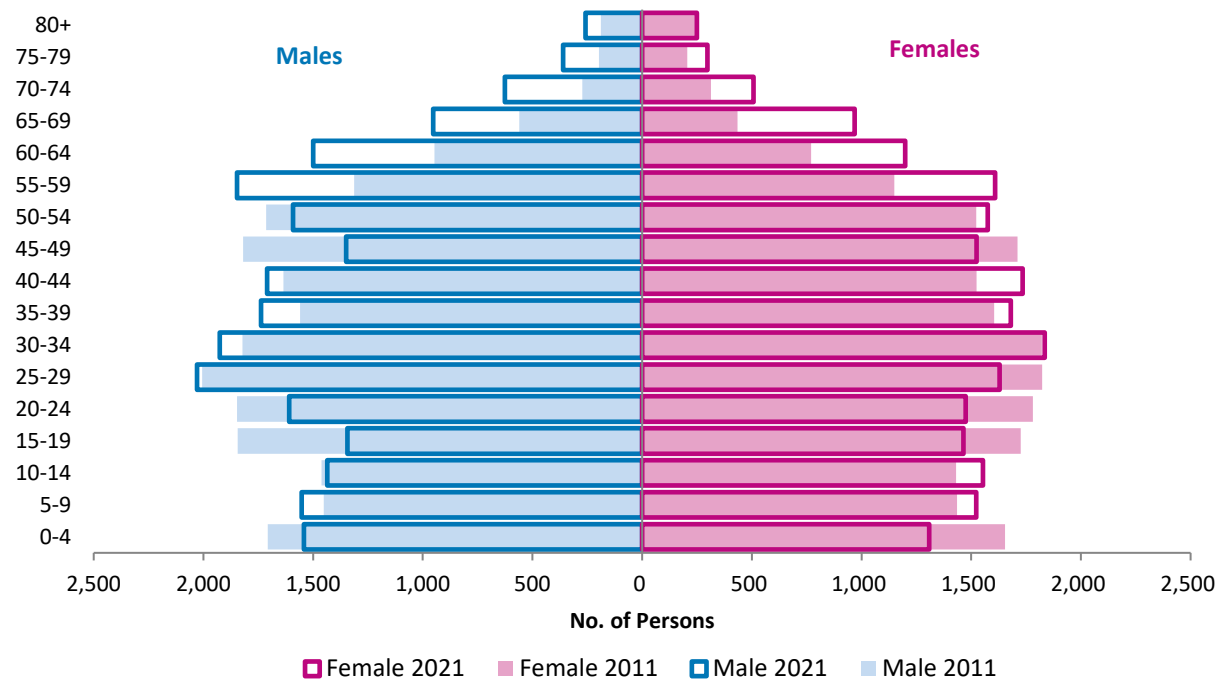


Northwest Territories Population July 2021

On July 1, 2021 Statistics Canada estimated that 45,504 people were living in the Northwest Territories, of which 23,367 (51.4%) were males and 22,137 (48.6%) were females. Historically, there have been more males than females in the NWT. Nunavut and Yukon also have similar proportions of males to females and Quebec, Alberta and Saskatchewan have just over 50.0% of males, 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, 2011 and July 1, 2021. During this period, the number of persons 60 years old and older grew by about 71% for males and 63% for females. Although the median age rose from 32.1 to 35.8 years in the past 10 years, the NWT population remains second youngest after Nunavut with a median age of 26.5 years in 2021. By comparison, the median age for Canada rose from 40.0 to 41.1 years over the same period.

Figure 1 Northwest Territories Population Distribution, by Age and Sex
July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2021



Overall, Canada's population increased by 0.5% between July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021, the smallest annual increase since the beginning of comparable data series (1972) (Table 1). Yukon and Prince Edward Island experienced the largest increases, Newfoundland and Labrador was the only jurisdiction that saw their population decline (-0.2%). Between July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021, in Canada, natural increase (births minus deaths) was the lowest annual increase since 1972 with the annual highest number of deaths since the same time and lower than pre-pandemic number of births. Total net international migration was 2.3 times lower than 2020 and the lowest since 1972.

In the NWT, between July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021, the population increased by 132 persons (+0.3%). The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 549 births and 271 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 278 persons. Interprovincial migration accounted for 1,867 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,127 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 260 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 114 persons.

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

	2021 01-Jul	(%) Change	2020 01-Jul	(%) Change	2019 01-Jul	(%) Change	2018 01-Jul	(%) Change
Canada	38,246,108	0.5	38,037,204	1.2	37,601,230	1.4	37,065,084	1.4
Northwest Territories	45,504	0.3	45,372	0.7	45,070	0.2	44,981	0.2
Nunavut	39,403	0.6	39,155	1.5	38,592	1.2	38,143	1.6
Yukon	42,986	1.9	42,174	2.0	41,362	2.1	40,519	2.3
British Columbia	5,214,805	1.1	5,158,728	1.3	5,094,796	1.7	5,010,476	1.6
Alberta	4,442,879	0.5	4,420,029	1.3	4,362,576	1.5	4,298,275	1.3
Saskatchewan	1,179,844	0.0	1,179,300	0.6	1,172,479	0.9	1,161,767	1.0
Manitoba	1,383,765	0.2	1,380,648	0.8	1,369,954	1.3	1,352,825	1.4
Ontario	14,826,276	0.5	14,745,712	1.4	14,544,701	1.6	14,308,697	1.7
Quebec	8,604,495	0.3	8,578,300	0.9	8,503,483	1.2	8,401,738	1.2
New Brunswick	789,225	0.8	783,204	0.8	777,128	0.9	770,301	0.5
Nova Scotia	992,055	1.0	981,889	1.2	970,243	1.2	958,406	0.9
Prince Edward Island	164,318	1.9	161,329	2.5	157,419	2.6	153,396	2.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	520,553	-0.2	521,364	-0.4	523,427	-0.4	525,560	-0.5

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, 2021

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2021	Apr-Jun	45,629	45,504	140	60	637	891	-254	49	-
	Jan-Mar	45,323	45,629	125	72	759	551	208	45	-
2020	Jan-Dec	45,269	45,323	555	266	1,634	1,931	-297	62	-
	Oct-Dec	45,265	45,323	124	60	237	279	-42	36	-
	Jul-Sep	45,372	45,265	160	79	234	406	-172	-16	-
	Apr-Jun	45,363	45,372	144	72	536	583	-47	-16	-
	Jan-Mar	45,269	45,363	127	55	627	663	-36	58	-
2019	Jan-Dec	45,202	45,269	591	225	1,705	2,206	-501	202	-
	Oct-Dec	45,189	45,269	161	54	279	353	-74	47	-
	Jul-Sep	45,070	45,189	141	63	470	482	-12	53	-
	Apr-Jun	45,137	45,070	140	59	563	757	-194	46	-
	Jan-Mar	45,202	45,137	149	49	393	614	-221	56	-
2018	Jan-Dec	45,066	45,202	625	239	1,997	2,392	-395	145	-
	Oct-Dec	44,970	45,202	155	58	417	333	84	51	-
	Jul-Sep	44,981	44,970	155	59	427	565	-138	31	-
	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.