

ONTARIO DEMOGRAPHIC QUARTERLY

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Highlights of Fourth Quarter 2006

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Population Growth

Ontario's population reached 12,726,336 on January 1, 2007, with growth of 4,560 people in the fourth quarter. This compares with growth of 7,876 in the same quarter of the previous year.

Population Growth, Ontario, 4th Quarter, 2006	
(Thousands)	
Population, October 1, 2006	12,721.8
Plus Births	32.5
Minus Deaths	22.9
Plus Immigrants	29.4
Minus Net Emigrants	4.3
Plus Net Change in Non-Permanent Residents	-20.1
Plus Interprovincial Arrivals	13.8
Minus Interprovincial Departures	23.9
Population, January 1, 2007	12,726.3
Source: Statistics Canada	

Births and Deaths

Births increased by 0.2 per cent while deaths decreased by 3.6 per cent from the same quarter of 2005.

Natural increase (births minus deaths) was 9,558 in the quarter, up from 8,648 in the same quarter of 2005.

International Migration

Immigration to Ontario was 29,415 in the quarter, a decrease of 2.7 per cent from the level of 30,239 in the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario received 50.5 per cent of all immigrants to Canada in the quarter, down from 54.6 per cent in the same quarter of 2005.

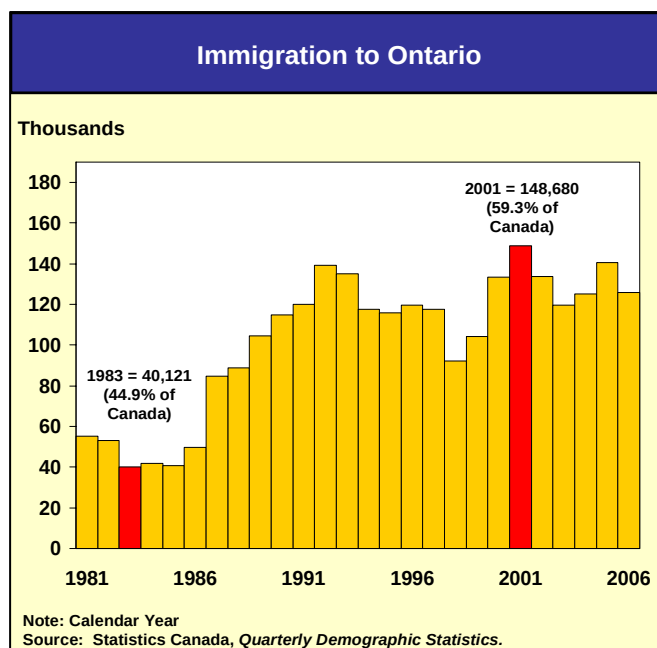
There were 4,274 emigrants from Ontario in the quarter, up from 4,253 from the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario accounted for 41.9 per cent of all emigration from Canada in the quarter.

Ontario's total immigrants and total emigrants were 125,913 and 18,301, respectively, for calendar year 2006.

The number of non-permanent residents in Ontario (NPRs - i.e. foreign students, visa workers, refugee claimants) declined by 20,068 in the fourth quarter.

Overall, net international migration was 5,073 in the fourth quarter, down from 5,664 in the same quarter of the previous year.

For calendar year 2006, net international migration decreased to 103,445 from 112,224 in the previous year.



Interprovincial Migration

In the fourth quarter of 2006, Ontario had a net loss of 10,071 people to other provinces compared to a net loss of 6,436 people in the same quarter of 2005. Ontario experienced net losses in its exchanges with 10 of the other 12 provinces and territories, but mainly with Alberta (7,893).

Year-Over-Year Growth

Over the calendar year 2006, Ontario's population grew by 112,155 or 0.9 per cent, down from 1.1 per cent the previous year. Ontario's population growth rate in this period was higher than all other provinces except Alberta (3.3 per cent) and BC (1.3 per cent). Canada's population growth rate for the year was 1.0 per cent.

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	Intercensal Estimates			Postcensal Estimates ¹						MOF Projections ²				
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
POPULATION (000s)														
Canada	26,101	28,031	29,611	31,021	31,373	31,676	31,989	32,299	32,623	33,910	35,267	36,609	37,883	39,029
Ontario	9,438	10,428	11,083	11,898	12,102	12,263	12,417	12,559	12,687	13,485	14,271	15,035	15,755	16,395
Ontario as % of Canada	36.2	37.2	37.4	38.4	38.6	38.7	38.8	38.9	38.9	39.8	40.5	41.1	41.6	42.0
Ontario Ave. Annual Growth Rate (Over previous year shown)	1.4	2.0	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.0	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	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.1	4.9
5-14	13.4	13.1	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.2	13.0	12.8	12.5	11.3	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.6
15-24	17.1	14.5	13.2	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.5	13.6	13.6	13.4	12.6	11.5	11.0	11.0
25-44	32.1	34.2	32.9	31.5	31.3	30.9	30.6	30.3	29.9	28.4	28.0	27.9	27.3	26.2
45-64	19.8	19.6	21.3	23.2	23.6	24.1	24.6	25.2	25.8	27.9	27.9	27.3	26.3	25.5
65-74	6.5	7.0	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.4	8.9	10.1	11.1	11.9
75+	4.2	4.6	5.0	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.4	6.6	7.2	8.5	9.9
SELECTED AGE GROUPS (%)														
0-14	20.3	20.1	20.3	19.4	19.1	18.8	18.5	18.2	17.8	16.5	16.0	15.9	15.8	15.5
15-64	69.1	68.3	67.4	68.1	68.3	68.5	68.7	69.0	69.2	69.7	68.5	66.7	64.6	62.7
65+	10.7	11.6	12.2	12.5	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.8	15.5	17.3	19.6	21.8
OTHER CHARACTERISTICS														
Total Dependency Ratio (%) ³	44.8	46.4	48.3	46.9	46.4	45.9	45.5	44.9	44.5	43.6	45.9	49.9	54.8	59.5
Median Age (yrs.)	31.9	33.3	35.0	36.7	37.0	37.4	37.7	37.9	38.2	39.4	40.3	41.1	42.1	43.0
Age Span of Baby Boom (yrs.)	21-40	26-45	31-50	36-55	37-56	38-57	39-58	40-59	41-60	46-65	51-70	56-75	61-80	66-85
Total Fertility Rate ⁴	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	n.a.	n.a.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Female Life Expectancy at Birth (yrs.) ⁴	80.0	80.8	81.3	82.2	82.2	82.4	82.7	n.a.	n.a.	83.1	83.6	84.1	84.5	85.0
Male Life Expectancy at Birth (yrs.) ⁴	73.8	75.0	75.9	77.5	77.7	77.8	78.3	n.a.	n.a.	79.2	80.2	81.0	81.8	82.6
Families (000s) ⁵	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.	n.a.
Households (000s) ⁵	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.	n.a.
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION (%)														
GTA	41.4	42.0	43.0	44.6	45.0	45.3	45.7	46.0	46.4	47.2	48.0	48.7	49.2	49.6
Central	21.8	22.2	22.1	22.1	22.0	21.9	21.9	21.8	21.7	21.8	21.8	21.8	21.8	21.8
Eastern	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.5	13.4	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.1	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.5
Southwestern	14.1	13.7	13.4	13.0	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.5	12.4	12.2	12.0	11.8	11.6	11.5
Northeastern	6.2	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.2
Northwestern	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4

COMPONENTS OF CHANGE (000s)⁶ – Year Beginning July 1st

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Period	Population, Beginning of Period	Total Change	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	International Migration				Interprovincial Migration		
						Immig.	Net Emig.	Net 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
2001-06	11,898	789	657	429	228	654	91	32	595	315	349	-34
Annual												
2001-02	11,898	204	129	81	48	153	19	17	151	70	65	5
2002-03	12,102	161	129	83	46	110	18	22	114	64	64	1
2003-04	12,263	154	133	86	47	128	18	4	114	57	64	-7
2004-05	12,417	142	133	88	45	130	18	-3	109	59	71	-11
2005-06	12,559	128	133	91	42	133	18	-7	107	64	86	-21

1. Statistics Canada's population estimates and components of change are 2001 Census-based adjusted for net undercoverage.

2. Except for Canada, all projections are produced by the Ontario Ministry of Finance, 2005-2031 (April 2006 Update). Projections for Canada are Statistics Canada.

3. 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).

4. Total Fertility Rates and life expectancy estimates are for calendar year, and projections are for census year.

5. Families and households are Census data.

6. In the "Components of Change" table, 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).

Note: All population figures are for July 1st.

Sources: Ontario Ministry of Finance and Statistics Canada.

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