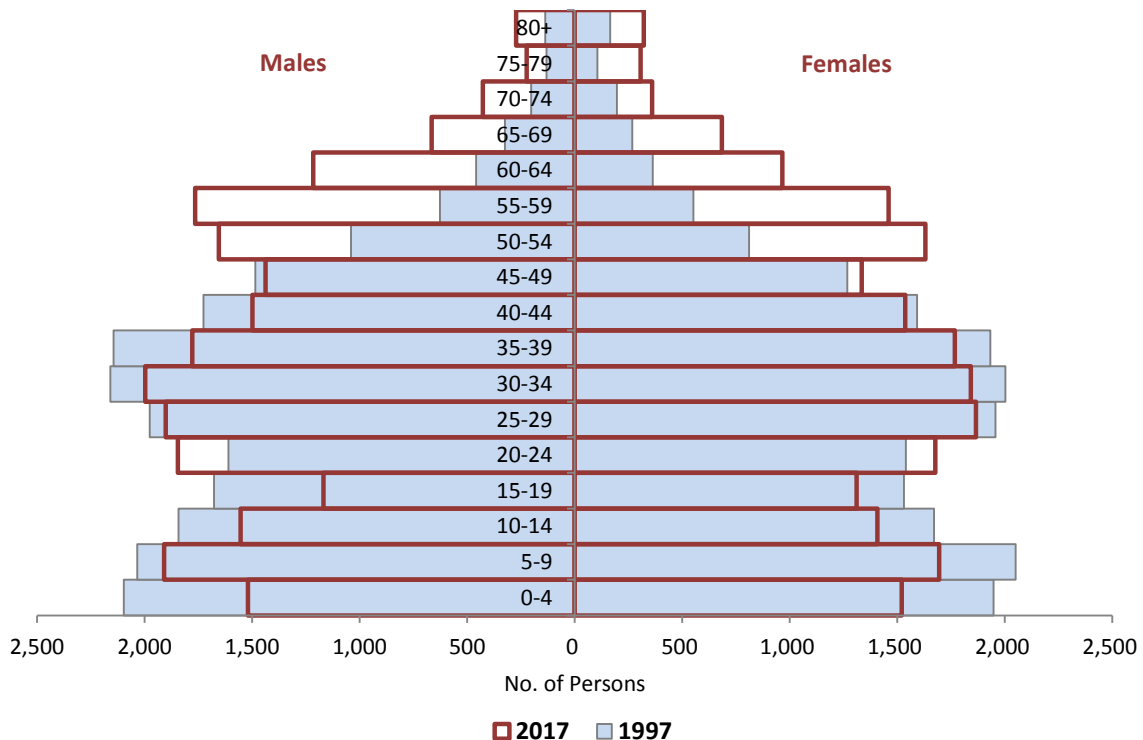


Northwest Territories Population – July 2017 –

On July 1, 2017 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,520 people were living in the Northwest Territories, of which 22,837 (51.3%) were males and 21,683 (48.7%) females. Historically, there have been more males than females in the NWT compared to Canada. The population pyramid in Figure 1 illustrates the aging of the NWT population between July 1, 1997 and July 1, 2017. This aging is also apparent by an increase in the NWT median age rising from 28.6 to 33.7 years in the past 20 years. However, compared to Canada, the NWT population remains relatively young as the median age at the national level was 40.6 years on July 1, 2017.

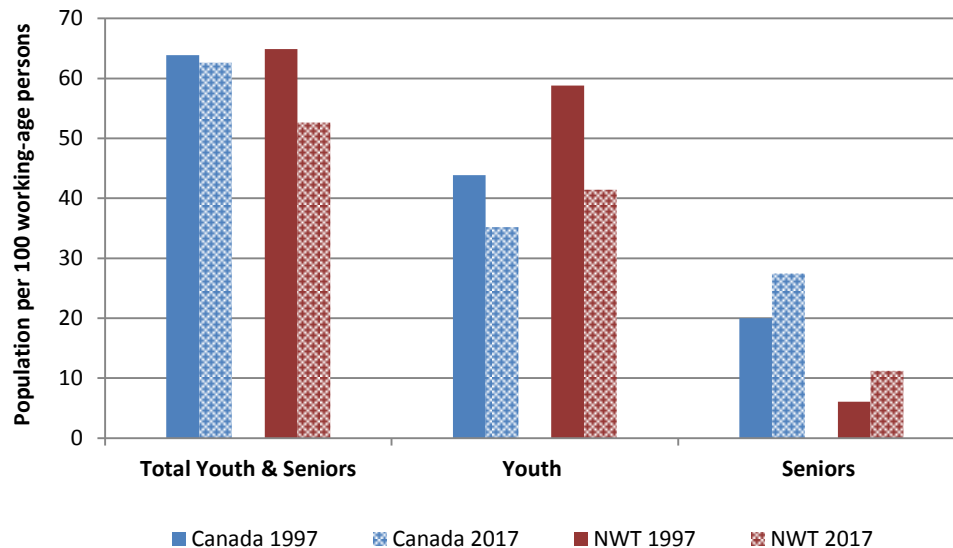
Figure 1 Northwest Territories Population Distribution, by Age and Sex
July 1, 1997 and July 1, 2017



Changes in the age composition of the population are highlighted by changes in demographic dependency ratios defined as the ratio of the youth population (0 to 19 years), senior population (65 or older) and the two combined to the working-age population (20 to 64 years). These ratios are the number of youth and/or seniors for every 100 working-age persons.

Between 1997 and 2017, the total demographic dependency ratio in the NWT fell from 65 to 53 dependents per 100 workers (Figure 2). In 1997, the youth dependency ratio was 59 youth for every 100 working-age persons, dropping to 41 in 2017. The opposite trend is observed for seniors; for every 100 working-age persons, there were 6 seniors in 1997 and 11 in 2017. By comparison, the total dependency ratio for Canada in 2017 remained similar to 1997 as increases in the senior population were offset by decreases in youth.

Figure 2 Total, Youth and Senior Dependency Ratios for Canada and NWT 1997 and 2017



At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.2% between Jul 1, 2016 and Jul 1, 2017 (Table 1). Growth in the majority of provinces and territories exceeded the national level with the exception of Yukon (1.0%), Quebec (0.9%), Nova Scotia (0.6%) and New Brunswick (0.3%). In the NWT, population decreased by 0.2% (97 persons) during the same period. Other than the NWT, Newfoundland and Labrador also experienced a decrease.

In the NWT, between July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017, the components of natural increase consisted of 666 births and 219 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 447 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 2,149 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,986 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 837 persons. Internationally, there was a net immigration of 293 persons.



**Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2017**

	2017 1-Jul	(%) Incr.	2016 1-Jul	(%) Incr.	2015 1-Jul	(%) Incr.	2014 1-Jul	(%) Incr.
Canada	36,708,083	1.2	36,264,604	1.2	35,832,513	0.8	35,535,348	1.1
Northwest Territories	44,520	-0.2	44,617	0.9	44,214	0.8	43,867	0.2
Nunavut	37,996	2.2	37,177	1.6	36,608	1.5	36,067	1.8
Yukon	38,459	1.0	38,086	2.1	37,289	1.3	36,817	1.4
British Columbia	4,817,160	1.3	4,757,658	1.3	4,694,699	1.0	4,646,462	1.2
Alberta	4,286,134	1.2	4,236,376	1.4	4,177,527	1.7	4,108,416	2.8
Saskatchewan	1,163,925	1.3	1,148,588	1.5	1,131,150	0.9	1,120,639	1.4
Manitoba	1,338,109	1.5	1,318,115	1.8	1,295,422	1.1	1,280,912	1.2
Ontario	14,193,384	1.6	13,976,320	1.4	13,789,597	0.8	13,680,425	0.9
Quebec	8,394,034	0.9	8,321,888	0.8	8,254,912	0.5	8,210,533	0.7
New Brunswick	759,655	0.3	757,384	0.5	753,944	-0.1	754,700	-0.1
Nova Scotia	953,869	0.6	948,618	0.75	941,545	-0.07	942,209	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	152,021	1.7	149,472	1.8	146,791	0.6	145,915	0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	528,817	-0.3	530,305	0.3	528,815	0.1	528,386	0.2

The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2012 are presented in Table 2.

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, 2012 to July 1, 2017

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2017	Apr-Jun	44,584	44,520	167	62	706	958	-252	83	-
	Jan-Mar	44,452	44,584	167	50	785	847	-62	77	-
2016	Jan-Dec	44,476	44,452	670	217	1,854	2,560	-706	229	-
	Oct-Dec	44,406	44,452	147	61	227	321	-94	54	-
	Jul-Sep	44,617	44,406	185	46	431	860	-429	79	-
	Apr-Jun	44,576	44,617	169	61	641	778	-137	70	-
	Jan-Mar	44,476	44,576	169	49	555	601	-46	26	-
2015	Jan-Dec	44,121	44,476	670	212	2,047	2,322	-275	172	-
	Oct-Dec	44,417	44,476	149	60	307	379	-72	42	-
	Jul-Sep	44,214	44,417	185	45	581	576	5	58	-
	Apr-Jun	44,189	44,214	168	59	594	731	-137	53	-
	Jan-Mar	44,121	44,189	168	48	565	636	-71	19	-
2014	Jan-Dec	43,763	44,121	667	203	2,259	2,452	-193	87	-
	Oct-Dec	44,067	44,121	148	58	295	342	-47	11	-
	Jul-Sep	43,867	44,067	184	44	463	431	32	28	-
	Apr-Jun	43,776	43,867	168	56	835	873	-38	17	-
	Jan-Mar	43,763	43,776	167	45	666	806	-140	31	-
2013	Jan-Dec	43,705	43,763	669	199	1,871	2,474	-603	191	-
	Oct-Dec	43,721	43,763	148	56	286	369	-83	33	-
	Jul-Sep	43,773	43,721	184	43	312	539	-227	34	-
	Apr-Jun	43,832	43,773	169	56	613	865	-252	80	-
	Jan-Mar	43,705	43,832	168	44	660	701	-41	44	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,597	43,705	688	200	1,864	2,394	-530	150	-

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 2011 and 2006 census-based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.