,061	171	64	463	431	32	33	-
	Apr-Jun	43,790	43,889	170	49	835	873	-38	16	-
	Jan-Mar	43,760	43,790	186	47	666	806	-140	31	-
2013	Jan-Dec	43,685	43,760	689	209	1,871	2,474	-603	198	-
	Oct-Dec	43,707	43,760	159	55	286	369	-83	32	-
	Jul-Sep	43,786	43,707	172	62	312	539	-227	38	-
	Apr-Jun	43,830	43,786	172	47	613	865	-252	83	-
	Jan-Mar	43,685	43,830	186	45	660	701	-41	45	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,597	43,685	688	200	1,864	2,394	-530	130	-
2011	Jan-Dec	43,258	43,597	690	188	2,169	2,274	-105	-10	48
2010	Jan-Dec	42,962	43,258	700	184	1,890	2,060	-170	85	135
2009	Jan-Dec	43,109	42,962	711	186	1,661	2,214	-553	16	135

Note: *Net International* represents the net total of all Immigrants, Emigrants, Returning Canadians, Non-Permanent Residents and Individuals Temporarily Abroad.  
*Error of Closure* represents the difference in population change as measured by the individual components of growth and that observed using 2011 and 2006 census-based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.