

Northwest Territories Population – April 2009

On April 1, 2009 Statistics Canada estimated the population of the Northwest Territories to be 42,840 persons, a decrease of 1.2% from one year ago. By comparison, Canada's population grew by 1.2% over the same period. While all other provinces and territories experienced population growth over the past year, this is the fifth consecutive quarter of population decline in the Northwest Territories

In total, between April 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009, the population of the Northwest Territories decreased by 516 persons. This population decline resulted from a natural increase of 500 persons, offset by a decrease of 1,016 persons through migration. The detailed components of natural increase during the past 12 months consisted of 696 births and 196 deaths. Interprovincial migration resulted in 2,390 persons moving to the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 3,498 persons moved away. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 92 persons from other countries.

Between January 1, 2009 and April 1, 2009, the overall population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 100 persons. Natural increase accounted for growth of 118 persons and in total, 218 persons migrated from the Northwest Territories.

Population estimates for Canada, the provinces and territories are presented in Table 1 below. The components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2000 are presented in Table 2.

**Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
April 1, 2006 to April 1, 2009**

	2009 April 1	Percent Incr.	2008 April 1	Percent Incr.	2007 April 1	Percent Incr.	2006 April 1	Percent Incr.
Canada	33,592,686	1.2	33,185,549	1.1	32,816,259	1.1	32,470,572	1.0
Northwest Territories	42,840	-1.2	43,356	0.3	43,210	0.3	43,101	-0.8
Nunavut	31,762	1.5	31,285	0.7	31,072	1.4	30,639	1.8
Yukon	33,550	1.7	33,000	2.1	32,306	0.5	32,152	0.9
British Columbia	4,435,344	1.7	4,361,388	1.6	4,291,628	1.5	4,228,090	1.1
Alberta	3,653,840	2.7	3,557,555	2.0	3,488,381	2.7	3,396,821	3.0
Saskatchewan	1,027,092	1.5	1,012,044	1.6	995,846	0.5	991,260	-0.4
Manitoba	1,217,163	1.2	1,203,156	1.1	1,189,654	0.7	1,181,669	0.4
Ontario	13,014,018	1.0	12,882,119	1.0	12,749,408	1.0	12,618,505	1.1
Quebec	7,799,372	0.9	7,730,252	0.8	7,668,666	0.7	7,615,488	0.6
New Brunswick	748,866	0.3	746,902	0.3	744,971	-0.2	746,339	-0.3
Nova Scotia	939,475	0.2	937,789	0.2	936,025	-0.2	937,684	0.0
Prince Edward Island	140,638	1.2	138,987	0.7	138,056	0.2	137,849	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	508,726	0.2	507,716	0.1	507,036	-0.8	510,975	-0.9

Note to T-stat users: Statistics Canada population estimates are available on T-stat matrix TM 01 0001.

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Table 2 Components of Population Change, by Time Period
Northwest Territories - January 1, 2000 to April 1, 2009

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2009	Jan-Mar	42,940	42,840	168	50	603	790	-187	-31	-
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2008	Jan-Dec	43,435	42,940	693	194	2,402	3,530	-1,128	134	-
	Oct-Dec	43,151	42,940	140	38	448	786	-338	25	-
	Jul-Sep	43,283	43,151	186	61	735	984	-249	-8	-
	Apr-Jun	43,356	43,283	202	47	604	938	-334	106	-
	Jan-Mar	43,435	43,356	165	48	615	822	-207	11	-
2007	Jan-Dec	43,169	43,435	691	188	2,497	2,742	-245	8	-
	Oct-Dec	43,303	43,435	140	36	598	511	87	-59	-
	Jul-Sep	43,535	43,303	188	60	761	1,112	-351	-9	-
	Apr-Jun	43,210	43,535	200	46	667	573	94	77	-
	Jan-Mar	43,169	43,210	163	46	471	546	-75	-1	-
2006	Jan-Dec	43,317	43,169	687	182	2,202	2,954	-752	34	65
	Oct-Dec	43,253	43,169	139	35	360	525	-165	-23	0
	Jul-Sep	43,198	43,253	185	57	704	779	-75	2	0
	Apr-Jun	43,101	43,198	199	45	620	739	-119	40	22
	Jan-Mar	43,317	43,101	164	45	518	911	-393	15	43
2005	Jan-Dec	43,436	43,317	712	148	2,068	2,955	-887	30	174
2004	Jan-Dec	43,149	43,436	698	153	2,271	2,766	-495	61	176
2003	Jan-Dec	41,973	43,149	701	202	2,538	2,181	357	145	175
2002	Jan-Dec	41,155	41,973	635	169	2,759	2,577	182	-4	174
2001	Jan-Dec	40,624	41,155	613	163	2,273	2,361	-88	94	75
2000	Jan-Dec	40,623	40,624	673	157	2,324	2,838	-514	99	-100

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 2006, 2001 and 1996 census based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.