

Northwest Territories Population – January 2017 –

On January 1, 2017 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,263 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a decrease of 0.4% from the previous year. At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.3% between January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017. Growth in the majority of provinces and territories exceeded the national level with the exception of Quebec (0.8%), Nova Scotia (0.7%) and New Brunswick (0.4%); Newfoundland & Labrador stayed unchanged.

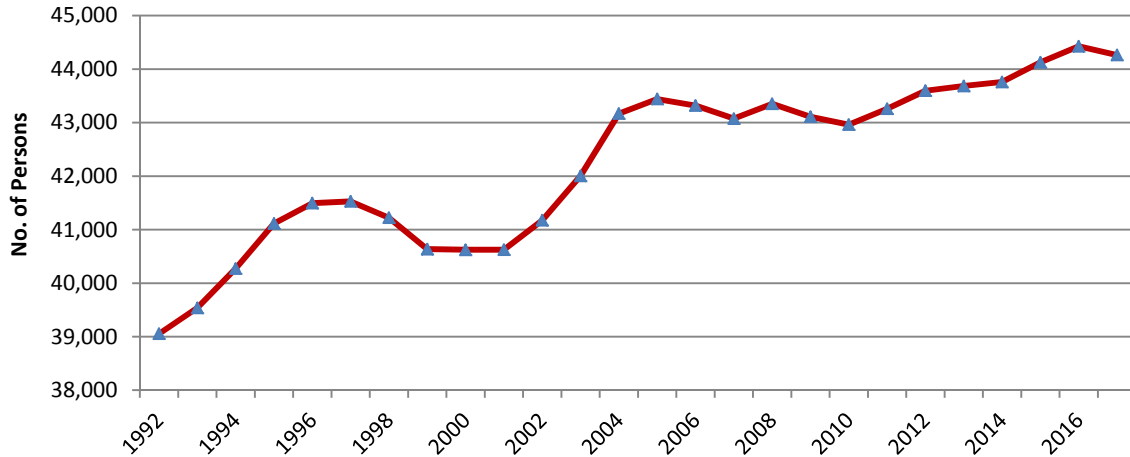
Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2017

	2017 1-Jan	(%) Incr.	2016 1-Jan	(%) Incr.	2015 1-Jan	(%) Incr.	2014 1-Jan	(%) Incr.
Canada	36,503,097	1.3	36,038,515	0.9	35,701,743	1.0	35,339,468	1.2
Northwest Territories	44,263	-0.4	44,426	0.7	44,126	0.8	43,760	0.2
Nunavut	37,280	1.4	36,783	1.4	36,274	1.8	35,639	1.7
Yukon	37,693	1.5	37,148	0.6	36,909	2.1	36,166	0.0
British Columbia	4,777,157	1.3	4,715,559	0.9	4,672,792	1.2	4,615,246	1.0
Alberta	4,280,127	1.5	4,216,375	1.7	4,146,691	2.4	4,050,711	3.0
Saskatchewan	1,158,339	1.5	1,141,122	1.2	1,127,777	1.3	1,113,221	1.6
Manitoba	1,328,346	1.7	1,306,487	1.3	1,289,177	1.3	1,272,759	1.1
Ontario	14,094,167	1.6	13,875,274	1.0	13,736,348	0.9	13,618,474	1.0
Quebec	8,356,851	0.8	8,287,843	0.6	8,237,833	0.7	8,180,148	0.8
New Brunswick	757,771	0.4	754,899	0.0	755,111	-0.1	755,641	-0.1
Nova Scotia	952,024	0.7	945,850	0.2	943,748	0.0	943,812	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	149,383	1.5	147,243	0.7	146,208	0.6	145,316	0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	529,696	0.0	529,506	0.1	528,749	0.0	528,575	0.2

Between January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, the population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 163 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 687 births and 235 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 452 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 1,995 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,838 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 843 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 228 persons.

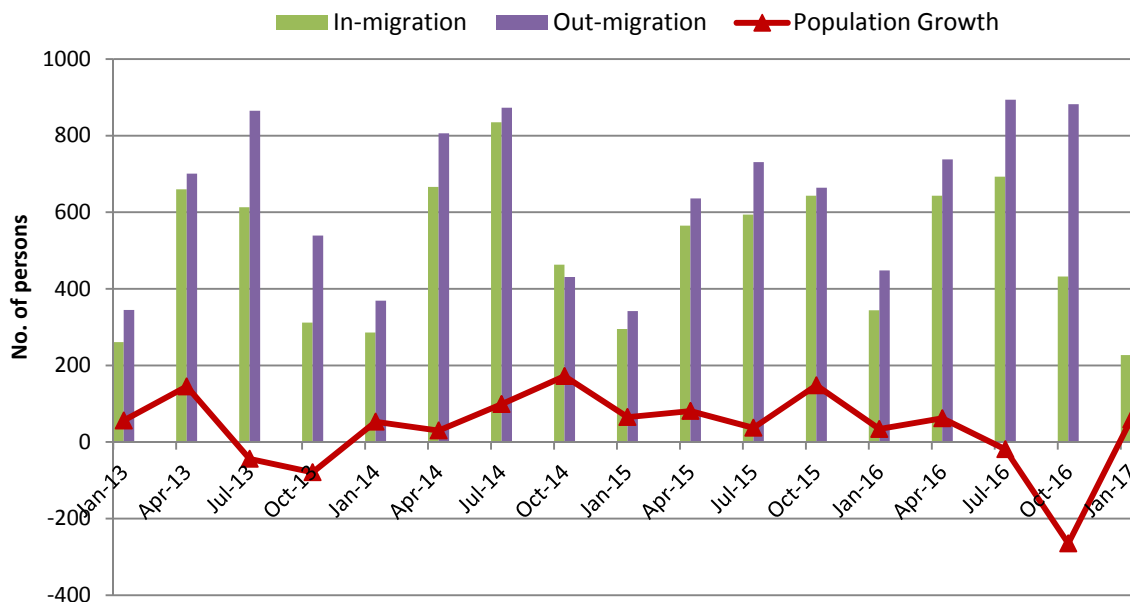
During the fourth quarter of 2016, the NWT population grew by 59 persons. The population increase was a result of a gain of 99 persons through natural increase and a loss of 40 persons through migration. As Figure 1 demonstrates, the NWT population was relatively flat between 2004 and 2010 and it has been on slight increase since then.

Figure 1 NWT Population Estimates, January 1, 1992 to January 1, 2017



In the NWT, population growth fluctuates based on migration patterns. Between October, 1 2016 and January 1, 2017, the number of persons who moved in to the territory was the lowest since the fourth quarter of 2005, while the number of persons moving out of the territory was the lowest since the fourth quarter of 2009 leaving the NWT with the negative net interprovincial migration of 97 persons (Figure 2).

Figure 2 NWT Interprovincial Migration and Population Growth, January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2017



The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2010 are presented in Table 2.

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, 2010 to January 1, 2017**

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2016	Jan-Dec	44,426	44,263	687	235	1,995	2,838	-843	228	-
	Oct-Dec	44,204	44,263	159	60	227	324	-97	57	-
	Jul-Sep	44,469	44,204	172	68	432	882	-450	81	-
	Apr-Jun	44,488	44,469	170	53	693	894	-201	65	-
	Jan-Mar	44,426	44,488	186	54	643	738	-95	25	-
2015	Jan-Dec	44,126	44,426	685	227	2,146	2,479	-333	175	-
	Oct-Dec	44,392	44,426	159	59	344	448	-104	38	-
	Jul-Sep	44,244	44,392	170	67	643	664	-21	66	-
	Apr-Jun	44,207	44,244	170	50	594	731	-137	54	-
	Jan-Mar	44,126	44,207	186	51	565	636	-71	17	-
2014	Jan-Dec	43,760	44,126	687	217	2,259	2,452	-193	89	-
	Oct-Dec	44,061	44,126	160	57	295	342	-47	9	-
	Jul-Sep	43,889	44,061	171	64	463	431	32	33	-
	Apr-Jun	43,790	43,889	170	49	835	873	-38	16	-
	Jan-Mar	43,760	43,790	186	47	666	806	-140	31	-
2013	Jan-Dec	43,685	43,760	689	209	1,871	2,474	-603	198	-
	Oct-Dec	43,707	43,760	159	55	286	369	-83	32	-
	Jul-Sep	43,786	43,707	172	62	312	539	-227	38	-
	Apr-Jun	43,830	43,786	172	47	613	865	-252	83	-
	Jan-Mar	43,685	43,830	186	45	660	701	-41	45	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,597	43,685	688	200	1,864	2,394	-530	130	-
2011	Jan-Dec	43,258	43,597	690	188	2,169	2,274	-105	-10	48
2010	Jan-Dec	42,962	43,258	700	184	1,890	2,060	-170	85	135

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.