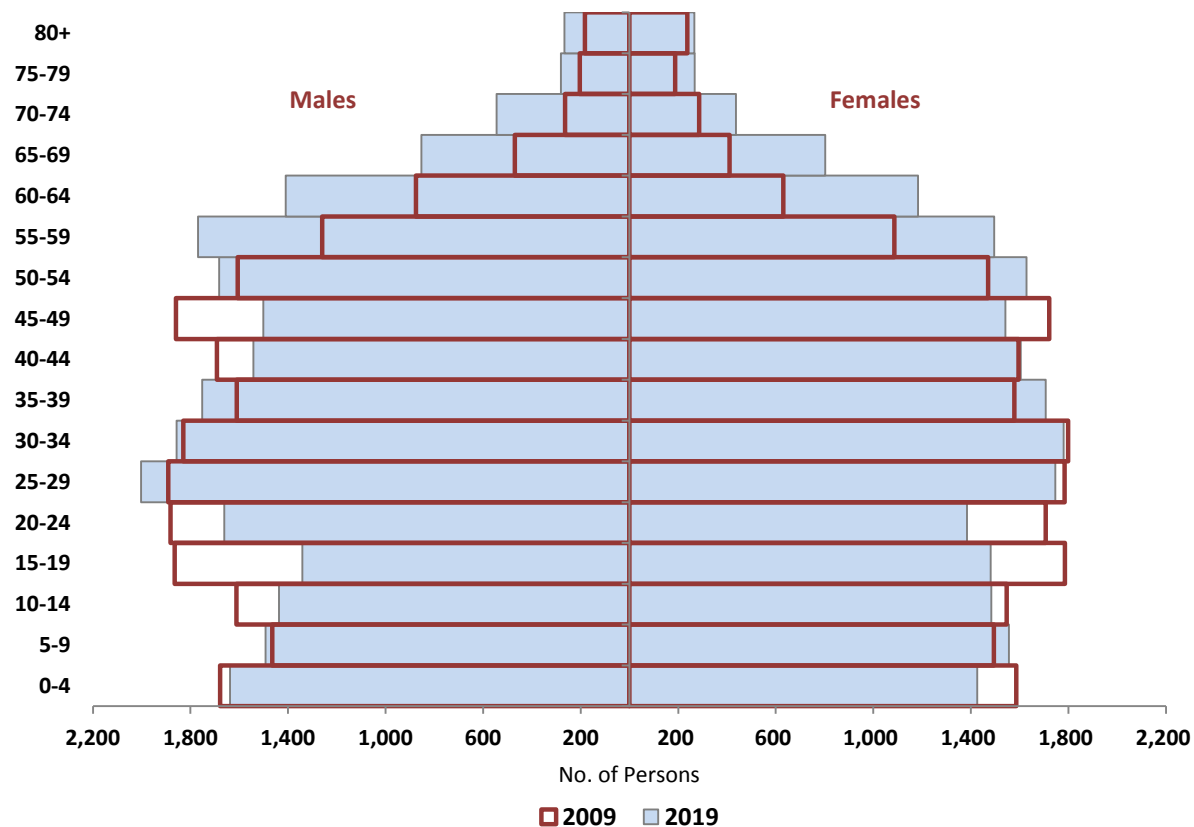


Northwest Territories Population – July 2019 –

On July 1, 2019 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,826 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a decrease of 0.3% from 2018. Over the past year, there were an estimated 595 births and 250 deaths. This natural increase of 345 was augmented by net international migration but offset by a decrease of nearly 600 persons moving to other provinces and territories.

Aligning with historical trends, just over half the population in the Northwest Territories are male (51%). Nunavut and the Yukon both have a similar proportion of males to females with Alberta and Saskatchewan also just over 50%. All other provinces have a higher proportion of females in the population.

Figure 1 Northwest Territories Population Distribution, by Age and Sex
July 1, 2009 and July 1, 2019



Over the past 10 years, the median age in the Northwest Territories increased from 31.7 to 35.2 years. By comparison, Canada's median age was 40.8 and Nunavut remained the youngest province or territory with a median age of 26.2 in 2019. The median age for some of the provinces has been decreasing slightly or remaining similar to previous years; Newfoundland and Labrador remains the province with the oldest median age of approximately 47 years.

Between 2009 and 2019, the population aged 60 & older grew from nearly 9% of the total population to 14%. Those aged 15 – 24 decreased from nearly 17% of the population to just over 13% while most of the other age groups remained stable.

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