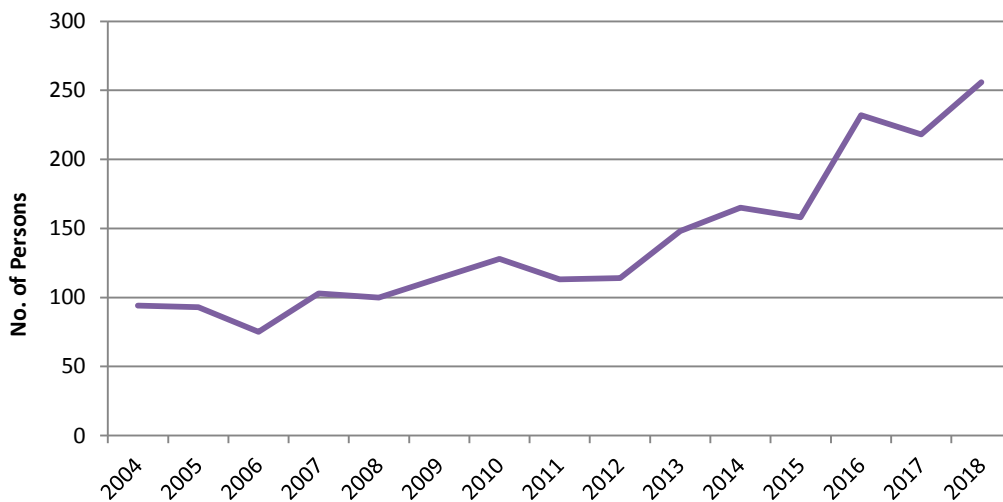


## Northwest Territories Population – April 2018 –

On April 1, 2018 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,736 people were living in the Northwest Territories, an increase of 0.3% from the previous year. Between April 1, 2017 and April 1, 2018, the population in the Northwest Territories increased by 152 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 660 births and 225 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 435 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 2,026 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,539 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 513 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 230 persons.

Immigration is a major driver of Canada’s population growth, and the foreign-born population continues to rise. The same trend is observed in the Northwest Territories (Figure 1). Even though a share of immigrants settling in the NWT is relatively low, in the past 10 years, the number of immigrants to the NWT has gone up 156% from 100 persons in 2008. This past fiscal year (April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018), the NWT saw the highest number of immigrants ever – 256 persons moved to the Northwest Territories from outside of Canada.

**Figure 1** Number of Immigrants  
Northwest Territories, 2004 - 2018 (April 1 – March 31)



Note: An immigrant refers to anyone who is or has ever been a landed immigrant/permanent resident and has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. Province or territory of residence is based on intended destination on arrival.

At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.4% between April 1, 2017 and April 1, 2018. Nunavut saw the largest increase (2.1%). Growth in the majority of provinces and territories was the same or exceeded Canada's with the exception of Manitoba (1.3%), Quebec (1.1%), Saskatchewan (1.0%), Nova Scotia (0.7%) and New Brunswick (0.4%). Newfoundland and Labrador was the only jurisdiction that experienced a decrease in the population (-0.6%).

**Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory  
April 1, 2015 to April 1, 2018**

	2018 1-Apr	(%) Change	2017 1-Apr	(%) Change	2016 1-Apr	(%) Change	2015 1-Apr	(%) Change
Canada	37,067,011	1.4	36,560,776	1.2	36,122,379	1.1	35,734,156	0.9
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	<b>44,736</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>44,584</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>44,576</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>44,189</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Nunavut	38,456	2.1	37,657	1.8	36,985	1.6	36,410	1.4
Yukon	38,936	1.7	38,273	1.8	37,606	1.7	36,989	1.6
British Columbia	4,862,610	1.4	4,795,891	1.3	4,733,532	1.1	4,681,391	1.1
Alberta	4,334,025	1.4	4,272,398	1.2	4,221,311	1.5	4,159,628	2.0
Saskatchewan	1,171,240	1.0	1,159,549	1.4	1,143,311	1.3	1,128,274	1.1
Manitoba	1,348,809	1.3	1,331,960	1.6	1,311,351	1.6	1,291,058	1.2
Ontario	14,374,084	1.8	14,124,305	1.5	13,914,611	1.2	13,747,999	0.8
Quebec	8,455,402	1.1	8,366,022	0.8	8,298,189	0.7	8,238,013	0.6
New Brunswick	761,214	0.4	758,148	0.2	756,480	0.3	754,210	-0.1
Nova Scotia	958,400	0.7	952,016	0.60	946,320	0.56	941,045	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	153,116	1.6	150,769	1.7	148,279	1.3	146,319	0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	525,983	-0.6	529,204	-0.1	529,828	0.2	528,631	0.2

The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2008 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, 2008 to April 1, 2018

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2018	Jan-Mar	44,597	44,736	165	53	572	619	-47	74	-
2017	Jan-Dec	44,452	44,597	662	222	2,239	2,767	-528	233	-
	Oct-Dec	44,718	44,597	146	63	183	399	-216	12	-
	Jul-Sep	44,520	44,718	182	47	565	563	2	61	-
	Apr-Jun	44,584	44,520	167	62	706	958	-252	83	-
	Jan-Mar	44,452	44,584	167	50	785	847	-62	77	-
2016	Jan-Dec	44,476	44,452	670	217	1,854	2,560	-706	229	-
	Oct-Dec	44,406	44,452	147	61	227	321	-94	54	-
	Jul-Sep	44,617	44,406	185	46	431	860	-429	79	-
	Apr-Jun	44,576	44,617	169	61	641	778	-137	70	-
	Jan-Mar	44,476	44,576	169	49	555	601	-46	26	-
2015	Jan-Dec	44,121	44,476	670	212	2,047	2,322	-275	172	-
	Oct-Dec	44,417	44,476	149	60	307	379	-72	42	-
	Jul-Sep	44,214	44,417	185	45	581	576	5	58	-
	Apr-Jun	44,189	44,214	168	59	594	731	-137	53	-
	Jan-Mar	44,121	44,189	168	48	565	636	-71	19	-
2014	Jan-Dec	43,763	44,121	667	203	2,259	2,452	-193	87	-
2013	Jan-Dec	43,705	43,763	669	199	1,871	2,474	-603	191	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,597	43,705	688	200	1,864	2,394	-530	150	-
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
2008	Jan-Dec	43,351	43,109	721	201	1,897	2,623	-726	100	136

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.