

## Highlights of Fourth Quarter 2004

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### Population Growth

Ontario's population reached 12,449,502 on January 1, 2005, with a growth of 9,747 people in the fourth quarter of 2004. This compares with growth of 12,907 in the same quarter of the previous year.

#### Population Growth, Ontario, 4th Quarter, 2004

(Thousands)

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Population, October 1, 2004                | 12,439.8 |
| Plus Births                                | 31.3     |
| Minus Deaths                               | 23.2     |
| Plus Immigrants                            | 25.3     |
| Minus Net Emigrants                        | 4.2      |
| Plus Net Change in Non-Permanent Residents | -15.9    |
| Plus Inter-provincial Arrivals             | 11.1     |
| Minus Inter-provincial Departures          | 14.5     |
| Population, January 1, 2005                | 12,449.5 |

Source: Statistics Canada.

### Births and Deaths

Births and deaths increased by 0.4 per cent and 3.3 per cent, respectively, from the same quarter of 2003.

Natural increase (births minus deaths) was 8,132 in the quarter, down from 8,751 in the same quarter of 2003.

### International Migration

Immigration to Ontario was 25,258 in the fourth quarter of 2004, a decrease of 11.8 per cent from the same quarter in 2003. Ontario received 52.5 per cent of all immigrants to Canada in the quarter, down from 53.4 per cent in the same quarter of 2003.

On the net basis, there were 4,248 emigrants from Ontario in the quarter, an increase of 4.9 per cent from the same quarter in 2003. Ontario accounted for 40.8 per cent of all emigration from Canada in the quarter.

Ontario's total immigrants and total emigrants were 125,144 and 19,455, respectively, for calendar year 2004.

The number of non-permanent residents in Ontario (NPRs - i.e. foreign students, visa workers, refugee

claimants) fell by 15,911 in the fourth quarter. The change in the number of NPRs is subject to fairly wide fluctuations due to administrative and seasonal factors.

Net international migration was 5,099 in the quarter, down from 6,589 in the same quarter of 2003.

Over the calendar year 2004, net international migration fell to 104,978 from 107,441 in 2003.

### Interprovincial Migration

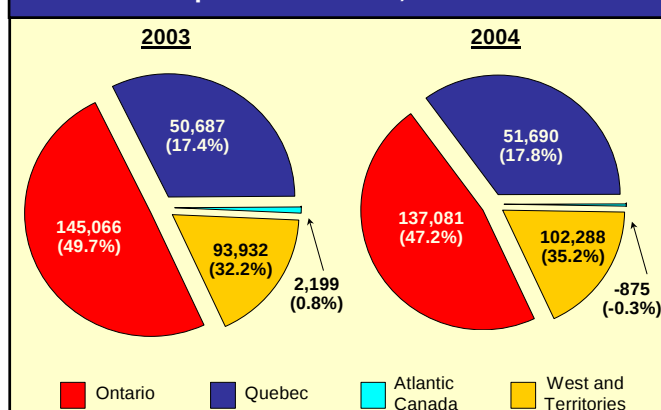
In the fourth quarter of 2004, Ontario had a net loss of 3,484 people to other provinces, compared to a net loss of 2,433 people in the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario experienced net losses in its exchanges with all provinces and territories except New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Nunavut.

Net interprovincial migration for Ontario in calendar year 2004 was -7,916 compared to -6,243 in 2003.

### Year-Over-Year Growth

Over the calendar year ending December 31, 2004, Ontario's population grew by 137,081 or 1.1 per cent, down from 1.2 per cent in 2003. Ontario's population growth rate in the year was higher than all other provinces except Alberta (1.4 per cent). Canada's population growth rate for the year was 0.9 per cent. Close to half of Canada's growth occurred in Ontario.

#### Population Growth, Canada\*



\* Calendar Year

Source: MOF and Statistics Canada's Quarterly Demographic Statistics.

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## Ontario and the Great Lakes States: A Demographic Comparison

### Region Home to 95 Million People

- On July 1, 2004, the combined population of the 9 jurisdictions (Ontario and 8 U.S. states) bordering the Great Lakes stood at 95 million. The region was home to almost 30% of North America's population.
- Among U.S. states, New York was the most populous (19.2M) followed by Illinois (12.7M), Pennsylvania (12.4M), Ohio (11.5M), and Michigan (10.1M). Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota were least populous.

### Ontario Fastest Growing

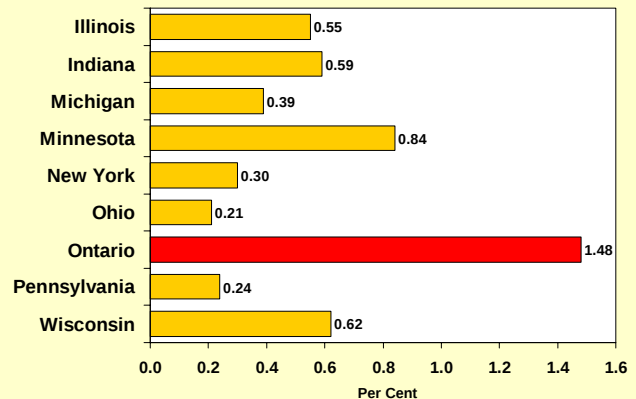
- Between 2000 and 2004, the Great Lakes region grew by over 2 million, or almost 2.2%. Ontario alone grew by over 700,000, representing 35% of the region's growth, much higher than its 13% share of the region's total population.
- Over this period, the 1.48% average annual growth rate seen in Ontario was more than triple the rate in the U.S. Great Lakes states. Minnesota was a distant second, with annual growth averaging 0.84%, followed by Wisconsin at 0.62%.
- While all states experienced growth between 2000 and 2004, the populations of Ohio and Pennsylvania remained almost unchanged.

### Ontario Had Lowest Birth Rate

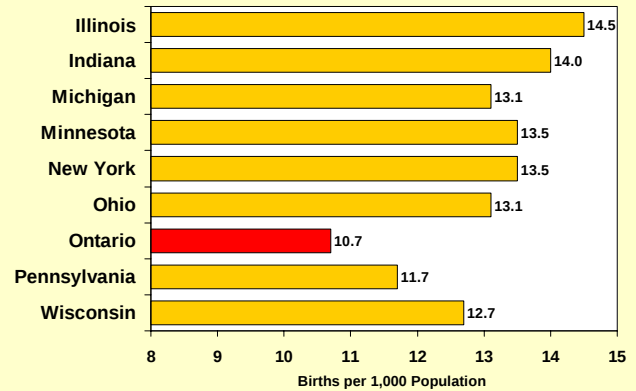
- Between 2000 and 2004, Ontario grew faster than the U.S. states bordering the Great Lakes despite having a lower crude birth rate, averaging 10.7 births per 1,000 people annually.
- Among U.S. states in the region, Pennsylvania had the lowest average annual crude birth rate over the period at 11.7 births per 1,000 people, still higher than Ontario. Indiana (14.0) and Illinois (14.5) had the highest birth rates.
- Natural increase (births minus deaths) contributed 3.8 people per 1,000 population annually on average to Ontario's growth over the period. This was higher than Pennsylvania (1.1) and Ohio (3.5), but much lower than Illinois (6.0) and Minnesota (5.9).
- Natural increase accounted for 25.6% of total growth in Ontario over the 2000-04 period. In the 8 U.S. Great Lakes states combined, all growth came from natural increase.



### Average Annual Population Growth Rate, 2000-2004



### Average Annual Crude Birth Rate, 2000-2004



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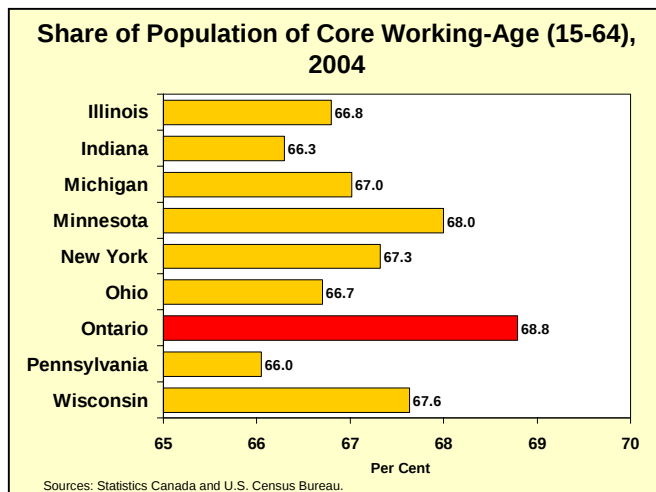
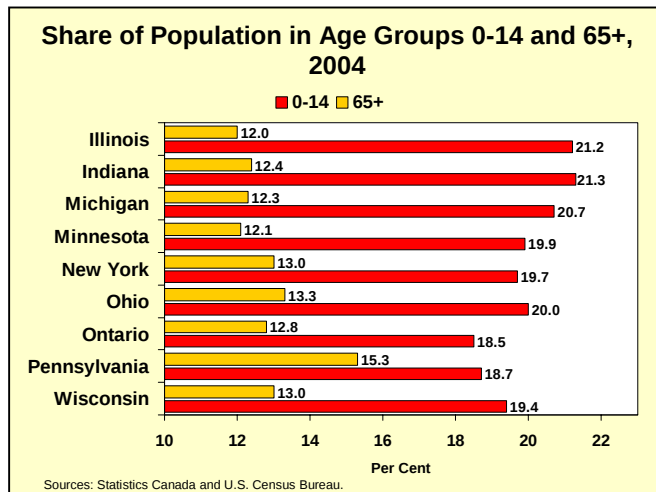
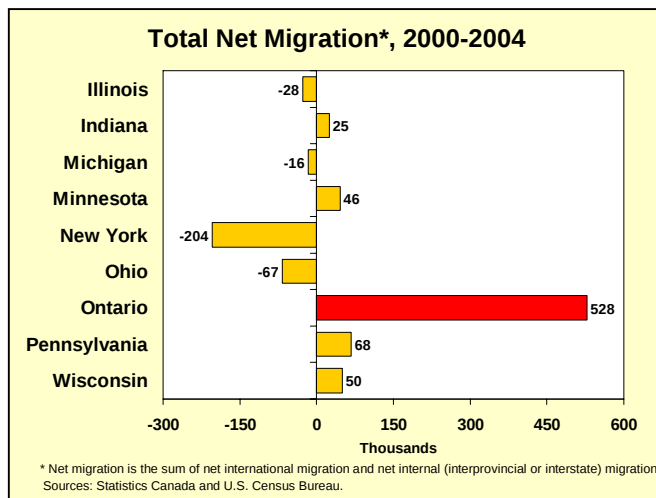
## Ontario and the Great Lakes States: A Demographic Comparison

### Negative Net Migration for Great Lakes States

- From 2000 to 2004, Ontario experienced a net migration gain of 528,000 people, while the 8 Great Lakes states saw a combined net loss of 124,000. New York (-204,000) saw the greatest loss followed by Ohio (-67,000). Pennsylvania (68,000) and Wisconsin (50,000) experienced the most gains among the 8 states.
- All 9 jurisdictions had net international migration gains over the 2000-04 period. New York (528,000) was the largest net gainer, followed closely by Ontario (512,000) and, at a lower level, Illinois (260,000). All other states experienced much smaller net international migration gains of under 100,000.
- While Ontario had a net gain of 16,000 migrants from the rest of Canada over the period, the Great Lakes states combined lost 1.3 million people to the rest of the U.S. Only Wisconsin (14,000) was a net gainer from inter-state migration. New York (-732,000) and Illinois (-287,000) saw the largest net losses.

### Significant Differences in Age Structure

- There are significant differences in age structure between Ontario and the Great Lakes states, and among the U.S. states themselves.
- Pennsylvania was the jurisdiction with the oldest age structure in the region in 2004, with a median age of 39.2 years, followed by Ontario at 37.7 years. Illinois (35.3 years) and Indiana (35.7 years) had the youngest age structures.
- Ontario had the lowest share of children aged 0 to 14 in its population with 18.5%, followed by Pennsylvania with 18.7%. Illinois (21.2%) and Indiana (21.3%) had the highest shares.
- Pennsylvania had, by far, the highest share of seniors in its population at 15.3%. The other jurisdictions, including Ontario, all had senior population shares ranging between 12% and 13.3%.
- Ontario was the jurisdiction with the largest share of its population in the core working-age group (15-64) at 68.8%. Minnesota came second at 68% followed by Wisconsin at 67.6%. Pennsylvania had only 66% of its population in the core working-age group, the lowest share in the region.



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|                                                                                | Intercensal Estimates                 |                 |        | Postcensal Estimates |                     |                         |              | MOF Projections <sup>2</sup> |        |                           |        |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                                                                | 1986                                  | 1991            | 1996   | 2001                 | 2002                | 2003                    | 2004         | 2006                         | 2011   | 2016                      | 2021   | 2026   | 2031   |
| POPULATION (000s)                                                              |                                       |                 |        |                      |                     |                         |              |                              |        |                           |        |        |        |
| Canada <sup>2</sup>                                                            | 26,101                                | 28,031          | 29,611 | 31,021               | 31,373              | 31,660                  | 31,946       | n.a.                         | n.a.   | n.a.                      | n.a.   | n.a.   | n.a.   |
| Ontario <sup>2</sup>                                                           | 9,438                                 | 10,428          | 11,083 | 11,898               | 12,102              | 12,257                  | 12,393       | 12,713                       | 13,519 | 14,311                    | 15,076 | 15,795 | 16,432 |
| Ontario as % of Canada                                                         | 36.2                                  | 37.2            | 37.4   | 38.4                 | 38.6                | 38.7                    | 38.8         | n.a.                         | n.a.   | n.a.                      | n.a.   | n.a.   | n.a.   |
| Ontario Ave. Annual Growth Rate<br>(Over previous year shown)                  | 1.4                                   | 2.0             | 1.2    | 1.4                  | 1.7                 | 1.3                     | 1.1          | 1.3                          | 1.2    | 1.1                       | 1.0    | 0.9    | 0.8    |
| AGE DISTRIBUTION (%)                                                           |                                       |                 |        |                      |                     |                         |              |                              |        |                           |        |        |        |
| 0-4                                                                            | 6.8                                   | 7.0             | 6.8    | 6.0                  | 5.8                 | 5.6                     | 5.4          | 5.2                          | 5.3    | 5.3                       | 5.2    | 5.1    | 4.9    |
| 5-14                                                                           | 13.4                                  | 13.1            | 13.5   | 13.5                 | 13.4                | 13.2                    | 13.0         | 12.5                         | 11.2   | 10.6                      | 10.7   | 10.7   | 10.6   |
| 15-24                                                                          | 17.1                                  | 14.5            | 13.2   | 13.4                 | 13.4                | 13.5                    | 13.5         | 13.5                         | 13.3   | 12.6                      | 11.4   | 10.9   | 11.0   |
| 25-44                                                                          | 32.1                                  | 34.2            | 32.9   | 31.5                 | 31.3                | 30.9                    | 30.6         | 29.9                         | 28.4   | 27.9                      | 27.8   | 27.1   | 25.9   |
| 45-64                                                                          | 19.8                                  | 19.6            | 21.3   | 23.2                 | 23.6                | 24.2                    | 24.7         | 25.8                         | 27.9   | 27.9                      | 27.3   | 26.3   | 25.4   |
| 65-74                                                                          | 6.5                                   | 7.0             | 7.3    | 7.0                  | 6.9                 | 6.9                     | 6.9          | 6.9                          | 7.5    | 9.0                       | 10.3   | 11.2   | 12.0   |
| 75+                                                                            | 4.2                                   | 4.6             | 5.0    | 5.6                  | 5.7                 | 5.8                     | 5.9          | 6.1                          | 6.4    | 6.7                       | 7.3    | 8.7    | 10.1   |
| SELECTED AGE GROUPS (%)                                                        |                                       |                 |        |                      |                     |                         |              |                              |        |                           |        |        |        |
| 0-14                                                                           | 20.3                                  | 20.1            | 20.3   | 19.4                 | 19.1                | 18.8                    | 18.5         | 17.8                         | 16.5   | 15.9                      | 15.9   | 15.8   | 15.5   |
| 15-64                                                                          | 69.1                                  | 68.3            | 67.4   | 68.1                 | 68.3                | 68.5                    | 68.8         | 69.2                         | 69.6   | 68.4                      | 66.5   | 64.3   | 62.4   |
| 65+                                                                            | 10.7                                  | 11.6            | 12.2   | 12.5                 | 12.6                | 12.6                    | 12.8         | 13.0                         | 13.9   | 15.7                      | 17.6   | 19.9   | 22.2   |
| OTHER CHARACTERISTICS                                                          |                                       |                 |        |                      |                     |                         |              |                              |        |                           |        |        |        |
| Total Dependency Ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>                                        | 44.8                                  | 46.4            | 48.3   | 46.9                 | 46.4                | 45.9                    | 45.4         | 44.4                         | 43.7   | 46.2                      | 50.4   | 55.5   | 60.4   |
| Median Age (yrs.)                                                              | 31.9                                  | 33.3            | 35.0   | 36.7                 | 37.0                | 37.4                    | 37.7         | 38.2                         | 39.4   | 40.4                      | 41.3   | 42.3   | 43.3   |
| Age Span of Baby Boom (yrs.)                                                   | 21-40                                 | 26-45           | 31-50  | 36-55                | 37-56               | 38-57                   | 39-58        | 41-60                        | 46-65  | 51-70                     | 56-75  | 61-80  | 66-85  |
| Total Fertility Rate <sup>4</sup>                                              | 1.6                                   | 1.7             | 1.6    | 1.5                  | 1.5                 | n.a.                    | n.a.         | 1.5                          | 1.5    | 1.5                       | 1.5    | 1.5    | 1.5    |
| Female Life Expectancy at Birth (yrs.) <sup>4</sup>                            | 80.0                                  | 80.8            | 81.3   | 82.2                 | 82.2                | n.a.                    | n.a.         | 83.2                         | 83.4   | 83.8                      | 84.3   | 84.6   | 85.0   |
| Male Life Expectancy at Birth (yrs.) <sup>4</sup>                              | 73.8                                  | 75.0            | 75.9   | 77.5                 | 77.7                | n.a.                    | n.a.         | 78.9                         | 79.8   | 80.5                      | 81.3   | 81.9   | 82.6   |
| Families (000s) <sup>5</sup>                                                   | 2,445                                 | 2,727           | 2,933  | 3,191                | n.a.                | n.a.                    | n.a.         | n.a.                         | n.a.   | n.a.                      | n.a.   | n.a.   | n.a.   |
| Households (000s) <sup>5</sup>                                                 | 3,222                                 | 3,638           | 3,925  | 4,219                | n.a.                | n.a.                    | n.a.         | n.a.                         | n.a.   | n.a.                      | n.a.   | n.a.   | n.a.   |
| REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION (%)                                                      |                                       |                 |        |                      |                     |                         |              |                              |        |                           |        |        |        |
| GTA                                                                            | 41.4                                  | 42.0            | 43.0   | 44.6                 | 45.0                | 45.3                    | 45.6         | 46.1                         | 47.1   | 47.9                      | 48.5   | 49.1   | 49.5   |
| Central (excl. GTA)                                                            | 21.9                                  | 22.3            | 22.1   | 22.1                 | 22.0                | 21.9                    | 21.9         | 21.9                         | 21.8   | 21.8                      | 21.8   | 21.8   | 21.7   |
| Eastern                                                                        | 13.9                                  | 13.8            | 13.8   | 13.5                 | 13.4                | 13.4                    | 13.3         | 13.2                         | 13.0   | 12.9                      | 12.8   | 12.7   | 12.6   |
| Southwestern                                                                   | 14.1                                  | 13.7            | 13.4   | 13.0                 | 12.8                | 12.8                    | 12.7         | 12.5                         | 12.3   | 12.0                      | 11.9   | 11.7   | 11.6   |
| Northeastern                                                                   | 6.2                                   | 5.8             | 5.4    | 4.8                  | 4.7                 | 4.6                     | 4.6          | 4.4                          | 4.0    | 3.8                       | 3.5    | 3.3    | 3.1    |
| Northwestern                                                                   | 2.6                                   | 2.4             | 2.3    | 2.1                  | 2.0                 | 2.0                     | 2.0          | 1.9                          | 1.8    | 1.6                       | 1.5    | 1.4    | 1.4    |
| COMPONENTS OF CHANGE (000s) <sup>6</sup> – Year Beginning July 1 <sup>st</sup> |                                       |                 |        |                      |                     |                         |              |                              |        |                           |        |        |        |
| Period                                                                         | Population,<br>Beginning<br>of Period | Total<br>Change | Births | Deaths               | Natural<br>Increase | International Migration |              |                              |        | Interprovincial Migration |        |        |        |
|                                                                                |                                       |                 |        |                      |                     | Immig.                  | Net<br>Emig. | Net<br>NPRs                  | Net    | In                        | Out    | Net    |        |
| Five-Year                                                                      |                                       |                 |        |                      |                     |                         |              |                              |        |                           |        |        |        |
| 1986-91                                                                        | 9,438                                 | 990             | 712    | 350                  | 362                 | 478                     | 62           | 129                          | 544    | 451                       | 387    | 64     |        |
| 1991-96                                                                        | 10,428                                | 655             | 738    | 381                  | 357                 | 632                     | 123          | -115                         | 394    | 338                       | 378    | -40    |        |
| 1996-2001                                                                      | 11,083                                | 815             | 659    | 403                  | 256                 | 585                     | 124          | 38                           | 498    | 371                       | 303    | 69     |        |
| Annual                                                                         |                                       |                 |        |                      |                     |                         |              |                              |        |                           |        |        |        |
| 2001-02                                                                        | 11,898                                | 204             | 129    | 81                   | 48                  | 153                     | 19           | 17                           | 151    | 70                        | 65     | 5      |        |
| 2002-03                                                                        | 12,102                                | 155             | 129    | 84                   | 45                  | 110                     | 19           | 18                           | 109    | 64                        | 64     | 1      |        |
| 2003-04                                                                        | 12,257                                | 136             | 128    | 87                   | 41                  | 128                     | 19           | -5                           | 104    | 68                        | 77     | -9     |        |
| YTD (Jul. 1 to Dec. 31)                                                        |                                       |                 |        |                      |                     |                         |              |                              |        |                           |        |        |        |
| 2003-04                                                                        | 12,257                                | 56              | 65     | 43                   | 23                  | 63                      | 12           | -11                          | 40     | 33                        | 40     | -7     |        |
| 2004-05                                                                        | 12,393                                | 57              | 66     | 44                   | 22                  | 60                      | 13           | -6                           | 41     | 30                        | 36     | -6     |        |

- Population figures are for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Statistics Canada's population estimates and components of change are 2001 Census-based adjusted for net undercoverage.
- Population projections for Ontario are Ontario Ministry of Finance: 2001 Census-based projections. Statistics Canada's 2001 Census-based projections for Canada and the provinces are not available to date.
- Total dependency ratio is the ratio of the population aged 0-14 (children) and 65+ (elderly) to the population aged 15-64 (working age population).
- Total Fertility Rates and life expectancy estimates are for calendar year, and projections are for census year.
- Families and households are Census data.
- In the "Components of Change" section, flows are for the 12-month period July 1 to June 30. Net international migration is calculated as the net balance of immigrants, net emigrants and net non-permanent residents (NPRs).

Sources: Statistics Canada and Ontario Ministry of Finance.

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