

Alberta Population Report

Fourth Quarter, 2008

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Alberta's population continued to have the highest fourth quarter (year over year) growth rate among all provinces, showing an increase from the 2007 fourth quarter. The fourth quarter of 2008 showed net inflows of people to Alberta from both interprovincial (6,198) and international (4,097) sources, and an influx of net non-permanent residents (4,870).

As of January 1, 2009, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,632,483 (Table 1). This represents a year over year increase of approximately 91,251 persons (2.58%) since January 1, 2008. Although Alberta's population growth rate has slowed since 2006, it presently remains double the national rate of 1.21%.

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES
CANADA & ALBERTA

Population			Yearly Growth Rate		
Jan 1	Canada	Alberta	Jan 1	Canada	Alberta
2005	32,136,939	3,239,154			
2006	32,466,635	3,325,144	2006	1.03%	2.65%
2007	32,737,289	3,471,300	2007	0.83%	4.40%
2008	33,103,039	3,541,232	2008	1.12%	2.01%
2009	33,504,680	3,632,483	2009	1.21%	2.58%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for January 1, 2009 and growth rates (since January 1, 2008) for all provinces and territories are provided in Table 2. Across all provinces, Alberta had the highest growth rate, year over year, at 2.58%. British Columbia and Saskatchewan had the next highest growth rates of 1.70% and 1.50% respectively.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2009 & GROWTH RATES SINCE JANUARY 1, 2008

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	508,990	140,402	939,531	748,319	7,782,561	12,986,857	1,213,815	1,023,810	3,632,483	4,419,974	33,442	42,940	31,556
Growth Rate	0.24%	1.25%	0.25%	0.23%	0.86%	1.05%	1.11%	1.50%	2.58%	1.70%	2.10%	-1.14%	0.88%

Source: Statistics Canada

MIGRATION

In the fourth quarter of 2008, Alberta had the largest interprovincial migration gain in Canada (Table 3). The province gained 6,198 people in interprovincial migration. This increase is significant when compared to the loss of net interprovincial migration observed in the fourth quarter of 2007. The interprovincial gain in the fourth quarter of 2008 was primarily attributed to the higher net inflow of migrants from Ontario (4,778) and Quebec (1,230). At the same time, there was a small net outflow of Albertans to British Columbia (304) and Manitoba (209). When compared to the fourth quarter of 2007, the net outflow of Albertans to Saskatchewan in the fourth quarter of 2008 (46) was substantially smaller to the net outflow of Albertans to Saskatchewan (1,050) in 2007.

Alberta's international migration remained strong in this quarter with a net inflow of 4,097 international migrants. However, there were fewer net non-permanent residents (4,870) in the fourth quarter of 2008 than in the third quarter (8,061). This represents 3,191 fewer non-permanent residents in Alberta in the fourth quarter than in the last quarter.

As shown in Table 4, over the past year, the top three provinces with the highest interprovincial migration gain in 2008 were Alberta (20,616), British Columbia (6,450), and Saskatchewan (5,559). This is a substantial increase in interprovincial migration from last year in Alberta (9,921).

NATURAL INCREASE

In the fourth quarter of 2008, Alberta posted a natural increase (births minus deaths) of over 6,536 people. The province experienced 11,906 births and 5,370 deaths in the fourth quarter.

Demographic data are available from Alberta Finance and Enterprise - Economics and Statistics.

SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR 2008

Population (Jan 1, 2008):	3,541,232
Births (Jan - Dec):	48,014
Deaths (Jan - Dec):	20,889
Net Interprovincial Migration (Jan - Dec):	20,616
Net International Migration (Jan - Dec):	19,650
Net Non-Permanent Residents (Jan - Dec):	23,860
Growth (Jan - Dec):	91,251
Population (Jan. 1, 2009):	3,632,483

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008

Origin	Destination												
	NL	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Y.T.	NWT.	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	5	398	37	69	490	47	30	979	118	0	6	0
Prince Edward I.	37	0	163	97	16	354	0	0	205	174	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	275	101	0	473	145	956	42	24	1,149	482	17	48	6
New Brunswick	68	88	433	0	396	493	38	47	560	165	0	18	0
Quebec	57	90	190	339	0	3,535	126	108	1,742	641	5	0	22
Ontario	852	123	1239	850	2742	0	1,171	1,301	7,487	3,170	71	55	37
Manitoba	106	0	75	44	130	902	0	478	919	536	10	15	8
Saskatchewan	20	0	44	40	136	380	406	0	1,871	797	13	4	0
Alberta	847	71	803	541	512	2,709	1,128	1,917	0	5,113	117	180	16
British Columbia	148	49	417	141	519	2,693	402	667	4,809	0	56	54	0
Yukon Territory	8	0	34	0	17	0	0	0	52	86	0	16	0
Northwest Terr.	39	0	30	8	26	51	72	88	326	100	0	0	46
Nunavut Terr.	14	16	0	0	8	18	40	0	53	26	0	52	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	2,471	543	3,826	2,570	4,716	12,581	3,472	4,660	20,152	11,408	289	448	135
Out Migration	2,179	1,046	3,718	2,306	6,855	19,098	3,223	3,711	13,954	9,955	213	786	227
Net Migration	292	-503	108	264	-2,139	-6,517	249	949	6,198	1,453	76	-338	-92

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 4: NET INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRATION BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORY, 2008

2008	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Jan-Mar	-40	-16	181	-117	-1,772	-4,020	-34	1,439	2,761	1,844	114	-207	-133
Apr-Jun	6	357	-60	-206	-4,952	-3,942	-360	1,107	6,730	1,669	5	-334	-20
Jul-Sep	823	127	-722	-741	-3,046	-3,200	-1,515	2,064	4,927	1,484	153	-249	-105
Oct-Dec	292	-503	108	264	-2,139	-6,517	249	949	6,198	1,453	76	-338	-92
Total	1,081	-35	-493	-800	-11,909	-17,679	-1,660	5,559	20,616	6,450	348	-1,128	-350

Source: Statistics Canada

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Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	NPR*	Total+NPR
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Net Migration Including Net NPR
2004											
Jan-Mar	13,863	10,671	3,192	4,074	1,016	508	535	3,085	6,277	521	6,798
Apr-Jun	17,688	14,971	2,717	4,605	1,258	559	927	3,715	6,432	281	6,713
Jul-Sep	22,917	14,138	8,779	4,521	1,969	747	1,407	3,212	11,991	1,065	13,056
Oct-Dec	15,045	8,856	6,189	3,274	963	513	604	2,402	8,591	312	8,903
<i>Total</i>	<i>69,513</i>	<i>48,636</i>	<i>20,877</i>	<i>16,474</i>	<i>5,206</i>	<i>2,327</i>	<i>3,473</i>	<i>12,414</i>	<i>33,291</i>	<i>2,179</i>	<i>35,470</i>
2005											
Jan-Mar	18,653	10,363	8,290	4,355	931	505	582	3,501	11,791	488	12,279
Apr-Jun	25,803	14,638	11,165	5,291	1,082	541	1,068	4,736	15,901	761	16,662
Jul-Sep	25,027	14,884	10,143	5,591	1,920	718	1,280	4,233	14,376	1,621	15,997
Oct-Dec	20,824	7,004	13,820	4,168	1,050	522	496	3,092	16,912	256	17,168
<i>Total</i>	<i>90,307</i>	<i>46,889</i>	<i>43,418</i>	<i>19,405</i>	<i>4,983</i>	<i>2,286</i>	<i>3,426</i>	<i>15,562</i>	<i>58,980</i>	<i>3,126</i>	<i>62,106</i>
2006											
Jan-Mar	23,163	10,843	12,320	4,727	1,033	519	536	3,711	16,031	1,546	17,577
Apr-Jun	22,820	13,308	9,512	5,445	1,170	549	885	4,611	14,123	2,210	16,333
Jul-Sep	34,456	17,727	16,729	5,714	1,861	733	1,261	4,381	21,110	2,612	23,722
Oct-Dec	20,628	12,950	7,678	4,832	992	525	489	3,804	11,482	1,145	12,627
<i>Total</i>	<i>101,067</i>	<i>54,828</i>	<i>46,239</i>	<i>20,718</i>	<i>5,056</i>	<i>2,326</i>	<i>3,171</i>	<i>16,507</i>	<i>62,746</i>	<i>7,513</i>	<i>70,259</i>
2007											
Jan-Mar	18,625	13,900	4,725	4,015	916	507	508	3,100	7,825	3,999	11,824
Apr-Jun	21,947	17,270	4,677	5,595	1,067	543	866	4,851	9,528	5,783	15,311
Jul-Sep	31,491	31,836	-345	6,169	2,044	727	1,257	4,655	4,310	4,653	8,963
Oct-Dec	18,840	17,976	864	5,087	1,074	519	488	3,982	4,846	2,308	7,154
<i>Total</i>	<i>90,903</i>	<i>80,982</i>	<i>9,921</i>	<i>20,866</i>	<i>5,101</i>	<i>2,296</i>	<i>3,119</i>	<i>16,588</i>	<i>26,509</i>	<i>16,743</i>	<i>43,252</i>
2008											
Jan-Mar	22,319	19,558	2,761	5,350	1,055	516	527	4,306	7,067	3,830	10,897
Apr-Jun	29,230	22,500	6,730	7,200	1,196	545	881	6,340	13,070	7,099	20,169
Jul-Sep	30,265	25,338	4,927	6,439	2,062	727	1,257	4,907	9,834	8,061	17,895
Oct-Dec	20,152	13,954	6,198	5,207	1,079	519	488	4,097	10,295	4,870	15,165
<i>Total</i>	<i>101,966</i>	<i>81,350</i>	<i>20,616</i>	<i>24,196</i>	<i>5,392</i>	<i>2,307</i>	<i>3,153</i>	<i>19,650</i>	<i>40,266</i>	<i>23,860</i>	<i>64,126</i>

* Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of non-permanent residents living in Canada. The five following groups are referred to as NPRs: (1) persons residing in Canada claiming refugee status; (2) persons residing in Canada who hold a study permit; (3) persons residing in Canada who hold a work permit; (4) persons residing in Canada who hold a Minister's permit; (5) all non-Canadian born dependants of persons claiming refugee status, or of persons holding study permits, work permits or Minister's permits and living in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada

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