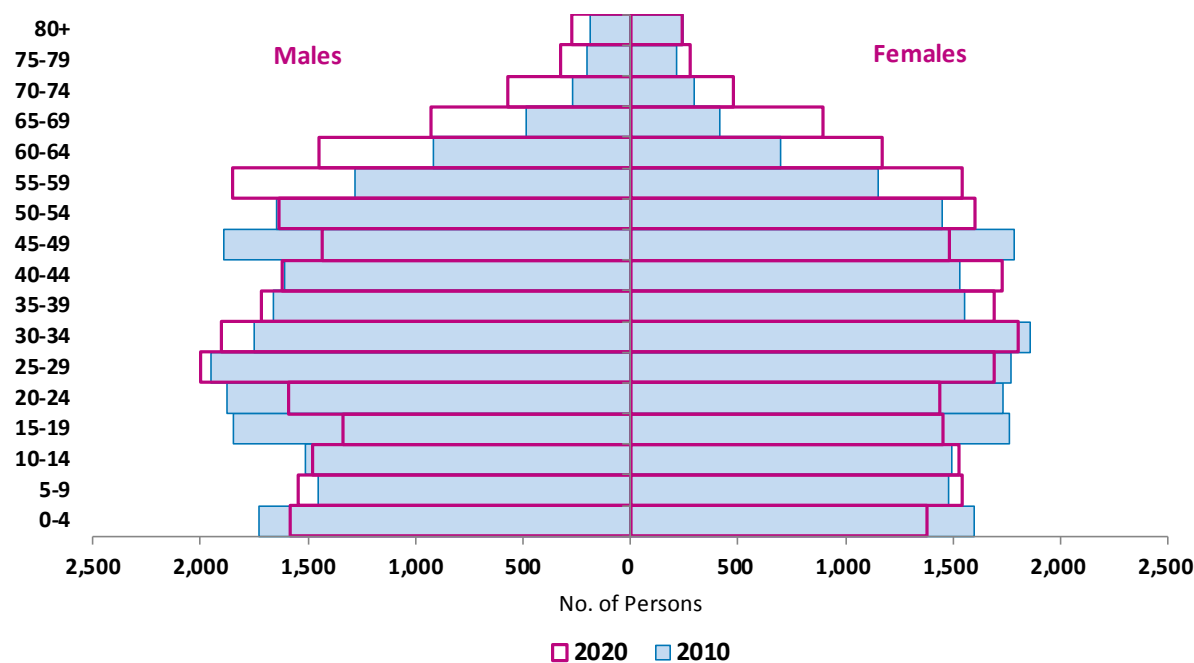


## Northwest Territories Population July 2020

On July 1, 2020 Statistics Canada estimated that 45,161 people were living in the Northwest Territories, of which 23,231 (51.4%) were males and 21,930 (48.6%) were females. Historically, there have been more males than females in the NWT. Nunavut, Yukon, Alberta and Saskatchewan also have higher proportion of males in the population, while all other provinces have a higher proportion of females in the population.

The population pyramid in Figure 1 illustrates the aging of the NWT population between July 1, 2010 and July 1, 2020. Although the median age rose from 31.9 to 35.5 years in the past 10 years, the population remains relatively young. By comparison, the median age for Canada rose from 39.8 to 40.9 years over the same period.

Figure 1 Northwest Territories Population Distribution, by Age and Sex  
July 1, 2010 and July 1, 2020



As of July 1, 2020 the proportion of those aged 5 to 19 years old (school-aged population) in the NWT was 19.7%, second largest after Nunavut (29.3%). From July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2020, the population of NWT's school-aged children declined by 6.9%, while Nunavut had the second highest growth after Alberta. Newfoundland and Labrador saw the largest decrease in school-aged population (-8.7%) (Figure 2).

Figure 3 demonstrates the growth of seniors population – those aged 60 and older. Between July 1, 2010 and July 1, 2020, the increase in the seniors population in the NWT (+68.5%) was the second largest after Yukon (+77.4%), while at the national level the seniors population grew by 38.5% during the same period. Saskatchewan (+27.8%) saw the smallest growth of seniors population in 10 years. The proportion of seniors in the population varies from one province/territory to another – ranging from 6.8% in Nunavut to 30.4% in Newfoundland and Labrador. NWT has the second smallest proportion of those aged 60 and older at 14.6%.

Figure 2 Growth of School-aged Population from 2010 to 2020

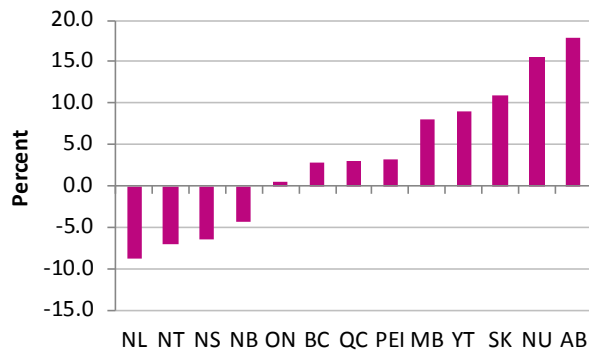
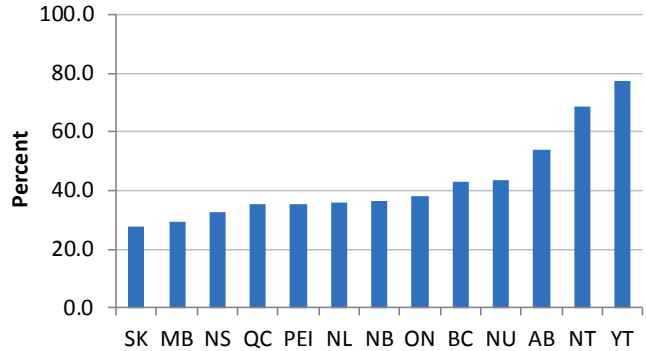


Figure 3 Growth of Seniors Population from 2010 to 2020



Overall, Canada's population increased by 1.1% between July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020 (Table 1). Nunavut experienced the largest increase followed by Prince Edward Island, Yukon, Alberta and Ontario, exceeding Canada's growth. Newfoundland and Labrador was the only jurisdiction that saw their population decline (-0.3%).

In the NWT, between July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020, the population increased by 133 persons (+0.3%). The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 576 births and 247 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 329 persons. Interprovincial migration accounted for 1,930 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,239 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 309 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 113 persons.

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

|                              | 2020<br>1-Jul | (%)<br>Change | 2019<br>1-Jul | (%)<br>Change | 2018<br>1-Jul | (%)<br>Change | 2017<br>1-Jul | (%)<br>Change |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Canada                       | 38,005,238    | 1.1           | 37,593,384    | 1.4           | 37,065,178    | 1.4           | 36,545,295    | 1.2           |
| <b>Northwest Territories</b> | <b>45,161</b> | <b>0.3</b>    | <b>45,028</b> | <b>0.1</b>    | <b>44,981</b> | <b>0.2</b>    | <b>44,891</b> | <b>0.5</b>    |
| Nunavut                      | 39,353        | 1.9           | 38,614        | 1.2           | 38,143        | 1.6           | 37,546        | 1.5           |
| Yukon                        | 42,052        | 1.4           | 41,477        | 2.1           | 40,613        | 2.4           | 39,669        | 2.9           |
| British Columbia             | 5,147,712     | 1.1           | 5,090,955     | 1.6           | 5,010,476     | 1.6           | 4,929,384     | 1.4           |
| Alberta                      | 4,421,876     | 1.4           | 5,090,955     | 1.5           | 4,298,275     | 1.3           | 4,241,100     | 1.1           |
| Saskatchewan                 | 1,178,681     | 0.5           | 5,090,955     | 0.9           | 1,161,767     | 1.0           | 1,150,331     | 1.3           |
| Manitoba                     | 1,379,263     | 0.7           | 1,369,540     | 1.2           | 1,352,825     | 1.4           | 1,334,790     | 1.6           |
| Ontario                      | 14,734,014    | 1.3           | 14,544,718    | 1.6           | 14,308,697    | 1.7           | 14,070,141    | 1.4           |
| Quebec                       | 8,574,571     | 0.9           | 8,501,703     | 1.2           | 8,401,738     | 1.2           | 8,302,063     | 0.9           |
| New Brunswick                | 781,476       | 0.6           | 776,868       | 0.9           | 770,301       | 0.5           | 766,621       | 0.4           |
| Nova Scotia                  | 979,351       | 1.0           | 969,747       | 1.18          | 958,406       | 0.87          | 950,108       | 0.8           |
| Prince Edward Island         | 159,625       | 1.5           | 157,262       | 2.5           | 153,396       | 2.0           | 150,402       | 2.3           |
| Newfoundland & Labrador      | 522,103       | -0.3          | 523,476       | -0.4          | 525,560       | -0.5          | 528,249       | -0.2          |

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 July 1, 2020

|      |         | Beginning<br>Population | Ending<br>Population | Births | Deaths | --- Interprovincial Migration --- |       |      | Net<br>International | Error of<br>Closure |
|------|---------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------|------|----------------------|---------------------|
|      |         |                         |                      |        |        | In                                | Out   | Net  |                      |                     |
| 2020 | 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                  | -                   |
|      | Oct-Dec | 45,126                  | 45,066               | 151    | 59     | 162                               | 326   | -164 | 12                   | -                   |
|      | Jul-Sep | 44,891                  | 45,126               | 156    | 56     | 517                               | 441   | 76   | 59                   | -                   |
|      | Apr-Jun | 44,813                  | 44,891               | 140    | 54     | 656                               | 754   | -98  | 90                   | -                   |
|      | Jan-Mar | 44,607                  | 44,813               | 169    | 70     | 708                               | 668   | 40   | 67                   | -                   |
| 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.