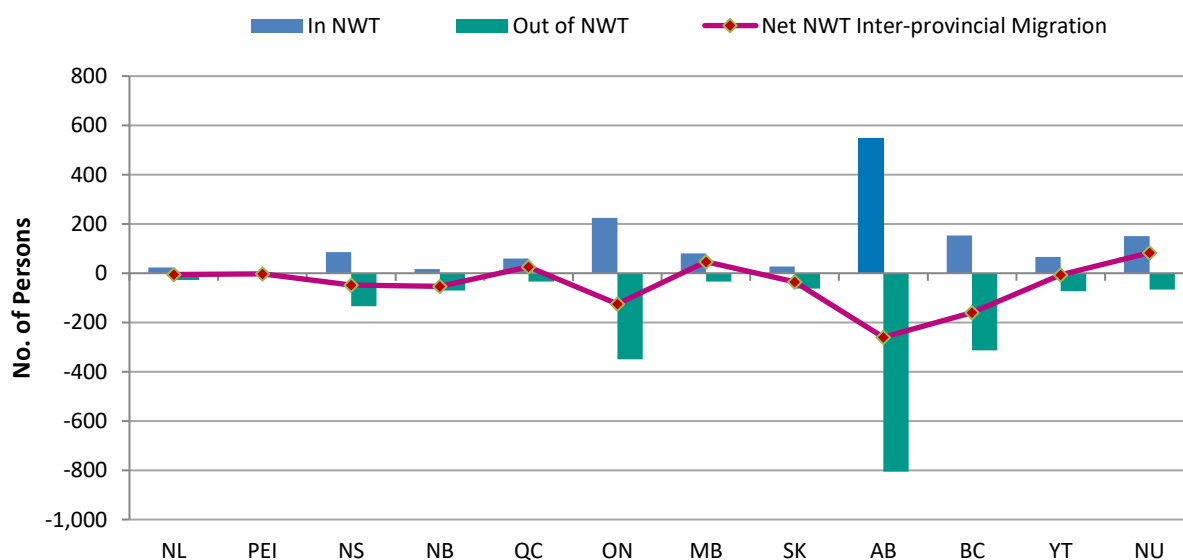


Northwest Territories Population April 2021

On April 1, 2021 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,991 people were living in the Northwest Territories. Between April 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021, the population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 210 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 570 births and 283 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 287 persons. Interprovincial migration accounted for 1,432 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 1,973 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 541 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 44 persons.

Historically, Alberta accounted for the largest number of net inter-provincial migrants from the NWT. Between April 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021, 546 persons moved to the NWT from Alberta, while 806 persons moved from the territory to Alberta, resulting in the highest net loss among other provinces and territories of 260 persons. The territory lost people to every province except for Quebec, Manitoba and Nunavut (Figure 1).

Figure 1 NWT Inter-provincial Migration by Province and Territory, April 1, 2020 to April 1, 2021



At the national level, Canada's population increased by 0.4% between April 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021. Smaller growth rates compared to the previous year were prevalent throughout all the provinces and territories except for Nunavut which grew by 1.5% (Table 1). Newfoundland and Labrador was the only other jurisdiction besides Northwest Territories that saw their population decline (-0.5%). Even though in the first quarter of 2021, the number of immigrants and permanent residents to Canada were back to pre-pandemic levels, natural increase (births minus deaths) was the lowest in the history of available data with births being steady and deaths high.

**Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
April 1, 2018 to April 1, 2021**

| | 2021 01-Apr | (%) Change | 2020 01-Apr | (%) Change | 2019 01-Apr | (%) Change | 2018 01-Apr | (%) Change |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Canada | 38,131,104 | 0.4 | 37,979,854 | 1.5 | 37,417,155 | 1.4 | 36,898,490 | 1.4 |
| Northwest Territories | 44,991 | -0.5 | 45,201 | 0.2 | 45,118 | -0.4 | 45,320 | 1.1 |
| Nunavut | 39,536 | 1.5 | 38,966 | 1.1 | 38,526 | 1.9 | 37,807 | 1.3 |
| Yukon | 42,596 | 1.5 | 41,980 | 2.3 | 41,040 | 2.1 | 40,200 | 2.5 |
| British Columbia | 5,174,724 | 0.6 | 5,142,404 | 1.6 | 5,063,527 | 1.6 | 4,983,183 | 1.6 |
| Alberta | 4,444,277 | 0.6 | 4,417,006 | 1.7 | 4,343,951 | 1.5 | 4,281,706 | 1.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,179,906 | 0.0 | 1,179,618 | 0.9 | 1,169,286 | 0.9 | 1,158,451 | 1.1 |
| Manitoba | 1,382,904 | 0.3 | 1,378,818 | 1.1 | 1,364,223 | 1.3 | 1,347,055 | 1.4 |
| Ontario | 14,789,778 | 0.5 | 14,723,497 | 1.8 | 14,467,162 | 1.6 | 14,235,643 | 1.6 |
| Quebec | 8,585,523 | 0.2 | 8,572,054 | 1.3 | 8,465,271 | 1.2 | 8,367,551 | 1.1 |
| New Brunswick | 783,721 | 0.3 | 781,024 | 0.9 | 773,805 | 0.7 | 768,522 | 0.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 982,326 | 0.5 | 977,043 | 1.2 | 965,287 | 1.1 | 954,618 | 0.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | 160,536 | 0.8 | 159,249 | 2.2 | 155,833 | 2.5 | 152,039 | 2.1 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 520,286 | -0.5 | 522,994 | -0.2 | 524,126 | -0.4 | 526,395 | -0.4 |

The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2011 are presented in Table 2.

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, 2011 to April 1, 2021**

| | | Beginning Population | Ending Population | Births | Deaths | --- Interprovincial Migration --- | | | Net International | Error of Closure |
|------|---------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------|------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | | In | Out | Net | | |
| 2021 | Jan-Mar | 45,136 | 44,991 | 141 | 73 | 409 | 666 | -257 | 44 | - |
| 2020 | Jan-Dec | 45,119 | 45,136 | 572 | 264 | 1,674 | 2,015 | -341 | 50 | - |
| | Oct-Dec | 45,037 | 45,136 | 157 | 59 | 239 | 278 | -39 | 40 | - |
| | Jul-Sep | 45,161 | 45,037 | 137 | 78 | 234 | 403 | -169 | -14 | - |
| | Apr-Jun | 45,201 | 45,161 | 135 | 73 | 550 | 626 | -76 | -26 | - |
| | Jan-Mar | 45,119 | 45,201 | 143 | 54 | 651 | 708 | -57 | 50 | - |
| 2019 | Jan-Dec | 45,194 | 45,119 | 581 | 245 | 1,685 | 2,276 | -591 | 180 | - |
| | Oct-Dec | 45,100 | 45,119 | 160 | 60 | 269 | 397 | -128 | 47 | - |
| | Jul-Sep | 45,028 | 45,100 | 138 | 60 | 460 | 508 | -48 | 42 | - |
| | Apr-Jun | 45,118 | 45,028 | 137 | 69 | 563 | 757 | -194 | 36 | - |
| | Jan-Mar | 45,194 | 45,118 | 146 | 56 | 393 | 614 | -221 | 55 | - |
| 2018 | Jan-Dec | 45,066 | 45,194 | 625 | 239 | 1,997 | 2,392 | -395 | 137 | - |
| | Oct-Dec | 44,964 | 45,194 | 155 | 58 | 417 | 333 | 84 | 49 | - |
| | Jul-Sep | 44,981 | 44,964 | 155 | 59 | 427 | 565 | -138 | 25 | - |
| | Apr-Jun | 45,320 | 44,981 | 153 | 68 | 567 | 993 | -426 | 2 | - |
| | Jan-Mar | 45,066 | 45,320 | 162 | 54 | 586 | 501 | 85 | 61 | - |
| 2017 | Jan-Dec | 44,607 | 45,066 | 616 | 239 | 2,043 | 2,189 | -146 | 228 | - |
| 2016 | Jan-Dec | 44,507 | 44,607 | 642 | 237 | 1,791 | 2,291 | -500 | 191 | -4 |
| 2015 | Jan-Dec | 44,140 | 44,507 | 683 | 208 | 2,047 | 2,322 | -275 | 155 | -12 |
| 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 |

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.