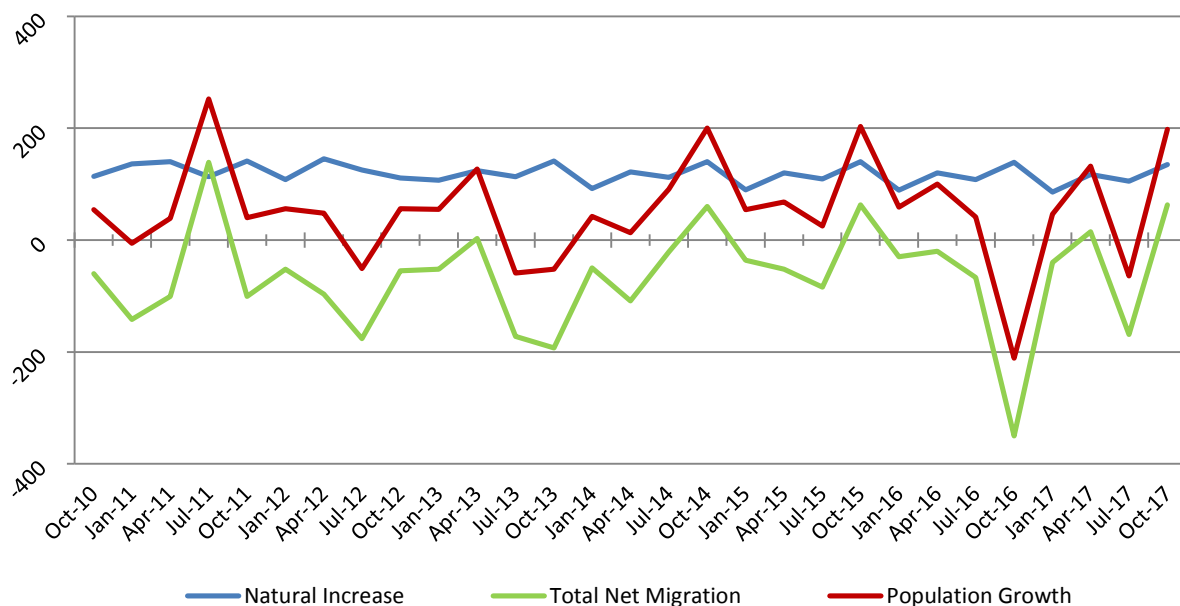


Northwest Territories Population – October 2017 –

On October 1, 2017 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,718 people were living in the Northwest Territories, an increase of 0.7% from the previous year. Between July 1 and October 1, 2017, the NWT population grew by 198 persons. The population increase was a result of gains of 135 persons through natural increase and 63 persons through migration.

Since natural increase is positive and stable over time, population changes in the Northwest Territories are mainly driven by total net migration which includes international migration (Figure 1). As such, population growth follows the same trend as total net migration, but is shifted upwards due to the positive influence of natural increase (births and deaths). Between October 1, 2010 and October 1, 2017 there have been six instances where more people moved into the territory than out.

Figure 1 Components of Population Change, October 1, 2010 to October 1, 2017



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Between October 1, 2016 and October 1, 2017, the population in the Northwest Territories increased by 312 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 663 births and 220 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 443 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 2,283 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,689 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 406 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 275 persons.

At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.3% between October 1, 2016 and October 1, 2017. Nunavut saw the largest increase – double the national level (2.6%). Growth in the majority of provinces and territories was the same or exceeded Canada's with the exception of Quebec (1.0%), Nova Scotia (0.7%) and New Brunswick (0.3%). Newfoundland and Labrador was the only jurisdiction that experienced a drop in the population (-0.4%).

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

	2017 1-Oct	(%) Change	2016 1-Oct	(%) Change	2015 1-Oct	(%) Change	2014 1-Oct	(%) Change
Canada	36,885,049	1.3	36,415,721	1.3	35,961,311	0.8	35,664,652	1.1
Northwest Territories	44,718	0.7	44,406	0.0	44,417	0.8	44,067	0.8
Nunavut	38,243	2.6	37,292	1.4	36,765	1.5	36,231	1.7
Yukon	38,669	1.3	38,170	2.1	37,380	1.2	36,951	2.0
British Columbia	4,841,078	1.3	4,778,963	1.3	4,715,872	0.9	4,671,806	1.3
Alberta	4,306,039	1.3	4,250,816	1.3	4,194,449	1.5	4,132,646	2.5
Saskatchewan	1,168,057	1.3	1,153,590	1.6	1,135,977	1.0	1,124,432	1.3
Manitoba	1,343,371	1.5	1,323,550	1.8	1,300,749	1.2	1,285,437	1.3
Ontario	14,279,196	1.6	14,053,658	1.5	13,846,162	0.9	13,729,236	0.9
Quebec	8,425,996	1.0	8,344,608	0.8	8,274,644	0.5	8,230,922	0.7
New Brunswick	760,868	0.3	758,606	0.5	754,499	-0.1	755,076	-0.1
Nova Scotia	957,600	0.7	951,345	0.81	943,690	0.09	942,840	0.0
Prince Edward Island	152,784	1.8	150,099	1.9	147,238	0.7	146,277	0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	528,430	-0.4	530,618	0.2	529,469	0.1	528,731	0.1

The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2010 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, 2010 to October 1, 2017

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2017	Jul-Sep	44,520	44,718	182	47	565	563	2	61	-
	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	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,597	43,705	688	200	1,864	2,394	-530	150	-
2011	Jan-Dec	43,258	43,597	690	188	2,169	2,274	-105	-10	48
2010	Jan-Dec	42,962	43,258	700	184	1,890	2,060	-170	85	135

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.