

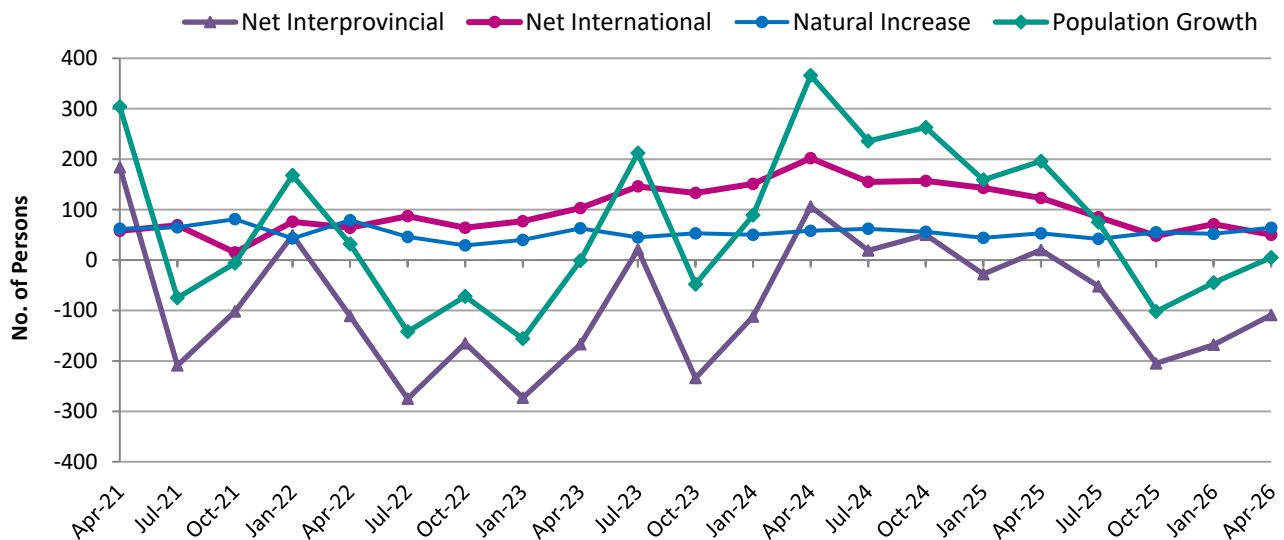


## Northwest Territories Population April 2026

On April 1, 2026 Statistics Canada estimated that 45,808 people were living in the Northwest Territories. Between April 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026, the population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 67 persons (-0.1%). The components of natural increase during this one-year period consisted of 502 births and 289 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 213 persons. There was a net loss of 534 interprovincial migrants and a net gain of 254 international migrants.

In the NWT, population growth fluctuates based on migration patterns; generally, net interprovincial migration has been mostly negative, offset by positive net international migration and natural increase. NWT's net international migration has been on a downward trend since reaching its peak in the second quarter of 2024 (Figure 1).

Figure 1 Components of Population Change, Northwest Territories, April 1, 2021 to April 1, 2026



At the national level, Canada's population decreased by 0.5% between April 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026. Among the provinces and territories, Nunavut experienced the largest increase (+1.0%), followed by Alberta (+0.9%) and Yukon (+0.8%). Ontario and British Columbia (both -0.9%) had the largest rates of population decrease (Table 1).

**Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory  
April 1, 2023 to April 1, 2026**

	2026 01-Apr	(%) Change	2025 01-Apr	(%) Change	2024 01-Apr	(%) Change	2023 01-Apr
Canada	41,417,056	-0.5	41,604,555	1.5	40,990,297	3.2	39,727,297
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	<b>45,808</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>45,875</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>45,021</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>44,402</b>
Nunavut	42,215	1.0	41,798	1.6	41,137	0.9	40,784
Yukon	48,493	0.8	48,089	2.4	46,965	4.8	44,823
British Columbia	5,646,420	-0.9	5,699,690	1.1	5,638,043	3.1	5,466,566
Alberta	5,057,077	0.9	5,010,078	3.1	4,857,695	4.7	4,641,615
Saskatchewan	1,266,092	0.1	1,264,537	2.1	1,238,591	3.1	1,201,624
Manitoba	1,503,865	-0.3	1,508,031	1.6	1,483,553	2.7	1,444,049
Ontario	16,103,890	-0.9	16,256,538	1.3	16,046,534	3.6	15,495,050
Quebec	9,016,222	-0.3	9,041,123	1.1	8,945,468	2.0	8,772,140
New Brunswick	866,497	-0.1	867,014	1.9	850,930	3.2	824,150
Nova Scotia	1,090,852	0.0	1,091,037	1.6	1,074,020	2.9	1,043,723
Prince Edward Island	181,715	0.2	181,289	1.8	178,022	3.7	171,736
Newfoundland & Labrador	547,910	-0.3	549,456	0.9	544,318	1.4	536,635

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

These population estimates are based on the 2021 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 – July 1, 2019 to April 1, 2026**

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	Interprovincial Migration			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
<b>Quarterly</b>										
2026	Jan-Mar	45,803	45,808	131	67	553	662	-109	50	0
2025	Oct-Dec	45,848	45,803	130	78	221	389	-168	71	0
	Jul-Sep	45,950	45,848	131	76	334	539	-205	48	0
	Apr-Jun	45,875	45,950	110	68	653	705	-52	85	0
	Jan-Mar	45,679	45,875	116	63	579	559	20	123	0
2024	Oct-Dec	45,520	45,679	117	73	248	276	-28	143	0
	Jul-Sep	45,257	45,520	128	72	537	487	50	157	0
	Apr-Jun	45,021	45,257	127	65	627	608	19	155	0
	Jan-Mar	44,655	45,021	119	61	786	680	106	202	0
2023	Oct-Dec	44,566	44,655	123	73	195	307	-112	151	0
	Jul-Sep	44,614	44,566	125	72	320	554	-234	133	0
	Apr-Jun	44,402	44,614	110	65	610	589	21	146	0
	Jan-Mar	44,403	44,402	124	61	723	890	-167	103	0
2022	Oct-Dec	44,559	44,403	121	81	187	460	-273	77	0
	Jul-Sep	44,631	44,559	112	83	323	488	-165	64	0
	Apr-Jun	44,773	44,631	117	71	696	971	-275	87	0
	Jan-Mar	44,741	44,773	157	78	505	616	-111	64	0
<b>Annual</b>										
2024-2025	July - June	45,257	45,950	471	276	1,864	1,874	-10	508	0
2023-2024	July - June	44,614	45,257	494	271	1,763	1,984	-780	641	0
2022-2023	July - June	44,631	44,614	467	290	1,619	2,203	-584	390	0
2021-2022	July - June	44,579	44,631	552	303	1,765	2,204	-439	242	0
2020-2021	July - June	44,504	44,579	575	295	1,445	1,621	-176	168	-197
2019-2020	July - June	44,442	44,504	567	253	1,814	1,983	-169	147	-230
2018-2019	July - June	44,536	44,442	597	226	1,578	2,047	-469	232	-228

Note: 1. Net International represents the net total of all Immigrants, Emigrants, Returning Canadians, Non-Permanent Residents and Individuals Temporarily Abroad.

2. Error of Closure represents the difference in population change as measured by the individual components of growth and that observed using 2021, 2016, 2011 and 2006 census-based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.