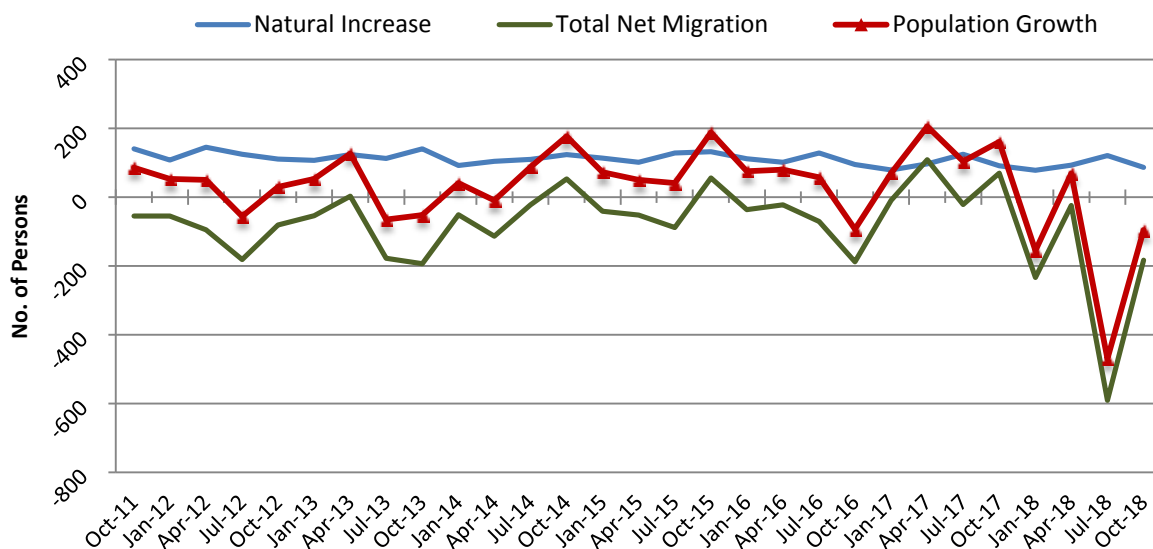


### Northwest Territories Population – October 2018 –

On October 1, 2018 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,445 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a decrease of 1.4% from the previous year. Between October 1, 2017 and October 1, 2018, the population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 652 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 629 births and 250 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 379 persons. Interprovincial migration accounted for 1,823 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,943 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 1,120 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 89 persons.

Since natural increase is positive and stable over time, population changes in the Northwest Territories are mainly driven by total net migration which includes international migration. As such, population growth follows the same trend as total net migration, but is shifted upwards due to the positive influence of natural increase (births and deaths). Figure 1 demonstrates how the highest net out-migration in the previous quarter reflects on population change. These are preliminary estimates that are subject to revision.

Figure 1 Northwest Territories Population Estimates  
October 1, 2011 and October 1, 2018



At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.4% between October 1, 2017 and October 1, 2018. Nunavut and Prince Edward Island experienced the largest increases of 2.3% and 2.2% respectively. Growth in the majority of provinces and territories was the same or exceeded Canada's with the exception of Manitoba (+1.2%), Quebec (+1.1%), Nova Scotia (+1.1%), Saskatchewan (+0.9%) 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  
October 1, 2015 to October 1, 2018**

	2018 1-Oct	(%) Change	2017 1-Oct	(%) Change	2016 1-Oct	(%) Change	2015 1-Oct	(%) Change
Canada	37,242,571	1.4	36,712,658	1.3	36,256,107	1.2	35,822,894	0.7
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	<b>44,445</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>45,097</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>44,556</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>44,428</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Nunavut	38,650	2.3	37,773	2.0	37,041	1.2	36,603	1.4
Yukon	40,333	1.4	39,781	2.7	38,745	2.6	37,751	1.3
British Columbia	5,016,322	1.4	4,945,559	1.3	4,881,391	1.6	4,802,955	1.4
Alberta	4,330,206	1.6	4,262,642	1.2	4,210,052	1.2	4,159,519	1.3
Saskatchewan	1,165,903	0.9	1,155,034	1.3	1,140,773	1.4	1,124,919	0.8
Manitoba	1,356,836	1.2	1,340,776	1.6	1,320,057	1.8	1,297,329	1.1
Ontario	14,411,424	1.8	14,153,806	1.5	13,945,524	1.4	13,757,688	0.7
Quebec	8,421,698	1.1	8,329,664	1.0	8,249,071	0.7	8,190,014	0.3
New Brunswick	772,238	0.5	768,212	0.4	764,878	0.7	759,778	0.0
Nova Scotia	964,693	1.1	954,374	0.87	946,103	0.83	938,320	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	154,750	2.2	151,477	2.4	147,948	2.1	144,894	0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	525,073	-0.6	528,463	-0.3	529,968	0.2	528,696	0.0

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

**Note:**

These population estimates are based on the 2016 Census, adjusted for census net undercoverage. Data may 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 October 1, 2018

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2018	Jul-Sep	44,541	44,445	153	66	454	654	-200	17	
	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	-
2017	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 2016, 2011 and 2006 census-based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.