

Ontario Demographic Quarterly

Highlights of fourth quarter, 2019

Population growth

Ontario's population reached 14,711,827 on January 1, 2020, with an increase of 52,211 people during the fourth quarter of 2019. This compares to an increase of 35,968 in the same quarter of the previous year.

Population growth, Ontario, Q4 2019

Thousands

Population, October 1, 2019	14,659.6
Plus Births	36.4
Minus Deaths	28.8
Plus Immigrants	32.8
Minus Emigrants*	6.3
Plus Net Change in Non-Permanent Residents	18.0
Plus Interprovincial Arrivals	13.1
Minus Interprovincial Departures	13.0
Population, January 1, 2020	14,711.8

* Emigrants plus net change in temporary emigrants minus returning Canadians.
Source: Statistics Canada.

Births and deaths

There were 36,422 births during the fourth quarter of 2019, an increase of 3.0% from the same quarter of 2018. The number of deaths increased by 3.1% to reach 28,791.

Natural increase (births minus deaths) was 7,631 in the quarter, up slightly from 7,445 in the same quarter of 2018.

International migration

Immigration to Ontario was 32,792 in the fourth quarter of 2019, up from 31,170 in the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario received 42.5% of all immigrants to Canada in the quarter, down from 43.9% in the same quarter of 2018. Over the last 12 months, Ontario received 153,413 immigrants, up from 137,436 during the previous year.

There were 6,262 emigrants from Ontario in the quarter, similar to the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario accounted for 43.1% of all emigration from Canada in the quarter.

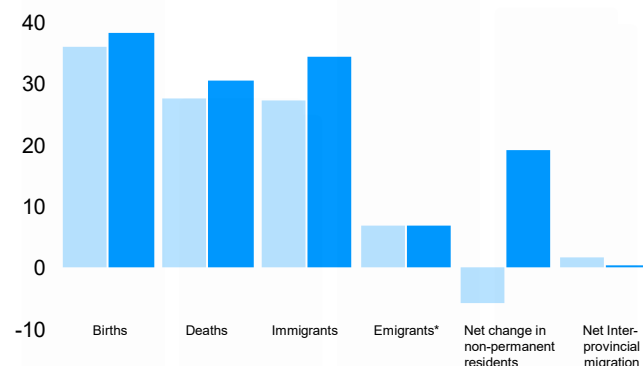
The number of non-permanent residents in Ontario (NPRs – i.e. foreign students, visa workers and refugee claimants) increased by 17,982 to 634,114 in the fourth quarter.

In summary, there was a net international migration gain of 44,512 in the fourth quarter, up from a net gain of 25,462 in the same quarter of 2018.

Components of population growth, Q4 2019 and average for 2014-2018

■ Average of fourth quarters, 2014-2018 ■ Q4 2019

Thousands



* Includes emigrants plus net change in temporary emigrants minus returning Canadians.
Source: Statistics Canada.

Interprovincial migration

In the fourth quarter of 2019, Ontario had a net inflow of 68 people from the rest of Canada compared to a net gain of 3,061 people in the same quarter of 2018. Ontario experienced net gains in its exchanges with seven of the 12 other provinces and territories. The largest gains came from Saskatchewan (679) and Manitoba (578). The largest losses were to British Columbia (-839) and Alberta (-683). Over the last 12 months, Ontario's total net interprovincial migration gain was 4,760, compared to a net gain of 12,465 during the previous year.

Year-over-year growth

Over the last 12 months, Ontario's population grew by 270,133 or 1.9%, higher than growth of 252,775 during the previous year. Among the provinces, Ontario had the second fastest population growth rate, after Prince Edward Island (2.0%). Canada's population grew at a rate of 1.6% over the period.

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Population (000s)	Estimates ¹						MOF Projections ²					
	2006	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
Canada	32,571	34,339	36,109	36,543	37,058	37,589	38,285	40,315	42,271	44,115	45,844	47,479
Ontario	12,662	13,261	13,875	14,073	14,319	14,567	15,073	16,070	16,983	17,896	18,818	19,759
Ontario as % of Canada	38.9	38.6	38.4	38.5	38.6	38.8	38.8	39.0	39.2	39.3	39.3	n.a.
Ontario avg. annual growth rate (Over previous year shown)	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
Age distribution (%)												
0–4	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.9
5–14	12.3	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.4	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.9	9.8
15–24	13.8	13.7	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.8	12.6	12.4	12.5	12.6
25–44	29.4	27.1	26.5	26.6	26.8	27.1	27.3	27.5	27.0	26.4	25.6	25.3
45–64	26.0	28.3	28.1	27.9	27.5	27.0	26.3	24.3	23.1	23.1	23.7	24.0
65–74	6.9	7.6	9.2	9.4	9.6	9.8	10.2	11.0	11.5	10.8	9.7	9.3
75+	6.2	6.6	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.8	9.2	10.7	12.3	13.7	14.1
Selected age groups (%)												
0–14	17.8	16.6	16.1	16.0	15.8	15.7	15.4	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.8	14.7
15–64	69.2	69.1	67.6	67.4	67.3	67.1	66.6	64.7	62.7	61.9	61.8	61.9
65+	13.0	14.2	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2	18.0	20.2	22.2	23.1	23.4	23.4
Other characteristics												
Total dependency ratio (%) ³	60.6	60.4	62.6	63.0	63.2	63.4	64.9	70.2	75.4	77.9	78.6	78.2
Median age (yrs.)	38.4	39.8	40.7	40.7	40.6	40.4	40.4	40.8	41.5	42.3	42.8	42.9
Age span of baby boom (yrs.)	41–60	46–65	51–70	52–71	53–72	54–73	56–75	61–80	66–85	71–90	76–95	81–100
Total fertility rate ⁴	1.55	1.56	1.52	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.50	1.49	1.48	1.49	1.53	1.55
Female life expectancy at birth (yrs.) ⁴	83.1	84.0	84.4	84.4	n.a.	n.a.	85.1	85.8	86.5	87.2	87.9	88.5
Male life expectancy at birth (yrs.) ⁴	78.8	79.8	80.4	80.3	n.a.	n.a.	81.4	82.4	83.4	84.3	85.2	86.0
Families (000s)	3,539	3,722	3,832	3,883	3,917	3,958	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Households (000s) ⁵	4,555	4,888	5,169	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Regional distribution (%)												
Greater Toronto Area	45.8	47.2	47.8	47.8	47.9	47.9	48.3	49.1	49.8	50.5	51.2	51.8
Central	22.0	21.6	21.6	21.7	21.7	21.7	21.6	21.6	21.5	21.4	21.3	21.2
Eastern	13.2	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.0	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.2
Southwestern	12.6	12.0	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.4	11.2	11.0	10.8	10.6
Northeastern	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.9
Northwestern	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3

Components of change (000s) ⁶ – year beginning July 1

Period	Population, beginning of period	Total change	International migration						Interprovincial migration			
			Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Immigrants	Net emigrants	Net NPRs	Net	In	Out	Net
Five-Year												
2001–06	11,898	764	658	418	240	653	125	44	573	307	336	-30
2006–11	12,662	600	697	441	256	558	104	57	511	296	355	-59
2011–16	13,261	614	702	471	231	519	123	85	481	307	346	-39
Annual												
2016–17	13,875	197	140	102	39	98	20	67	145	72	58	13
2017–18	14,073	246	142	106	36	132	20	87	200	70	60	10
2018–19	14,319	248	146	109	37	139	21	81	200	77	66	12

1. Statistics Canada's population estimates based on the 2016 Census.

2. All projections are produced by the Ontario Ministry of Finance (Summer 2019), except those for Canada (and Ontario as % of Canada), which are from Statistics Canada.

3. Total dependency ratio is the ratio of the population aged 0–19 and 65+ to the population aged 20–64.

4. Total Fertility Rates and life expectancy estimates are for calendar year, and projections are for census year. Life expectancy estimates represent three-year averages (e.g., 2006 reported life expectancy corresponds to the average recorded over 2005–2007).

5. 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). Components may not add up due to existence of residuals.

Note: All population figures are for July 1st.

Sources: Ontario Ministry of Finance and Statistics Canada.