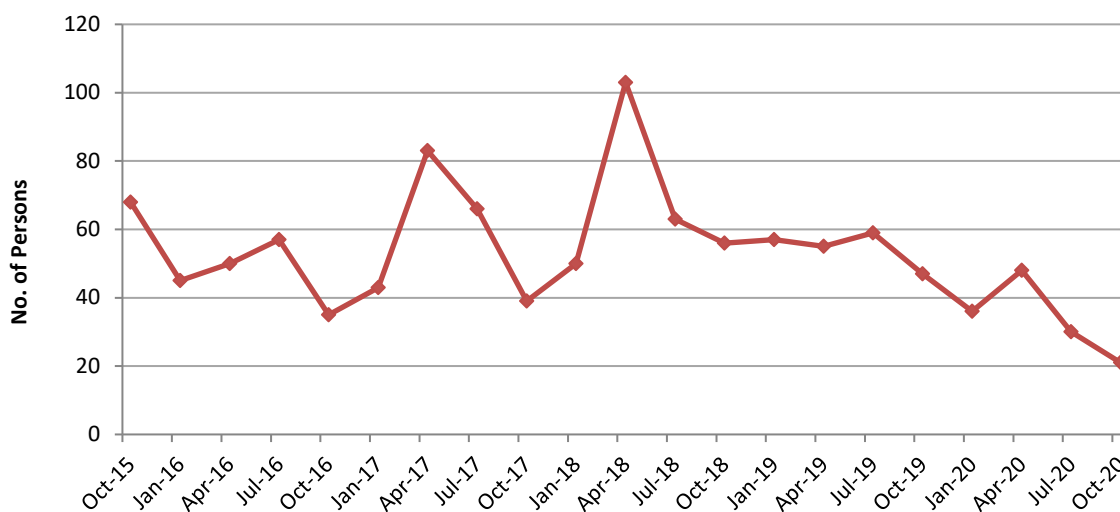


Northwest Territories Population October 2020

On October 1, 2020 Statistics Canada estimated that 45,074 people were living in the Northwest Territories. Between October 1, 2019 and October 1, 2020, the population decreased by 26 persons (-0.1%). The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 575 births and 265 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 310 persons. Interprovincial migration accounted for 1,715 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,108 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 393 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 57 persons.

Immigration is a major driver of Canada’s population growth. However, due to restrictions that were placed on international borders during pandemic, the number of international migrants has decreased throughout most of the country. Even though a share of immigrants settling in the NWT is relatively low, the pandemic affected the NWT’s international migration flow. On October 1, 2020, in the NWT, the quarterly international migration was the lowest in past nine years with 21 persons moving to the Northwest Territories from outside of Canada (Figure 1).

Figure 1 Number of Immigrants
Northwest Territories, October 1, 2015 – October 1, 2020



Note: An immigrant refers to anyone who is or has ever been a landed immigrant/permanent resident and has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. Province or territory of residence is based on intended destination on arrival.



At the national level, Canada's population increased by 0.5% between October 1, 2019 and October 1, 2020 (Table 1). Nunavut experienced the largest increase followed by Yukon, Alberta, Prince Edward Island and Ontario, exceeding Canada's growth. Newfoundland and Labrador was the other jurisdiction besides Northwest Territories that saw their population decline (-0.6%).

**Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
October 1, 2017 to October 1, 2020**

	2020 01-Oct	(%) Change	2019 01-Oct	(%) Change	2018 01-Oct	(%) Change	2017 01-Oct	(%) Change
Canada	38,008,005	0.5	37,802,043	1.5	37,249,240	1.4	36,721,242	1.3
Northwest Territories	45,074	-0.1	45,100	0.3	44,964	-0.4	45,126	1.3
Nunavut	39,285	1.7	38,637	0.9	38,286	1.5	37,703	1.8
Yukon	42,176	1.2	41,668	2.2	40,761	2.4	39,823	2.8
British Columbia	5,145,851	0.4	5,125,659	1.7	5,039,661	1.7	4,956,550	1.5
Alberta	4,428,112	1.0	4,384,968	1.6	4,317,453	1.4	4,258,195	1.2
Saskatchewan	1,177,884	0.1	1,176,272	0.9	1,165,938	1.0	1,154,755	1.2
Manitoba	1,379,584	0.4	1,373,574	1.2	1,357,879	1.3	1,340,565	1.6
Ontario	14,733,119	0.7	14,637,880	1.7	14,393,683	1.7	14,150,783	1.5
Quebec	8,575,779	0.4	8,540,429	1.3	8,433,888	1.2	8,336,460	1.1
New Brunswick	781,315	0.1	780,154	1.0	772,524	0.6	767,935	0.4
Nova Scotia	979,115	0.4	975,231	1.2	963,309	1.01	953,683	0.8
Prince Edward Island	159,713	0.9	158,334	2.1	155,129	2.5	151,376	2.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	520,998	-0.6	524,137	-0.3	525,765	-0.5	528,288	-0.3

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 October 1, 2020

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2020	Jul-Sep	45,161	45,074	137	78	245	377	-132	-14	-
	Apr-Jun	45,201	45,161	135	73	550	626	-76	-26	-
	Jan-Mar	45,119	45,201	143	54	651	708	-57	50	-
2019	Jan-Dec	45,194	45,119	581	245	1,685	2,276	-591	180	-
	Oct-Dec	45,100	45,119	160	60	269	397	-128	47	-
	Jul-Sep	45,028	45,100	138	60	460	508	-48	42	-
	Apr-Jun	45,118	45,028	137	69	563	757	-194	36	-
	Jan-Mar	45,194	45,118	146	56	393	614	-221	55	-
2018	Jan-Dec	45,066	45,194	625	239	1,997	2,392	-395	137	-
	Oct-Dec	44,964	45,194	155	58	417	333	84	49	-
	Jul-Sep	44,981	44,964	155	59	427	565	-138	25	-
	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	-
	Oct-Dec	45,126	45,066	151	59	162	326	-164	12	-
	Jul-Sep	44,891	45,126	156	56	517	441	76	59	-
	Apr-Jun	44,813	44,891	140	54	656	754	-98	90	-
	Jan-Mar	44,607	44,813	169	70	708	668	40	67	-
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.