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Ontario Demographic Quarterly: Highlights of first quarter 2020

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Population growth

Ontario's population reached 14,745,040 on April 1, 2020, with an increase of 33,213 people during the first quarter of 2020. This compares to an increase of 42,548 in the same quarter of the previous year.

Population growth, Ontario, Q1 2020 Thousands	
Population, January 1, 2020	14,711.8

Plus Births	36.2
Minus Deaths	30.7
Plus Immigrants	32.3
Minus Emigrants*	6.2
Plus Net Change in Non-Permanent Residents	4.1
Plus Interprovincial Arrivals	16.9
Minus Interprovincial Departures	19.5
Population, April 1, 2020	14,745.0

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

Births and deaths

There were 36,150 births during the first quarter of 2020, an increase of 3.2% from the same quarter of 2019. The number of deaths increased by 3.1% to reach 30,670.

Natural increase (births minus deaths) was 5,480 in the quarter, up slightly from 5,275 in the same quarter of 2019.

International migration

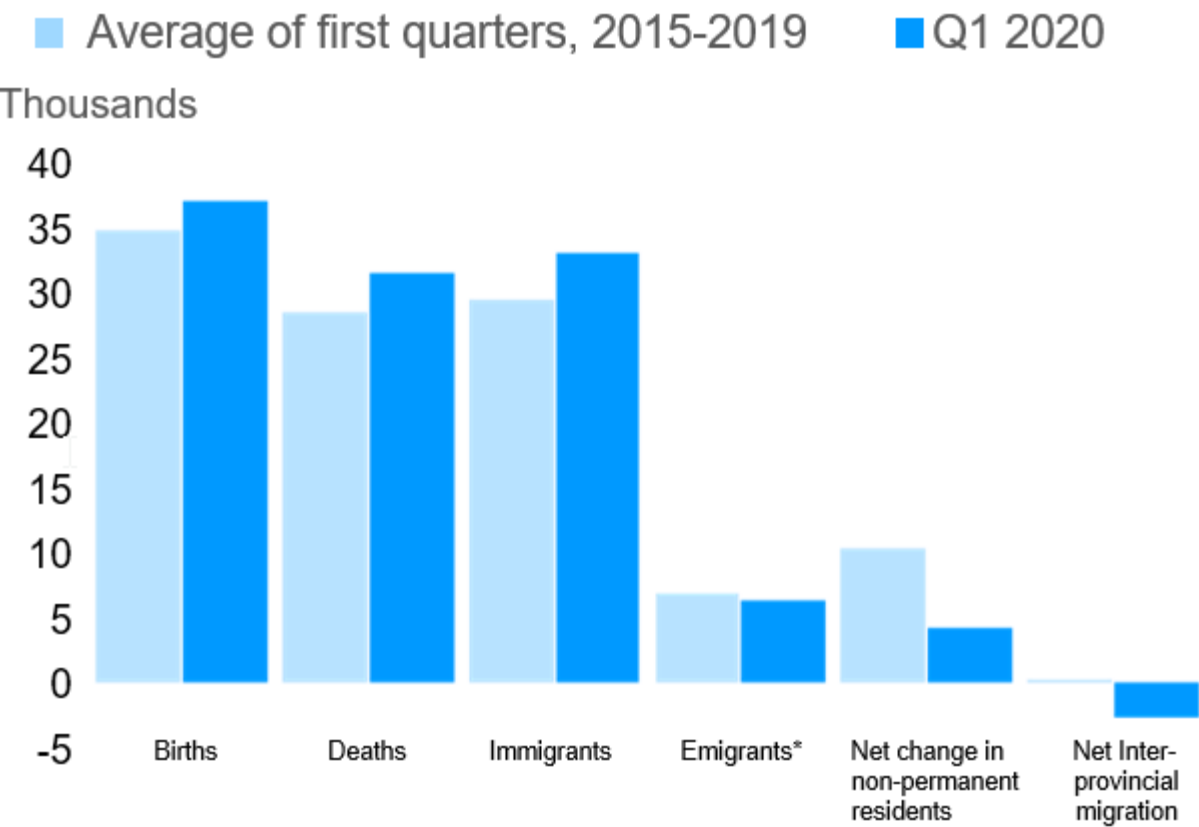
Immigration to Ontario was 32,290 in the first quarter of 2020, up from 31,145 in the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario received 46.3% of all immigrants to Canada in the quarter, down from 47.2% in the same quarter of 2019. Over the 12 months to March 31, Ontario received 154,558 immigrants, up from 133,320 during the previous year.

There were 6,161 emigrants from Ontario in the quarter, down slightly from 6,607 in the first quarter of 2019. Ontario accounted for 45.6% 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 4,111 to about 642,000 in the first quarter.

In summary, there was a net international migration gain of 30,240 in the first quarter, down from a net gain of 36,342 in the same quarter of 2019.

Components of population growth, Q1 2020 and average for 2015-2019



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

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Interprovincial migration

In the first quarter of 2020, Ontario had a net outflow of 2,507 people to the rest of Canada compared to a net gain of 931 people in the same quarter of 2019. Ontario only experienced net gains in its exchanges with Saskatchewan (789) and Manitoba (511). The largest losses were to British Columbia (–1,355) and Alberta (–1,161). Over the 12 months to March 31, Ontario's total net interprovincial migration gain was 1,322, compared to a net gain of 11,617 during the previous year.

Year-over-year growth

Over the 12 months to March 31, Ontario's population grew by 260,798 or 1.8%, higher than growth of 242,863 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 1.5% over the period.

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Ontario Demographic Factsheet

Population (000s) - Estimates ^[1]						
Region	2006	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019
Canada	32,571	34,339	36,109	36,543	37,058	37,589
Ontario	12,662	13,261	13,875	14,073	14,319	14,567
Ontario as % of Canada	38.9	38.6	38.4	38.5	38.6	38.8
Ontario average annual growth rate (Over previous year shown)	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.7	1.7

Population (000s) - MOF Projections ^[2]						
Region	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
Canada	38,285	40,315	42,271	44,115	45,844	47,479
Ontario	15,073	16,070	16,983	17,896	18,818	19,759
Ontario as % of Canada	38.8	39.0	39.2	39.3	39.3	n.a.
Ontario average annual growth rate (Over previous year shown)	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0

Age distribution (%) - Estimates ^[1]						
Age group	2006	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019

0–4	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0
5–14	12.3	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.8	10.7
15–24	13.8	13.7	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.0
25–44	29.4	27.1	26.5	26.6	26.8	27.1
45–64	26.0	28.3	28.1	27.9	27.5	27.0
65–74	6.9	7.6	9.2	9.4	9.6	9.8
75+	6.2	6.6	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.5

Age distribution (%) - MOF Projections ^[2]						
Age group	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
0–4	5.0	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.9
5–14	10.4	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.9	9.8
15–24	13.0	12.8	12.6	12.4	12.5	12.6
25–44	27.3	27.5	27.0	26.4	25.6	25.3
45–64	26.3	24.3	23.1	23.1	23.7	24.0
65–74	10.2	11.0	11.5	10.8	9.7	9.3
75+	7.8	9.2	10.7	12.3	13.7	14.1

Selected age groups (%) - Estimates ^[1]						
Age group	2006	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019
0–14	17.8	16.6	16.1	16.0	15.8	15.7
15–64	69.2	69.1	67.6	67.4	67.3	67.1
65+	13.0	14.2	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2

Selected age groups (%) - MOF Projections ^[2]						
Age group	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
0–14	15.4	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.8	14.7
15–64	66.6	64.7	62.7	61.9	61.8	61.9
65+	18.0	20.2	22.2	23.1	23.4	23.4

Other characteristics - Estimates ^[1]						
Other characteristic	2006	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total dependency ratio (%) ^[3]	60.6	60.4	62.6	63.0	63.2	63.4
Median age (years)	38.4	39.8	40.7	40.7	40.6	40.4
Age span of baby boom (years)	41-60	46-65	51-70	52-71	53-72	54-73
Total fertility rate ^[4]	1.55	1.56	1.52	1.49	n.a. *****	n.a. *****
Female life expectancy at birth (years) ^[4]	83.1	84.0	84.4	84.4	n.a. *****	n.a. *****
Male life expectancy at birth (years) ^[4]	78.8	79.8	80.4	80.3	n.a. *****	n.a. *****
Families (000s) *****	3,539	3,722	3,832	3,883	3,917	3,958
Households (000s) ^[5] *****	4,555	4,888	5,169	n.a. *****	n.a. *****	n.a. *****

Other characteristics - MOF Projections ^[2]						
Other characteristic	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
Total dependency ratio (%) ^[3]	64.9	70.2	75.4	77.9	78.6	78.2
Median age (years)	40.4	40.8	41.5	42.3	42.8	42.9
Age span of baby boom (years)	56-75	61-80	66-85	71-90	76-95	81-100
Total fertility rate ^[4]	1.50	1.49	1.48	1.49	1.53	1.55

Female life expectancy at birth (years) ^[4]	85.1	85.8	86.5	87.2	87.9	88.5
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Male life expectancy at birth (years) ^[4]	81.4	82.4	83.4	84.3	85.2	86.0
Families (000s) ^[5]	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Households (000s) ^[5]	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Regional distribution (%) - Estimates ^[1]						
Region	2006	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019
Greater Toronto Area	45.8	47.2	47.8	47.8	47.9	47.9
Central	22.0	21.6	21.6	21.7	21.7	21.7
Eastern	13.2	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1
Southwestern	12.6	12.0	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7
Northeastern	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9
Northwestern	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7

Regional distribution (%) - MOF Projections ^[2]						
Region	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
Greater Toronto Area	48.3	49.1	49.8	50.5	51.2	51.8
Central	21.6	21.6	21.5	21.4	21.3	21.2
Eastern	13.0	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.2
Southwestern	11.6	11.4	11.2	11.0	10.8	10.6
Northeastern	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.9
Northwestern	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3

Components of change (000s) ^[6] — year beginning July 1					
Period	Population,	Total change	Births	Deaths	Natural increase

beginning of period					
Five-Year: 2001–06	11,898	764	658	418	240
Five-Year: 2006–11	12,662	600	697	441	256
Five-Year: 2011–16	13,261	614	702	471	231
Annual: 2016–17	13,875	197	140	102	39
Annual: 2017–18	14,073	246	142	106	36
Annual: 2018–19	14,319	248	146	109	37

Components of change (000s) ^[6] — year beginning July 1 International migration

Period	Immigrants	Net emigrants	Net NPRs	Net
Five-Year: 2001–06	653	125	44	573
Five-Year: 2006–11	558	104	57	511
Five-Year: 2011–16	519	123	85	481
Annual: 2016–17	98	20	67	145
Annual: 2017–18	132	20	87	200
Annual: 2018–19	139	21	81	200

Components of change (000s) ^[6] — year beginning July 1 Interprovincial migration

Period	In	Out	Net
Five-Year: 2001–06	307	336	–30
Five-Year: 2006–11	296	355	–59
Five-Year: 2011–16	307	346	–39
Annual: 2016–17	72	58	13

Annual: 2017–18	70	60	10
Annual: 2018–19	77	66	12

Note: All population figures are for July 1st.

Sources: Ontario Ministry of Finance and Statistics Canada.

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This bar chart compares the components of population growth in the first quarter of 2020 with the average of the same quarter of the previous five years (2015-2019). In the first quarter of 2020, births, deaths and immigration were higher than the average of first quarters of the previous five years, while emigration, net interprovincial migration and the net change in the number of non-permanent residents were lower.

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Footnotes

- [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.

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