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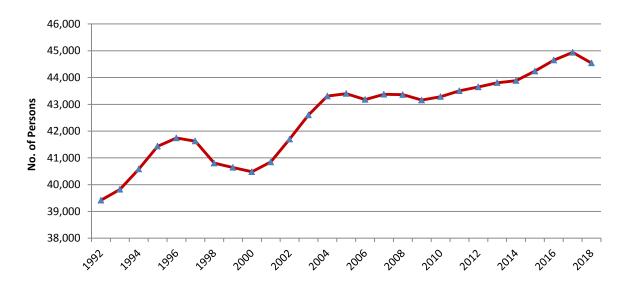
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Northwest Territories Population – July 2018 –

On July 1, 2018 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,541 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a decrease of 0.9% from the previous year. Between July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018, the population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 395 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 632 births and 249 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 383 persons. Interprovincial migration accounted for 1,931 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,842 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 911 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 133 persons.

Figure 1 shows population change in the NWT since July 1, 1992 to July 1, 2018. The 2018 decrease in population was in contrast to the gradual population growth observed in the NWT since 2009. The population decline was a result of net interprovincial migration loss. Preliminary figures indicate that between April 1, 2018 and July 1, 2018, 1,241 persons moved out of the territory representing the highest number of out-migrants the NWT has seen since the third quarter of 1992.

Figure 1 Northwest Territories Population Estimates July 1, 1992 and July 1, 2018



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At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.4% between July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018. Nunavut experienced the largest increase (+2.2%). 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%), Nova Scotia (+1.0%), Saskatchewan (+1.0%) and New Brunswick (+0.5%). Newfoundland and Labrador is the only other jurisdiction besides Northwest Territories that saw their population decline (-0.6%).

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

	2018	(%)	2017	(%)	2016	(%)	2015	(%)
	1-Jul	Change	1-Jul	Change	1-Jul	Change	1-Jul	Change
Canada	37,058,856	1.4	36,540,268	1.2	36,109,487	1.1	35,702,908	0.7
Northwest Territories	44,541	-0.9	44,936	0.6	44,649	0.9	44,237	0.8
Nunavut	38,396	2.2	37,552	1.6	36,975	1.3	36,488	1.4
Yukon	40,476	2.1	39,628	2.8	38,547	2.3	37,690	1.5
British Columbia	4,991,687	1.4	4,922,152	1.3	4,859,250	1.7	4,776,388	1.5
Alberta	4,307,110	1.5	4,243,995	1.1	4,196,061	1.2	4,144,491	1.5
Saskatchewan	1,162,062	1.0	1,150,782	1.3	1,135,987	1.3	1,120,967	0.7
Manitoba	1,352,154	1.3	1,335,396	1.6	1,314,139	1.7	1,292,227	1.0
Ontario	14,322,757	1.8	14,071,445	1.4	13,875,394	1.2	13,707,118	0.7
Quebec	8,390,499	1.1	8,297,717	0.9	8,225,950	0.6	8,175,272	0.3
New Brunswick	770,633	0.5	766,852	0.5	763,350	0.6	758,842	0.0
Nova Scotia	959,942	1.0	950,680	0.84	942,790	0.67	936,525	-0.2
Prince Edward Island	153,244	1.8	150,566	2.4	146,969	1.7	144,546	0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	525,355	-0.6	528,567	-0.2	529,426	0.2	528,117	0.0

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

Note:

This is the first set of population estimates that are based on the 2016 Census, adjusted for census net undercoverage. It is expected that population estimates released today differ from those that were published in previous releases and that were based on the 2011 Census. The data starting from July 2001 were also revised historically. Data from 2017 onward will be revised over the coming years, and it is possible that trends will change as a result of future revisions.

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, 2018

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	Interprovincial Migration			Net	Error of
						In	Out	Net	International	Closure
2018	Apr-Jun	45,011	44,541	185	64	640	1,241	-601	10	
	Jan-Mar	44,942	45,011	158	65	554	631	-77	53	-
	Jan-Dec	44,626	44,942	635	244	2,101	2,392	-291	216	-
	Oct-Dec	45,097	44,942	133	55	175	417	-242	9	-
	Jul-Sep	44,936	45,097	156	65	562	553	9	61	-
	Apr-Jun	44,832	44,936	187	62	656	754	-98	77	-
	Jan-Mar	44,626	44,832	159	62	708	668	40	69	-
2016	Jan-Dec	44,507	44,626	642	237	1,791	2,291	-500	210	-4
	Oct-Dec	44,556	44,626	133	54	200	256	-56	47	-
	Jul-Sep	44,649	44,556	158	63	395	656	-261	73	-
	Apr-Jun	44,590	44,649	189	60	641	778	-137	66	-1
	Jan-Mar	44,507	44,590	162	60	555	601	-46	24	-3
2015	Jan-Dec	44,140	44,507	683	208	2,047	2,322	-275	155	-12
	Oct-Dec	44,428	44,507	165	53	307	379	-72	36	-3
	Jul-Sep	44,237	44,428	192	60	581	576	5	51	-3
	Apr-Jun	44,193	44,237	171	42	594	731	-137	49	-3
	Jan-Mar	44,140	44,193	155	53	565	636	-71	19	-3
2014	Jan-Dec	43,800	44,140	665	213	2,259	2,452	-193	70	-11
2013	Jan-Dec	43,737	43,800	669	199	1,871	2,474	-603	184	-12
2012	Jan-Dec	43,648	43,737	688	200	1,864	2,394	-530	119	-12
2011	Jan-Dec	43,263	43,648	690	188	2,169	2,274	-105	31	43
2010	Jan-Dec	42,970	43,263	700	184	1,890	2,060	-170	87	140
2009	Jan-Dec	43,116	42,970	711	186	1,661	2,214	-553	22	140

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.