

4.3 Projected population of Canada up to 2026 (concluded)

Year	Population as at June 1 '000	Annual rate of population growth ¹ %	Distribution by age			
			0-14 %	15-44 %	45-64 %	65+ %
Projection 4 ^a						
1976	22,992.6	...	25.7	46.5	19.1	8.7
1981	24,205.3	1.0	22.8	48.7	19.0	9.5
1986	25,440.3	1.0	22.0	49.0	18.8	10.2
1991	26,548.7	0.8	21.7	47.9	19.3	11.1
1996	27,411.9	0.6	20.7	46.3	21.2	11.8
2001	28,053.5	0.4	19.2	44.9	23.8	12.1
2006	28,565.2	0.3	18.0	42.8	26.9	12.3
2011	28,999.8	0.3	17.4	40.6	28.7	13.3
2016	29,323.0	0.2	17.2	39.5	28.3	15.0
2021	29,478.7	-0.1	17.0	39.0	27.1	16.9
2026	24,438.3	-0.1	16.6	38.4	25.9	19.1

The above figures represent a new series of projections based on the 1976 Census and replacing those in the *Canada Year Book 1978-79* (see text in Section 4.1.3).

¹The growth rate is for the 12-month period ending May 31 of the year indicated.

^aProjection 1 assumptions: total fertility rate will change from 1.9 children in 1976 to 2.1 by 1991 and then remain constant; net migration of 100,000 per year; and expectation of life at birth will increase gradually to 70.2 years for males and 78.3 years for females by 1986 and then remain constant.

^aProjection 4 assumptions: total fertility rate will change from 1.9 children in 1976 to 2.1 children in 1991 and then remain constant; net migration of 50,000 per year; and mortality is same as Projection 1.

4.4 Population and percentage change of population, by province, 1951-76

Province or territory	Population and percentage change					
	Population					
	1951	1956	1961	1966	1971	1976
Newfoundland	361,416	415,074	457,853	493,396	522,104	557,725
Prince Edward Island	98,429	99,285	104,629	108,535	111,641	118,229
Nova Scotia	642,584	694,717	737,007	756,039	788,960	828,571
New Brunswick	515,697	554,616	597,936	616,788	634,557	677,250
Quebec	4,055,681	4,628,378	5,259,211	5,780,845	6,027,764	6,234,445
Ontario	4,597,542	5,404,933	6,236,092	6,960,870	7,703,106	8,264,465
Manitoba	776,541	850,040	921,686	963,066	988,247	1,021,506
Saskatchewan	831,728	880,665	925,181	955,344	926,242	921,323
Alberta	939,501	1,123,116	1,331,944	1,463,203	1,627,874	1,838,037
British Columbia	1,165,210	1,398,464	1,629,082	1,873,674	2,184,621	2,466,608
Yukon	9,096	12,190	14,628	14,382	18,388	21,836
Northwest Territories	16,004	19,313	22,998	28,738	34,807	42,609
Canada	14,009,429	16,080,791	18,238,247	20,014,880	21,568,311	22,992,604
	Percentage change					
	1951-56	1956-61	1961-66	1966-71	1971-76	
Newfoundland	14.8	10.3	7.8	5.8	6.8	
Prince Edward Island	0.9	5.4	3.7	2.9	5.9	
Nova Scotia	8.1	6.1	2.6	4.4	5.0	
New Brunswick	7.5	7.8	3.2	2.9	6.7	
Quebec	14.1	13.6	9.9	4.3	3.4	
Ontario	17.6	15.4	11.6	10.7	7.3	
Manitoba	9.5	8.4	4.5	2.6	3.4	
Saskatchewan	5.9	5.1	3.3	-3.0	-0.5	
Alberta	19.5	18.6	9.9	11.2	12.9	
British Columbia	20.0	16.5	15.0	16.6	12.9	
Yukon	34.0	20.0	-1.7	27.8	18.8	
Northwest Territories	20.7	19.1	25.0	21.1	22.4	
Canada	14.8	13.4	9.7	7.8	6.6	

4.5 Components of population change, by province, 1966-71 and 1971-76

Province or territory	Total population change		Natural increase		Net migration ¹	
	1966-71	1971-76	1966-71	1971-76	1966-71	1971-76
Newfoundland	28,708	35,621	49,096	44,615	-20,388	-8,994
Prince Edward Island	3,106	6,588	5,207	4,498	-2,101	2,090
Nova Scotia	32,921	39,611	37,418	32,338	-4,497	7,273
New Brunswick	17,769	42,693	35,233	33,225	-17,464	9,468
Quebec	246,919	206,681	288,727	222,900	-41,808	-16,219
Ontario	742,236	561,359	373,072	327,861	369,164	233,498
Manitoba	25,181	33,259	49,260	45,160	-24,079	-11,901
Saskatchewan	-29,102	-4,919	50,867	38,123	-79,969	-43,042
Alberta	164,671	210,163	105,293	95,729	59,378	114,434
British Columbia	310,947	281,987	88,494	82,774	222,453	199,213
Yukon and Northwest Territories	10,075	11,250	6,720	6,404	3,355	4,846
Canada	1,553,431	1,424,293	1,089,387	933,627	464,044	490,666

¹Calculated as a residual.