

Ontario Demographic Quarterly: Highlights of third quarter

Learn about key facts and figures of the province's demographics for the third quarter of 2023.

Population growth

Ontario’s population reached 15,801,768 on October 1, 2023, with an increase of 193,399 residents during the third quarter of 2023. This compares to an increase of 138,955 people recorded in the same quarter of 2022.

Over the 12 months to October 1, 2023, the provincial population grew by 517,807 residents, an annual increase of 3.4 per cent. Over the previous 12-month period to October 1, 2022, Ontario’s population had grown by 341,689 people or 2.3 per cent.

Among the provinces, Ontario had the third highest population growth rate during the 12 months to October 1, 2023, after Alberta (4.3%) and Prince Edward Island (4.0%). Canada’s population grew by 1,252,256 (3.2%) over the 12-month period.

Components of Demographic Change for Ontario				
Component	Q3 2022	Q3 2023	12 Months to Oct. 1, 2022	12 Months to Oct. 1, 2023
Natural increase Total	7,489	7,933	16,531	15,318
Natural increase – Births	36,015	37,813	136,584	139,546
Natural increase – Deaths	28,526	29,880	120,053	124,228
Net migration	131,466	185,466	325,158	502,489
Migration – Net international migration	140,866	191,418	362,367	540,970

Component	Q3 2022	Q3 2023	12 Months to Oct. 1, 2022	12 Months to Oct. 1, 2023
Migration – International migration – Immigration	50,132	47,140	218,568	196,305
Migration – International migration – Emigration*	2,390	2,466	14,020	14,317
Migration – International migration – Net change in non-permanent residents	93,124	146,744	157,819	358,982
Migration – International migration – Non-permanent resident Inflow	148,263	210,301	365,046	565,961
Migration – International migration – Non-permanent resident Outflow	55,139	63,557	207,227	206,979
Migration – Net interprovincial migration	–9,400	–5,952	–37,209	–38,481
Migration – Interprovincial migration – Inflow	22,744	20,345	84,401	78,285
Migration – Interprovincial migration – Outflow	32,144	26,297	121,610	116,766
Population Growth	138,955	193,399	341,689	517,807
Population Growth Rate			2.3%	3.4%

Source: Statistics Canada. *Emigration refers to the net of: emigration minus returning emigration plus net temporary emigration.

Natural increase

There were 37,813 births during the third quarter of 2023, up from 36,015 in same quarter of 2022. The number of deaths also increased, reaching 29,880 in the third quarter of 2023, compared to 28,526 over the same period of the previous year.

Natural increase (births minus deaths) was 7,933 in the quarter, up from 7,489 in the same quarter of 2022.

International migration

There were 47,140 new immigrants to Ontario in the third quarter, down from 50,132 in the same quarter of 2022. In the 12 months to October 1, 2023, 196,305 immigrants settled in the province, down from 218,568 in the previous year. Ontario received 43.2 per cent of all immigrants to Canada over this period, down from 44.4 per cent in the previous year.

There were 2,466 emigrants in the third quarter, compared to 2,390 in the same quarter of 2022.

The number of non permanent residents in Ontario increased by 146,744 in the third quarter of 2023. The number of asylum claimants living in the province increased by 14,646 in that quarter. Holders of a work permit rose by 72,995, holders of a study permit grew by 40,952, and the number of those holding both a study and a work permit increased by 13,225.

There were 1,133,607 non-permanent residents living in Ontario on October 1, 2023, an increase of 358,982, or 46.3 per cent, over the previous 12 months.

Net Change in the Number of Non-Permanent Residents in Ontario				
Net Change by Category	Q3 2022	Q3 2023	12 Months to Oct. 1, 2022	12 Months to Oct. 1, 2023
Asylum Claimants	2 , 304	14 , 646	4 , 608	33 , 682
Holders of Work Permit Only	39 , 343	72 , 995	44 , 466	195 , 722
Holders of Study Permit Only	32 , 919	40 , 952	69 , 348	68 , 226
Holder of Both Work & Study Permit	15 , 731	13 , 225	35 , 159	49 , 158
Other	2 , 827	4 , 926	4 , 238	12 , 194
Total Net Change	93 , 124	146 , 744	157 , 819	358 , 982

Non-Permanent Residents Living in Ontario			
Number of People as of:	Oct. 1, 2021	Oct. 1, 2022	Oct. 1, 2023
Asylum Claimants	67,149	71,757	105,439
Holders of Work Permit Only	252,282	296,748	492,470
Holders of Study Permit Only	188,117	257,465	325,691
Holder of Both Work & Study Permit	88,714	123,873	173,031
Other	20,544	24,782	36,976
Total	616,806	774,625	1,133,607
Change from Previous Year	+7.6%	+25.6%	+46.3%

Source: Statistics Canada.

Overall, there was a net international migration gain of 191,418 in the third quarter, up from a net gain of 140,866 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 third quarter of 2023, Ontario saw a net interprovincial migration loss of 5,952 people to the rest of Canada, compared to a net loss of 9,400 people in the same quarter of 2022. Ontario experienced net losses in its exchanges with 7 of the other 12 provinces and territories. The largest net gains were from Quebec (+1,069) and Manitoba (+513). The largest net losses were to Alberta (-6,262) and New Brunswick (-669). In the 12 months to October 1, 2023, Ontario's total net interprovincial migration loss was 38,481, compared to a net loss of 37,209 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
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
Ontario average annual growth rate (Over previous year shown)	2.1	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3

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 . *****
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

Age group	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
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
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
0-14	14 . 4	14 . 6	15 . 0	15 . 3	15 . 4

Age group	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
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 . *****
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 . 59	1 . 57	1 . 52	1 . 34	1 . 37	1 . 27	n . a . *****
Female life expectancy at birth (years) ^[5]	83 . 2	84 . 1	84 . 4	84 . 4	84 . 4	84 . 1	n . a . *****
Male life expectancy at birth (years) ^[5]	78 . 7	79 . 9	80 . 4	79 . 9	79 . 6	79 . 6	n . a . *****
Families (000s) *****	3 , 539	3 , 722	3 , 832	4 , 039	4 , 105	4 , 170	n . a . *****
Households (000s) ^[6] *****	4 , 555	4 , 888	5 , 169	n . a . *****	5 , 491	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 . *****

Region	2006	2011	2016	2020	2021	2022	2023
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	Births	Deaths	Natural increase
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

Period	Immigrants	Net emigrants	Net NPRs *****	Net
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.

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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.