

Northwest Territories Population July 2022

On July 1, 2022, Statistics Canada estimated that 45,605 people were living in the Northwest Territories, of which 23,450 (51.4%) were males and 22,155 (48.6%) were females. Historically, in the NWT, there have been more males than females. Nunavut, Yukon, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Quebec 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, 2012 and July 1, 2022. Although the median age rose from 32.5 to 35.8 years in the past 10 years, the population remains relatively young. By comparison, the median age for Canada rose from 40.1 to 41.0 years over the same period.

Figure 1 Population Distribution, by Age and Sex, Northwest Territories, July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2022

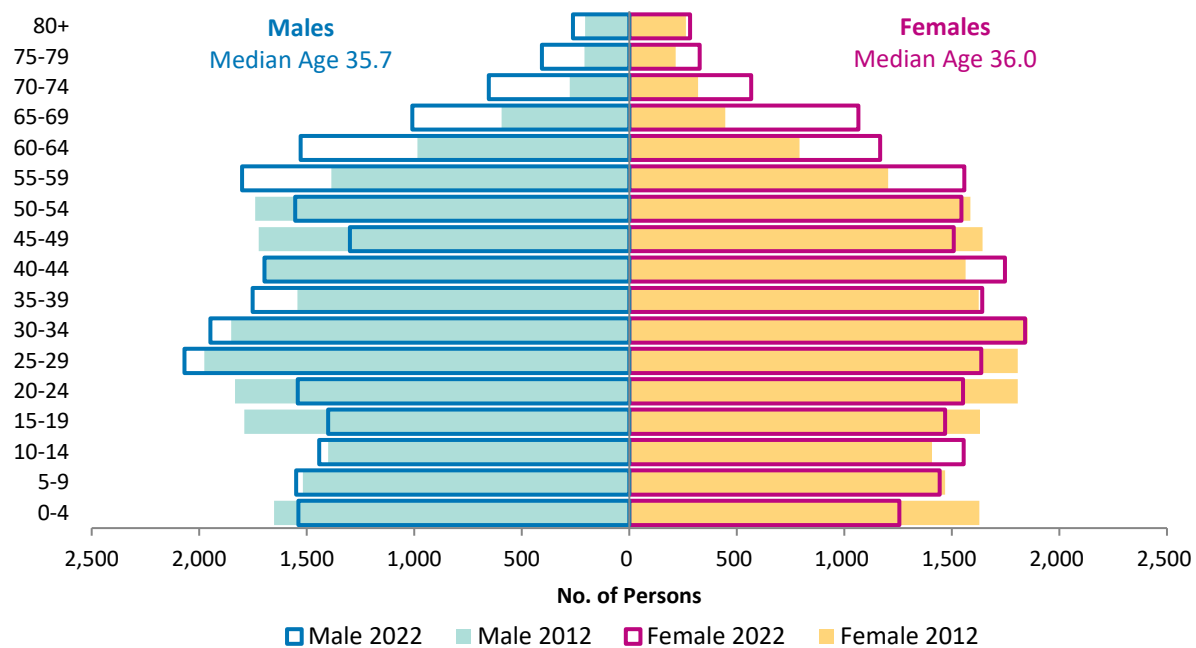
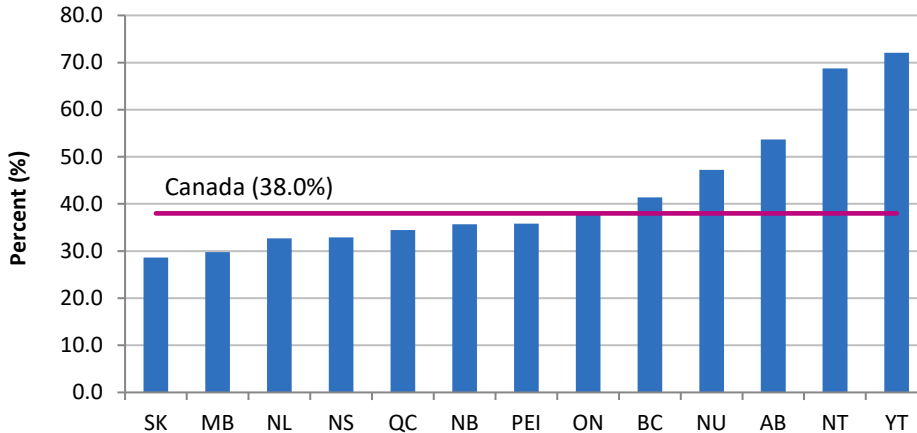


Figure 2 demonstrates the growth of senior population – those aged 60 and older. Between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2022, the increase in the seniors population in the NWT (+68.8%) was the second largest after Yukon (+72.1%), while at the national level, the seniors population grew by 38.0% during the same period. Saskatchewan (+28.6%) saw the smallest growth of senior population in 10 years. The proportion of seniors in the population varies from one province/territory to another – ranging from 7.6% in Nunavut to 31.7% in Newfoundland and Labrador. NWT has the second smallest proportion of those aged 60 and older at 15.9% compared to Canada at 25.6%.

**Figure 2 Growth of Seniors Population
Northwest Territories, July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2022**



Overall, Canada’s population increased by 1.8% between July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022 (Table 1). All jurisdictions saw population increases with Prince Edward Island experienced the largest growth of 3.6% followed by Nova Scotia (+2.9) and New Brunswick (+2.7).

**Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2022**

	2022 01-Jul	(%) Change	2021 01-Jul	(%) Change	2020 01-Jul	(%) Change	2019 01-Jul	(%) Change
Canada	38,929,902	1.8	38,226,498	0.6	38,007,166	1.1	37,601,230	1.4
Northwest Territories	45,605	0.0	45,597	0.6	45,346	0.6	45,070	0.2
Nunavut	40,526	2.1	39,711	1.4	39,157	1.5	38,592	1.2
Yukon	43,789	1.2	43,250	2.6	42,163	1.9	41,362	2.1
British Columbia	5,319,324	2.2	5,202,378	0.9	5,155,495	1.2	5,094,796	1.7
Alberta	4,543,111	2.2	4,443,773	0.6	4,416,682	1.2	4,362,576	1.5
Saskatchewan	1,194,803	1.1	1,181,493	0.3	1,178,467	0.5	1,172,479	0.9
Manitoba	1,409,223	1.2	1,391,979	0.9	1,379,888	0.7	1,369,954	1.3
Ontario	15,109,416	2.0	14,809,257	0.6	14,726,022	1.2	14,544,701	1.6
Quebec	8,695,659	1.1	8,602,335	0.3	8,576,595	0.9	8,503,483	1.2
New Brunswick	812,061	2.7	790,398	0.9	782,996	0.8	777,128	0.9
Nova Scotia	1,019,725	2.9	991,117	1.0	981,691	1.2	970,243	1.2
Prince Edward Island	170,688	3.6	164,758	2.1	161,305	2.5	157,419	2.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	525,972	1.1	520,452	-0.2	521,359	-0.4	523,427	-0.4

Between July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022, the population in the Northwest Territories was virtually unchanged. The net loss from interprovincial migration of 517 persons moving to other provinces and territories was almost completely offset by natural increase (births less deaths) and international immigration.

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, 2022

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2022	Apr-Jun	45,698	45,605	129	66	789	1,033	-244	88	-
	Jan-Mar	45,710	45,698	145	73	493	639	-146	62	-
2021	Jan-Dec	45,355	45,710	548	262	1,977	2,120	-143	212	-
	Oct-Dec	45,607	45,710	119	68	284	283	1	51	-
	Jul-Sep	45,597	45,607	153	69	469	597	-128	54	-
	Apr-Jun	45,660	45,597	131	53	561	762	-201	60	-
	Jan-Mar	45,355	45,660	145	72	663	478	185	47	-
2020	Jan-Dec	45,270	45,355	570	282	1,600	1,843	-243	40	-
	Oct-Dec	45,275	45,355	136	69	234	253	-19	32	-
	Jul-Sep	45,346	45,275	163	77	203	344	-141	-16	-
	Apr-Jun	45,351	45,346	144	78	536	583	-47	-24	-
	Jan-Mar	45,270	45,351	127	58	627	663	-36	48	-
2019	Jan-Dec	45,202	45,269	591	225	1,705	2,206	-501	202	-
2018	Jan-Dec	45,066	45,202	625	239	1,997	2,392	-395	145	-
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.