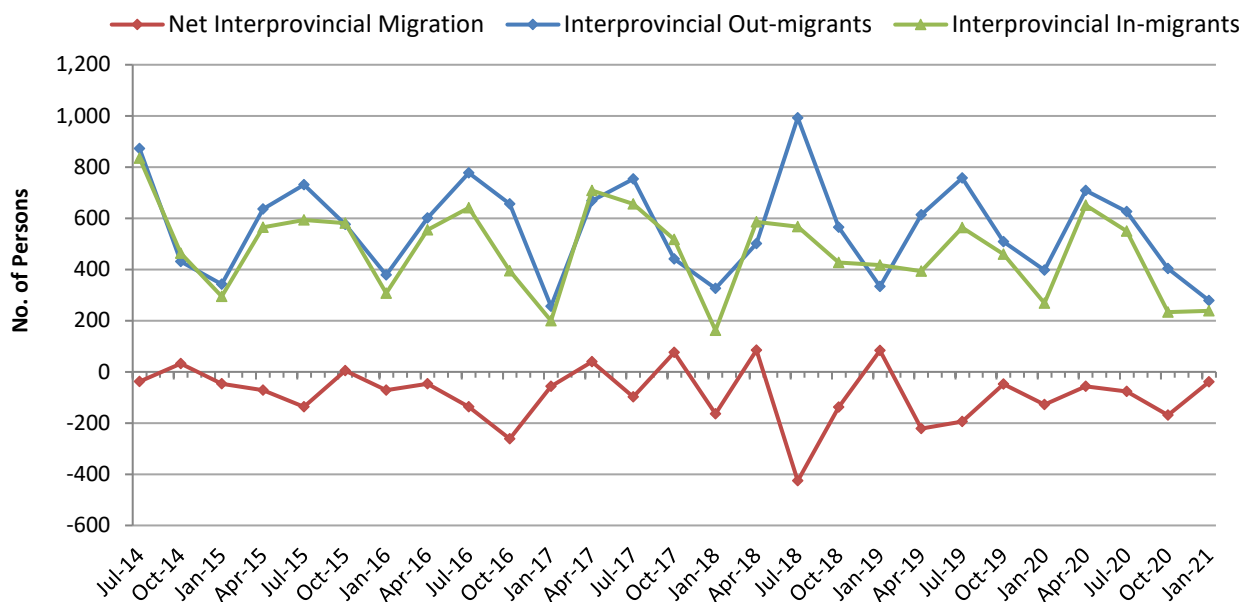


Northwest Territories Population January 2021

On January 1, 2021 Statistics Canada estimated that 45,136 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a gain of 17 persons from a year previously. Between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021, the components of natural increase consisted of 572 births and 264 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 308 persons. Interprovincial migration accounted for 1,674 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,015 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 341 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 50 persons.

Interprovincial migration is the main driver of population change in the Northwest Territories. Historically, migration generally follows a seasonal pattern with more people moving to and from the territory in the first half of the year compared to the latter half (Figure 1).

Figure 1 Interprovincial Migrants
Northwest Territories, July 1, 2014 – January 1, 2021



At the national level, Canada's population growth in 2020 was 1.1 percentage points lower than in 2019 primarily due to decreased international migration and increased number of deaths due to COVID-19 pandemic. Smaller growth rates compared to the previous year were prevalent throughout all the provinces and territories except for Nunavut which grew by 1.8% (Table 1). Growth was negative in Newfoundland and Labrador (-0.6%).

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

	2021 01-Jan	(%) Change	2020 01-Jan	(%) Change	2019 01-Jan	(%) Change	2018 01-Jan	(%) Change
Canada	38,048,738	0.4	37,899,277	1.5	37,324,239	1.4	36,798,442	1.3
Northwest Territories	45,136	0.0	45,119	-0.2	45,194	0.3	45,066	1.0
Nunavut	39,407	1.8	38,726	1.0	38,348	1.8	37,685	1.4
Yukon	42,192	1.1	41,731	1.9	40,947	2.4	40,006	3.0
British Columbia	5,153,039	0.4	5,131,575	1.7	5,046,576	1.6	4,967,421	1.6
Alberta	4,436,258	0.8	4,402,045	1.6	4,330,698	1.4	4,268,853	1.2
Saskatchewan	1,178,832	0.0	1,179,154	0.9	1,168,461	1.0	1,156,659	1.2
Manitoba	1,380,935	0.3	1,377,004	1.1	1,361,632	1.3	1,344,418	1.5
Ontario	14,755,211	0.5	14,689,075	1.8	14,428,712	1.7	14,186,830	1.5
Quebec	8,575,944	0.2	8,556,650	1.3	8,446,906	1.2	8,350,601	1.1
New Brunswick	782,078	0.3	780,040	0.9	772,748	0.6	768,005	0.4
Nova Scotia	979,449	0.4	975,898	1.2	963,890	1.05	953,838	0.8
Prince Edward Island	159,819	0.8	158,629	2.2	155,244	2.5	151,516	2.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	520,438	-0.6	523,631	-0.2	524,883	-0.5	527,544	-0.3

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 January 1, 2021

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
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.