

2.3 Components of population growth, Canada¹, 1851-1986

Period	Total population growth '000	Births '000	Deaths '000	Natural increase '000	Ratio of natural increase to total growth %	Immigration '000	Emigration ² '000	Net migration '000	Ratio of net migration to total growth %	Population at the end of the Census period '000
1851-1861	793	1,281	670	611	77.0	352	170	182	23.0	3,230
1861-1871	460	1,370	760	610	132.6	260	410	-150	-32.6	3,689
1871-1881	636	1,480	790	690	108.5	350	404	-54	-8.5	4,325
1881-1891	508	1,524	870	654	128.7	680	826	-146	-28.7	4,833
1891-1901	538	1,548	880	668	124.2	250	380	-130	-24.2	5,371
1901-1911	1,835	1,925	900	1,025	55.9	1,550	740	810	44.1	7,207
1911-1921	1,581	2,340	1,070	1,270	80.3	1,400	1,089	311	19.7	8,788
1921-1931	1,589	2,420	1,060	1,360	85.5	1,200	970	230	14.5	10,377
1931-1941	1,130	2,294	1,072	1,222	108.1	149	241	-92	-8.1	11,507
1941-1951 ³	2,503	3,212	1,220	1,992	92.3	548	382	166	7.7	14,009
1951-1956	2,071	2,106	633	1,473	71.1	783	185	598	28.9	16,081
1956-1961	2,157	2,362	687	1,675	77.7	760	378	482	22.3	18,238
1961-1966	1,777	2,249	731	1,518	85.4	539	280	259	14.6	20,015
1966-1971	1,553	1,856	766	1,090	70.2	890	427	463	29.8	21,568
1971-1976	1,424	1,758	823	934	65.6	841	352	489	34.4	22,993
1976-1981	1,288	1,820	842	978	75.9	588	278	310	24.1	24,343
1981-1986	1,011	1,873	885	988	97.7	500	235	264	26.1	25,354

¹ Includes Newfoundland since 1951.

² Emigration figures are estimated by the residual method.

³ Data on growth components shown for 1941-51 were obtained by including data for Newfoundland for 1949-50 and 1950-51 only.

2.4 Percentage change of population, intercensal periods

Province or territory	Percentage change				
	1961-66	1966-71	1971-76	1976-81	1981-86
Newfoundland	7.8	5.8	6.8	1.8	0.1
Prince Edward Island	3.7	2.9	5.9	3.6	3.4
Nova Scotia	2.6	4.4	5.0	2.3	3.0
New Brunswick	3.2	2.9	6.7	2.8	2.0
Quebec	9.9	4.1	3.4	3.3	1.6
Ontario	11.6	10.7	7.3	4.4	5.7
Manitoba	4.5	2.6	3.4	0.5	4.4
Saskatchewan	3.3	-3.0	-0.5	5.1	4.3
Alberta	9.9	11.3	12.9	21.7	6.1
British Columbia	15.0	16.6	12.9	11.3	5.3
Yukon	-1.7	27.9	18.8	6.0	1.5
Northwest Territories	25.0	21.1	22.4	7.4	14.2
Canada	9.7	7.8	6.6	5.9	4.2

2.5 Total population, Canada and provinces, selected years, 1921-88 (thousands)

Year	Nfld.	PEI	NS	NB	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	BC	YT	NWT	Canada
1921	—	88.6	523.8	387.9	2,360.5	2,933.7	610.1	757.5	588.5	524.6	4.1	8.1	8,787.4
1931	—	88.0	512.8	408.2	2,874.7	3,431.7	700.1	921.8	731.6	694.3	4.2	9.3	10,376.7
1941	—	95.0	578.0	457.4	3,331.9	3,787.7	729.7	896.0	796.2	817.8	5.0	12.0	11,506.7
1951	361.4	98.4	642.6	515.7	4,055.7	4,597.6	776.5	831.7	939.5	1,165.2	9.1	16.0	14,009.4
1956	415.1	99.3	694.7	554.6	4,628.4	5,404.9	850.0	880.7	1,123.1	1,398.5	12.2	19.3	16,080.8
1961	457.9	104.6	737.0	597.9	5,259.2	6,236.1	921.7	952.2	1,332.0	1,629.1	14.6	23.0	18,265.3
1966	493.4	108.5	756.0	616.8	5,780.8	6,960.9	963.1	955.4	1,463.2	1,873.7	14.4	28.7	20,014.9
1971	522.1	111.6	789.0	634.6	6,027.8	7,703.1	988.2	926.2	1,627.9	2,184.6	18.4	34.8	21,568.3
1976	557.7	118.2	828.6	677.3	6,234.5	8,264.5	1,021.5	921.3	1,838.0	2,466.6	21.8	42.6	22,992.6
1981	567.7	122.5	847.4	696.4	6,438.4	8,625.1	1,026.2	968.3	2,237.7	2,744.5	23.2	45.7	24,343.2
1986	568.3	126.6	873.2	710.4	6,540.3	9,113.5	1,071.2	1,010.2	2,375.3	2,889.2	23.5	52.2	25,354.1
1987 ¹	568.2	127.3	878.9	712.3	6,592.6	9,270.7	1,079.0	1,014.0	2,380.4	2,925.7	24.4	51.7	25,625.1
1988 ¹	568.1	128.7	883.9	714.4	6,639.2	9,430.8	1,084.7	1,011.2	2,401.1	2,984.0	25.3	51.8	25,923.3

¹ Preliminary postcensal estimates.