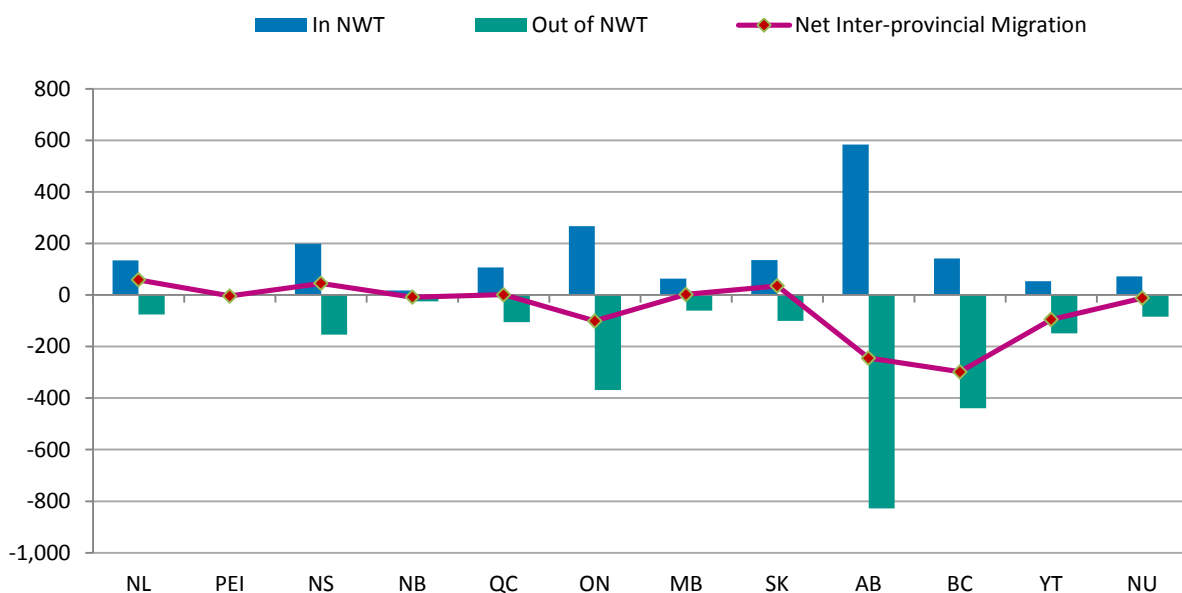


## Northwest Territories Population January 2020

On January 1, 2020 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,904 people were living in the Northwest Territories. Between January 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020, the population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 143 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 595 births and 253 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 342 persons. Interprovincial migration accounted for 1,772 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,393 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 621 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 136 persons.

Historically, Alberta has accounted for the largest number of net inter-provincial migrants to the NWT. In 2020, 583 persons moved to the NWT from Alberta, while 828 persons moved from the territory to Alberta, resulting in the second highest net loss of 245 persons. British Columbia had the highest net loss of 298 persons with 141 persons moving to the NWT from British Columbia and 439 persons moving out of the NWT to British Columbia. The highest net gain of migrants was from Newfoundland and Labrador (+59) followed by Nova Scotia (+45) (Figure 1).

Figure 1 Inter-provincial Migration by Province and Territory, January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020



At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.6% between January 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020. Prince Edward Island and Nunavut experienced the largest increases of 2.0% followed by Ontario (+1.9%) and Alberta (+1.8%), exceeding Canada's growth. Newfoundland and Labrador was the only other jurisdiction besides NWT that saw their population decline (-0.5%).

**Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory  
January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2020**

	2020 1-Jan	(%) Change	2019 1-Jan	(%) Change	2018 1-Jan	(%) Change	2017 1-Jan	(%) Change
Canada	37,894,799	1.6	37,311,904	1.4	36,788,832	1.3	36,313,430	1.2
Northwest Territories	44,904	-0.3	45,047	0.0	45,062	1.0	44,616	0.2
Nunavut	39,097	2.0	38,341	1.7	37,694	1.4	37,184	1.3
Yukon	41,078	0.9	40,692	1.7	40,019	3.0	38,859	2.9
British Columbia	5,110,917	1.6	5,031,893	1.5	4,959,616	1.5	4,887,201	1.6
Alberta	4,413,146	1.8	4,335,768	1.5	4,270,923	1.2	4,219,710	1.2
Saskatchewan	1,181,666	1.0	1,170,028	1.1	1,157,543	1.2	1,143,702	1.4
Manitoba	1,377,517	1.1	1,361,997	1.3	1,344,864	1.5	1,324,462	1.7
Ontario	14,711,827	1.9	14,441,694	1.8	14,188,919	1.5	13,972,735	1.4
Quebec	8,537,674	1.3	8,429,241	1.0	8,342,243	1.0	8,256,463	0.8
New Brunswick	779,993	0.9	772,790	0.6	768,309	0.5	764,699	0.5
Nova Scotia	977,457	1.3	965,249	1.14	954,397	0.87	946,133	0.8
Prince Edward Island	158,158	2.0	155,111	2.3	151,648	2.3	148,228	2.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	521,365	-0.5	524,053	-0.7	527,595	-0.3	529,438	0.1

The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2013 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, 2013 to January 1, 2020

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2019	Jan-Dec	45,047	44,904	595	253	1,772	2,393	-621	136	-
	Oct-Dec	44,895	44,904	146	63	270	383	-113	39	-
	Jul-Sep	44,826	44,895	152	60	445	499	-54	31	-
	Apr-Jun	44,909	44,826	133	58	652	827	-175	17	-
	Jan-Mar	45,047	44,909	164	72	405	684	-279	49	-
2018	Jan-Dec	45,062	45,047	604	247	2,016	2,501	-485	113	-
	Oct-Dec	44,875	45,047	146	61	408	361	47	40	-
	Jul-Sep	44,956	44,875	152	59	455	646	-191	17	-
	Apr-Jun	45,302	44,956	138	56	567	993	-426	-2	-
	Jan-Mar	45,062	45,302	168	71	586	501	85	58	-
2017	Jan-Dec	44,616	45,062	616	239	2,043	2,189	-146	215	-
	Oct-Dec	45,132	45,062	151	59	162	326	-164	2	-
	Jul-Sep	44,908	45,132	156	57	517	441	76	49	-
	Apr-Jun	44,827	44,908	140	54	656	754	-98	93	-
	Jan-Mar	44,616	44,827	169	69	708	668	40	71	-
2016	Jan-Dec	44,507	44,616	642	237	1,791	2,291	-500	200	-4
	Oct-Dec	44,554	44,616	133	54	200	256	-56	39	-
	Jul-Sep	44,649	44,554	158	63	395	656	-261	71	-
	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
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

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.