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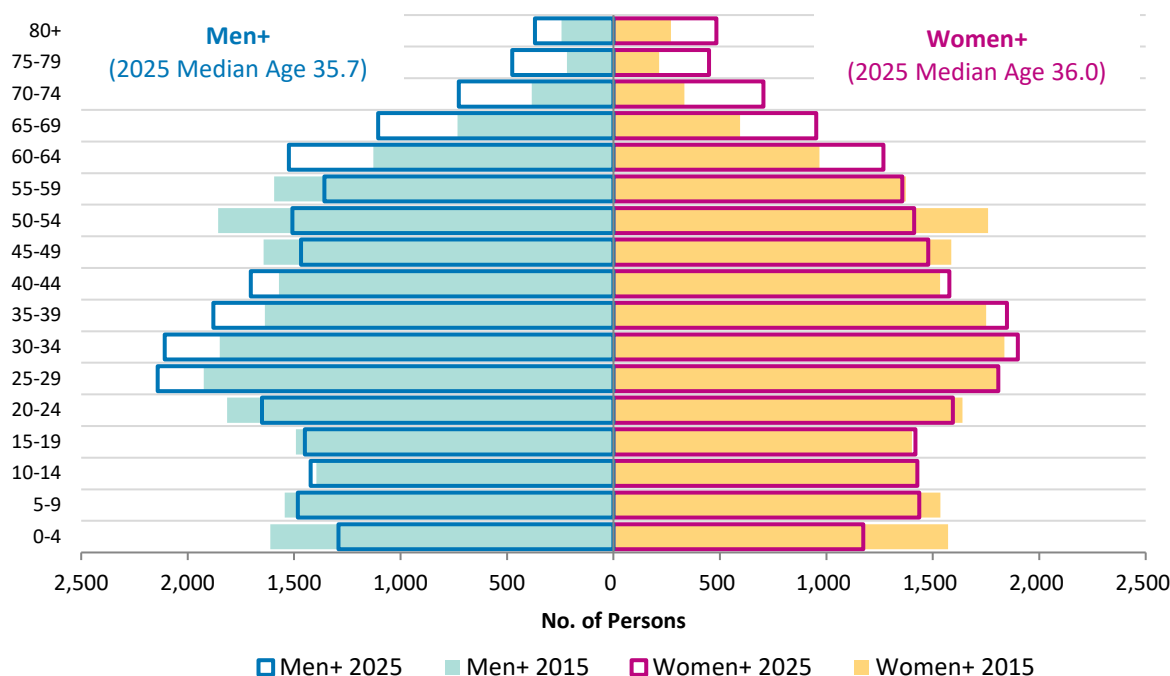
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Northwest Territories Population by Age and Gender July 2025

On July 1, 2025, Statistics Canada estimated that 45,950 people were living in the Northwest Territories, an increase of 693 people from one year ago. The components of natural increase over the one-year period consisted of 471 births and 276 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 195 persons. Interprovincial migration accounted for 1,864 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 1,874 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 10 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 508 persons.

Historically, the NWT has had a relatively young population; as of July 1, 2025 the median age in the territory was 35.8 years, compared to 40.6 for Canada. Despite the young median age, the NWT population is aging as illustrated by the population pyramid in Figure 1. The number of NWT seniors (those aged 60 and older) increased by 58.3%, while the number of seniors in Canada increased by 35.8% over the 10-year period.

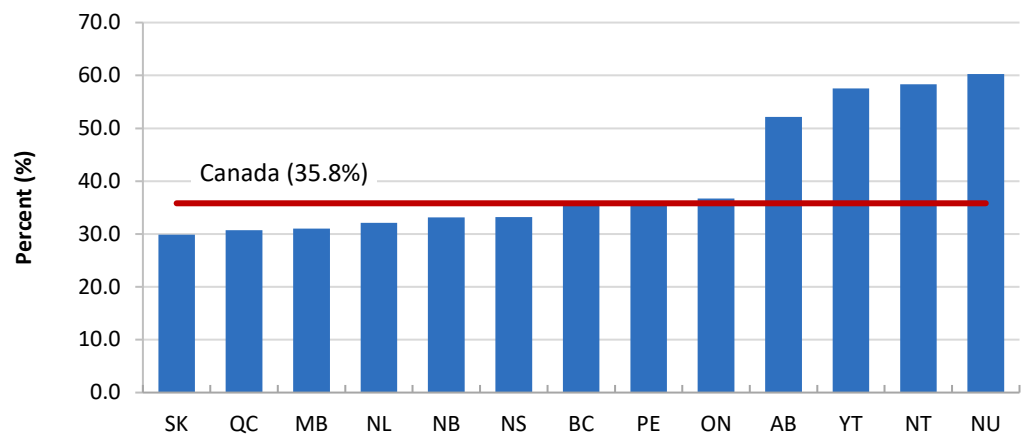
Figure 1 Population Distribution, by Age and Gender, Northwest Territories, July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2025



1. "Men+" includes men (and/or boys), as well as some non-binary persons.
2. "Women+" includes women (and/or girls), as well as some non-binary persons.

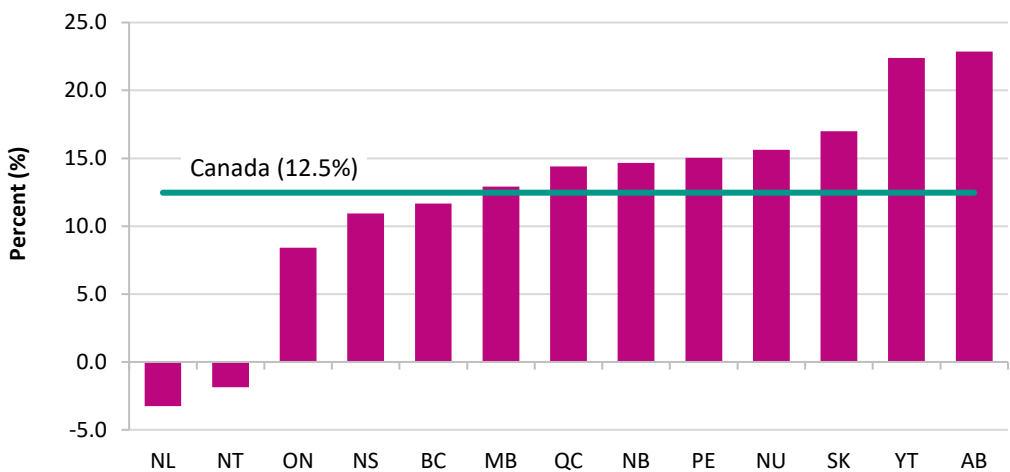
Figure 2 shows the growth in seniors in the provinces and territories. Between July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2025, Nunavut had the highest growth in seniors (+60.3%), followed by NWT, Yukon and Alberta. Saskatchewan (+29.9%) had the lowest growth in seniors over the same period. The proportion of seniors in the population also varied across provinces and territories, ranging from 8.7% in Nunavut to 33.1% in Newfoundland and Labrador. At 17.5%, the NWT had the second lowest proportion of seniors in Canada as of July 1, 2025.

Figure 2 Growth of Seniors Population from 2015 to 2025
Canada, Provinces and Territories



The proportion of those 5 to 19 years of age (school-aged population) in the NWT was 18.8%, the third largest after Nunavut (29.2%) and Saskatchewan (19.5%). From July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2025, only the NWT (-1.9%) and Newfoundland and Labrador (-3.2%) saw a decline in the number of school-aged children (Figure 3). Over the 10-year period, Alberta had the highest growth of school-aged population (+22.9%) closely followed by Yukon (+22.4%)

Figure 3 Growth of School-aged Population from 2015 to 2025
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Nationally, Canada's population increased by 0.9% between July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025 (Table 1). Alberta (+2.5%) was the fastest growing province year-over-year followed by Prince Edward Island (+1.6%) and Northwest Territories and Saskatchewan with both having a growth rate of 1.5%.

**Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025**

	2025 01-Jul	(%) Change	2024 01-Jul	(%) Change	2023 01-Jul	(%) Change	2022 01-Jul	(%) Change
Canada	41,651,653	0.9	41,262,329	3.0	40,049,088	2.8	38,950,132	1.9
Northwest Territories	45,950	1.5	45,257	1.4	44,614	0.0	44,631	0.1
Nunavut	41,830	1.0	41,410	1.2	40,916	0.8	40,603	1.3
Yukon	48,278	1.4	47,595	4.8	45,419	3.5	43,869	2.1
British Columbia	5,697,536	0.5	5,671,114	2.8	5,515,296	2.9	5,358,845	2.5
Alberta	5,029,346	2.5	4,909,030	4.7	4,688,576	3.9	4,512,731	1.8
Saskatchewan	1,266,959	1.5	1,247,868	3.1	1,210,257	2.7	1,178,796	0.9
Manitoba	1,509,702	1.2	1,492,144	2.7	1,453,202	2.8	1,413,498	1.5
Ontario	16,258,260	0.7	16,144,797	3.3	15,632,481	3.1	15,155,836	2.1
Quebec	9,058,297	0.7	8,995,474	2.0	8,821,696	1.8	8,669,963	1.1
New Brunswick	869,682	1.3	858,293	3.3	831,103	2.7	808,869	2.3
Nova Scotia	1,093,245	1.0	1,082,769	2.8	1,053,005	2.8	1,024,034	2.4
Prince Edward Island	182,657	1.6	179,709	3.4	173,734	3.9	167,200	3.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	549,911	0.6	546,869	1.5	538,789	1.4	531,257	0.8

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

These population estimates are based on the 2021 Census, adjusted for census net undercoverage. These estimates are considered preliminary and will 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 – July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2025

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	Interprovincial Migration			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
Quarterly										
2025	Apr-Jun	45,875	45,950	110	68	653	705	-52	85	0
	Jan-Mar	45,679	45,875	116	63	579	559	20	123	0
2024	Oct-Dec	45,520	45,679	117	73	248	276	-28	143	0
	Jul-Sep	45,257	45,520	128	72	537	487	50	157	0
	Apr-Jun	45,021	45,257	127	65	627	608	19	155	0
	Jan-Mar	44,655	45,021	119	61	786	680	106	202	0
2023	Oct-Dec	44,566	44,655	123	73	195	307	-112	151	0
	Jul-Sep	44,614	44,566	125	72	320	554	-234	133	0
	Apr-Jun	44,402	44,614	110	65	610	589	21	146	0
	Jan-Mar	44,403	44,402	124	61	723	890	-167	103	0
2022	Oct-Dec	44,559	44,403	121	81	187	460	-273	77	0
	Jul-Sep	44,631	44,559	112	83	323	488	-165	64	0
	Apr-Jun	44,773	44,631	117	71	696	971	-275	87	0
	Jan-Mar	44,741	44,773	157	78	505	616	-111	64	0
2021	Oct-Dec	44,573	44,741	122	79	308	259	49	76	0
	Jul-Sep	44,579	44,573	156	75	463	565	-102	15	0
	Apr-Jun	44,679	44,579	131	66	566	775	-209	69	-25
	Jan-Mar	44,432	44,679	145	83	664	480	184	58	-57
Annual										
2024-2025	July - June	45,257	45,950	471	276	1,864	1,874	-10	508	0
2023-2024	July - June	44,614	45,257	494	271	1,763	1,984	-780	641	0
2022-2023	July - June	44,631	44,614	467	290	1,619	2,203	-584	390	0
2021-2022	July - June	44,579	44,631	552	303	1,765	2,204	-439	242	0
2020-2021	July - June	44,504	44,579	575	295	1,445	1,621	-176	168	-197
2019-2020	July - June	44,442	44,504	567	253	1,814	1,983	-169	147	-230
2018-2019	July - June	44,536	44,442	597	226	1,578	2,047	-469	232	-228

Note: 1. Net International represents the net total of all Immigrants, Emigrants, Returning Canadians, Non-Permanent Residents and Individuals Temporarily Abroad.

2. Error of Closure represents the difference in population change as measured by the individual components of growth and that observed using 2021, 2016, 2011 and 2006 census-based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.