

Ontario Demographic Quarterly: highlights of second quarter

Learn about Ontario's economic performance and outlook for the second quarter of 2023.

On September 27, Statistics Canada released the first set of population estimates based on the 2021 Census for Canada, the provinces, and territories, including historical revisions to back to 2001. For the first time, information on the types of non-permanent residents was provided, including data on inflows and outflows.

Population growth

Ontario's population reached 15,608,369 on July 1, 2023, with an increase of 151,294 residents during the second quarter of 2023. This compares to an increase of 98,795 people recorded in the same quarter of 2022.

Over the 12 months to July 1, 2023, the provincial population grew by 463,363 residents, an annual increase of 3.1 per cent. Over the previous 12-month period to July 1, 2022, Ontario's population had grown by 302,518 people or 2.0 per cent.

Among the provinces, Ontario had the fifth highest population growth rate during the 12 months to July 1, 2023, after Alberta (4.1%), Prince Edward Island (3.9%), Nova Scotia (3.2%), and New Brunswick (3.1%). Canada's population grew by 1,158,705 (3.0%) over the 12-month period.

Components of Demographic Change for Ontario

Component	Q2 20 22	Q2 20 23	12 Months to July 1, 2022	12 Months to July 1, 2023
Natural increase Total	4,914	5,670	19,270	14,874
Natural increase - Births	34,232	35,896	138,492	137,748
Natural increase - Deaths	29,318	30,226	119,222	122,874
Net migration	93,881	145,624	283,248	448,489
Migration - Net international migration	108,773	159,477	314,266	490,418

Component	Q2 20 22	Q2 20 23	12 Months to July 1, 2022	12 Months to July 1, 2023
Migration – International migration – Immigration	50,804	54,933	227,424	199,297
Migration – International migration – Emigration	1,824	1,808	13,982	14,241
Migration – International migration – Net change in non-permanent residents	59,793	106,352	100,824	305,362
Migration – International migration – Non-permanent resident Inflow	93,575	147,253	326,393	503,923
Migration – International migration – Non-permanent resident Outflow	33,782	40,901	225,569	198,561
Migration – Net interprovincial migration	-14,892	-13,853	-31,018	-41,929

Component	Q2 2022	Q2 2023	12 Months to July 1, 2022	12 Months to July 1, 2023
Migration - Interprovincial migration - Inflow	30,783	25,077	85,879	80,684
Migration - Interprovincial migration - Outflow	45,730	38,930	116,897	122,613
Population Growth	98,795	151,294	302,518	463,363
Population Growth Rate			2.0%	3.1%

Source: Statistics Canada.

Natural increase

There were 35,896 births during the second quarter of 2023, up from 34,232 in same quarter of 2022. The number of deaths also increased, reaching 30,226 in the second quarter of 2023, compared to 29,318 over the same period of the previous year.

Natural increase (births minus deaths) was 5,670 in the quarter, up from 4,914 in the same quarter of 2022.

International migration

There were 54,933 new immigrants to Ontario in the second quarter, up from 50,804 in the same quarter of 2022. In the 12 months to July 1, 2023, 199,297 immigrants settled in the province, down from 227,424 in the previous year. Ontario received 42.5 per cent of all immigrants to Canada over this period, down from 46.1 per cent in the previous year.

There were 1,808 emigrants in the second quarter, compared to 1,824 in the same quarter of 2022.

The number of non permanent residents in Ontario increased by 106,352 in the second quarter of 2023. The number of asylum claimants living in the province increased by 9,040 in that quarter. Holders of a work permit rose by 57,411, holders of a study permit grew by 14,569, and the number of those holding both a study and a work permit increased by 3,582.

There were 986,863 non-permanent residents living in Ontario on July 1, 2023, an increase of 305,362, or 44.8 per cent, over the previous 12 months.

Net Change in the Number of Non-Permanent Residents in Ontario				
Net Change by Category	Q2 2022	Q2 2023	12 Months to July 1, 2022	12 Months to July 1, 2023
Asylum Claimants	2 , 018	9 , 040	623	21 , 340

Net Change by Category	Q2 2022	Q2 2023	12 Months to July 1, 2022	12 Months to July 1, 2023
Holders of Work Permit Only	27,823	57,441	14,365	162,070
Holders of Study Permit Only	16,824	14,569	62,203	60,193
Holder of Both Work & Study Permit	11,096	21,720	20,277	51,664
Other	2,032	3,582	3,356	10,095
Total Net Change	59,793	106,352	100,824	305,362

Non-Permanent Residents Living in Ontario

Number of People by Category	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023
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Number of People by Category	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023
Asylum Claimants	68,830	69,453	90,793
Holders of Work Permit Only	243,040	257,405	419,475
Holders of Study Permit Only	162,343	224,546	284,739
Holder of Both Work & Study Permit	87,865	108,142	159,806
Other	18,599	21,955	32,050
Total	580,677	681,501	986,863
Change from Previous Year	-4.3%	+17.4%	+44.8%

Source: Statistics Canada.

Overall, there was a net international migration gain of 159,477 in the second quarter, up from a net gain of 108,773 in the same quarter of 2022. Net international migration is the sum of all new immigrants during the quarter, minus the number of emigrants, plus the net change in non-permanent residents.

Interprovincial migration

In the second quarter of 2023, Ontario saw a net interprovincial migration loss of 13,853 people to the rest of Canada, compared to a net loss of 14,892 people in the same quarter of 2022. Ontario experienced net losses in its exchanges with 8 of the other 12 provinces and territories. The largest net gains were from Quebec (+353) and Manitoba (+248). The largest net losses were to Alberta (–6,765), British Columbia (–2,573). In the 12 months to July 1, 2023, Ontario’s total net interprovincial migration loss was 41,929, compared to a net loss of 31,018 during the previous year.

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Population (000s) - Estimates ^[1]							
Region	2006	2011	2016	2020	2021	2022	2023
Canada	32,571	34,339	36,111	38,029	38,240	38,939	40,098
Ontario	12,662	13,262	13,877	14,762	14,842	15,145	15,608

Region	2006	2011	2016	2020	2021	2022	2023
Ontario as % of Canada	38.9	38.6	38.4	38.8	38.8	38.9	38.9
Ontario average annual growth rate (Over previous year shown)	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.6	0.5	2.0	3.1

Population (000s) - MOF Projections [2]

Region	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
Canada	40,965	43,276	45,282	47,070	48,770
Ontario	16,627	17,819	19,065	20,355	21,692
Ontario as % of Canada	40.6	41.2	42.1	43.2	44.5

Region	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
Ontario average annual growth	2.1	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3
rate (Over previous year shown)					

Age distribution (%) - Estimates ^[3]

Age group	2006	2011	2016	2020	2021	2022	2023
0-4	5.4	5.4	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.7	n.a.
5-14	12.3	11.2	11.0	10.6	10.5	10.4	n.a.
15-24	13.8	13.7	12.9	12.8	12.4	12.6	n.a.
25-44	29.4	27.1	26.5	27.3	27.6	28.0	n.a.
45-64	26.0	28.3	28.1	26.7	26.5	25.9	n.a.
65-74	6.9	7.6	9.2	10.0	10.3	10.3	n.a.

Age group	2006	2011	2016	2020	2021	2022	2023
75+	6 . 2	6 . 6	7 . 1	7 . 6	7 . 8	8 . 0	n . a . *****

Age distribution (%) - MOF Projections [2] *****					
Age group	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
0-4	4 . 8	5 . 0	5 . 0	5 . 1	5 . 1
5-14	9 . 7	9 . 6	9 . 9	10 . 2	10 . 2
15-24	13 . 8	13 . 5	12 . 9	12 . 8	13 . 1
25-44	29 . 3	29 . 6	29 . 4	28 . 7	27 . 9
45-64	23 . 4	21 . 9	21 . 8	22 . 6	23 . 4
65-74	10 . 4	10 . 8	9 . 9	8 . 7	8 . 2

Age group	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
75+	8 . 6	9 . 7	11 . 0	11 . 9	12 . 0

Selected age groups (%) - Estimates ^[3]							
Age group	2006	2011	2016	2020	2021	2022	2023
0-14	17 . 8	16 . 6	16 . 1	15 . 5	15 . 3	15 . 1	n . a
15-64	69 . 2	69 . 1	67 . 6	66 . 9	66 . 5	66 . 5	n . a
65+	13 . 0	14 . 2	16 . 3	17 . 7	18 . 1	18 . 4	n . a

Selected age groups (%) - MOF Projections ^[2]					
Age group	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046

Age group	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
0-14	14 . 4	14 . 6	15 . 0	15 . 3	15 . 4
15-64	66 . 5	64 . 9	64 . 2	64 . 1	64 . 4
65+	19 . 0	20 . 5	20 . 9	20 . 7	20 . 3

Other characteristics - Estimates ^[3]

Other characteristic	2006	2011	2016	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total dependency ratio (%) ^[4]	60 . 6	60 . 4	62 . 6	63 . 7	64 . 0	64 . 3	n . a
Median age (years)	38 . 4	39 . 8	40 . 7	40 . 5	40 . 7	40 . 4	n . a

Other characteristic	2006	2011	2016	2020	2021	2022	2023
Age span of baby boom (years)	41– 60	46– 65	51– 70	55– 74	56– 75	57– 76	58– 77
Total fertility rate^[5]	1.5 9	1.5 7	1.5 2	1.3 4	1.3 7	n.a	n.a
Female life expectancy at birth (years)^[5]	83. 2	84. 1	84. 4	84. 4	84. 4	n.a	n.a
Male life expectancy at birth (years)^[5]	78. 7	79. 9	80. 4	79. 9	79. 6	n.a	n.a
Families (000s)	3,5 39	3,7 22	3,8 32	4,0 39	4,1 05	4,1 70	n.a
Households (000s)^[6]	4,5 55	4,8 88	5,1 69	n.a	5,4 91	n.a	n.a

Other characteristics - MOF Projections ^[2]

Other characteristic	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
Total dependency ratio (%) ^[4]	64.5	68.3	69.7	70.3	70.0
Median age (years)	39.2	39.5	39.9	40.2	40.3
Age span of baby boom (years)	61–80	66–85	71–90	76–95	81–100
Total fertility rate ^[5]	1.37	1.38	1.41	1.46	1.50
Female life expectancy at birth (years) ^[5]	85.1	85.7	86.4	87.0	87.6
Male life expectancy at birth (years) ^[5]	80.8	81.7	82.6	83.5	84.3
Families (000s) *****	n.a. *****	n.a. *****	n.a. *****	n.a. *****	n.a. *****
Households (000s) ^[6] *****	n.a. *****	n.a. *****	n.a. *****	n.a. *****	n.a. *****

Regional distribution (%) - Estimates [3]

Region	2006	2011	2016	2020	2021	2022	2023
Greater Toronto Area	45.8	47.2	47.8	48.0	47.8	47.8	n.a.
Central	22.0	21.6	21.6	21.7	21.9	21.9	n.a.
Eastern	13.2	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	n.a.
Southwestern	12.6	12.0	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	n.a.
Northeastern	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	n.a.
Northwestern	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	n.a.

Regional distribution (%) - MOF Projections [2]

Region	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
Greater Toronto Area	48.2	48.4	48.5	48.6	48.6
Central	22.0	22.2	22.3	22.5	22.6
Eastern	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.9
Southwestern	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.5
Northeastern	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.1
Northwestern	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2

Components of change (000s) ^{[1],[7]} — year beginning July 1					
Period	Population, beginning of period	Total change	Birth s	Death s	Natural increase

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Five-Year: 2001–06	11,897	764	666	418	249
Five-Year: 2006–11	12,662	600	709	442	268
Five-Year: 2011–16	13,262	614	706	471	234
Five-Year: 2016–21	13,877	966	701	543	157
Annual: 2021–22	14,842	303	138	119	19
Annual: 2022–23	15,145	463	138	123	15

Components of change (000s)^{[1],[7]} — 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	58	512
Five-Year: 2011–16	519	123	87	484
Five-Year: 2016–21	605	75	221	751
Annual: 2021–22	227	14	101	314
Annual: 2022–23	199	14	305	490

**Components of change (000s)^[1],
[7] — 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	339	378	-39
Five-Year: 2016-21	372	358	14
Annual: 2021-22	86	117	-31
Annual: 2022-23	81	123	-42

Note: All population figures are for July 1st.

Other Demographics Reports

- Demographics (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-demographics>)
- Highlights of Third quarter 2022 (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-demographic-quarterly-highlights-third-quarter>)
- Highlights of Fourth quarter 2022 (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-demographic-quarterly-highlights-fourth-quarter>)
- Highlights of First quarter 2023 (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-demographic-quarterly-highlights-first-quarter>)

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Footnotes

- [1] ^ Statistics Canada's population estimates for total population and components of growth are based on the 2021 Census.
- [2] ^ All projections are produced by the Ontario Ministry of Finance (Summer 2023), except those for Canada (and Ontario as % of Canada), which are from Statistics Canada.
- [3] ^ Estimates are based on the 2016 Census.

- [4] ^ Total dependency ratio is the ratio of the population aged 0–19 and 65+ to the population aged 20–64.
- [5] ^ Total fertility rate and life expectancy estimates are for calendar years, and projections are for census years.
- [6] ^ Households are Census data.
- [7] ^ 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.
