

Alberta Population Report

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Third Quarter, 2004

POPULATION ESTIMATES

The Alberta population growth between October 1, 2003 and 2004 continues to be the highest among the provinces. As of October 1, 2004, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,212,813. This represents a yearly increase of approximately 42,600 persons (or 1.34% growth) from October 1, 2003. Ontario and British Columbia had the next largest growth rates at 1.14% and 1.10% respectively.

The following chart shows both population estimates and growth rates of Canada and Alberta since 1998 for October 1.

TABLE 1: NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, OCTOBER 1

Oct 1	Canada		Alberta	
	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
1998	30,233,741		2,916,212	
1999	30,494,888	0.86%	2,967,290	1.75%
2000	30,787,468	0.96%	3,017,734	1.70%
2001	31,135,823	1.13%	3,075,186	1.90%
2002	31,463,241	1.05%	3,128,430	1.73%
2003	31,747,670	0.90%	3,170,227	1.34%
2004	32,040,292	0.92%	3,212,813	1.34%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for October 1, 2004 for all provinces and territories are provided below in Table 2. The estimated growth rates for the twelve-month period ending October 1, 2004 are also included.

MIGRATION

For the third quarter of 2004 (July-September), Alberta had an estimated total net migration of 5,200 people (3,300 international and 1,900 interprovincial). Alberta had the second largest number of interprovincial net migrants in Canada, next to British Columbia. The origin and destination of interprovincial migrants are presented in Table 3 on the next page.

As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the third quarter was British Columbia, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the three main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

NATURAL INCREASE

During the third quarter of 2004, Alberta experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of more than 5,700 people. Between July 1 and September 30, 2004, the province had approximately 10,400 births and 4,700 deaths.

More detailed demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES, OCTOBER 1, 2004 & GROWTH RATES SINCE OCTOBER 1, 2003

	NFLD.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	516,875	137,744	938,134	751,449	7,560,592	12,439,755	1,173,164	996,194	3,212,813	4,209,856	31,167	42,925	29,624
Growth Rate	-0.40%	0.23%	0.11%	0.08%	0.68%	1.14%	0.87%	0.15%	1.34%	1.10%	0.94%	1.33%	1.68%

Source: Statistics Canada

**TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
JULY 1, 2004 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2004**

Origin	Destination												
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	29	570	199	42	1112	57	59	906	164	0	7	41
Prince Edward I.	42	0	207	116	42	272	9	0	171	124	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	491	91	0	682	218	2197	278	95	919	592	42	0	0
New Brunswick	242	122	932	0	540	1227	105	64	645	215	0	16	0
Quebec	37	20	261	573	0	5222	231	124	915	826	25	0	25
Ontario	1060	238	2397	1236	5512	0	1517	617	4244	4187	60	140	21
Manitoba	56	25	148	60	156	1450	0	615	1670	1125	0	37	22
Saskatchewan	38	15	88	29	85	600	760	0	2999	860	19	47	0
Alberta	642	100	659	400	725	3765	1341	2864	0	6617	97	186	42
British Columbia	187	76	564	124	821	3019	857	663	6424	0	105	127	0
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	22	11	82	9	23	85	190	0	50	0
Northwest Terr.	18	0	43	13	0	91	11	36	340	72	27	0	9
Nunavut Terr.	0	7	84	16	59	25	0	13	16	53	6	44	0
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	2,813	723	5,953	3,470	8,211	19,062	5,175	5,173	19,334	15,025	381	654	160
Out Migration	3,186	983	5,605	4,108	8,259	21,229	5,364	5,540	17,438	12,967	472	660	323
Net Migration	-373	-260	348	-638	-48	-2,167	-189	-367	1,896	2,058	-91	-6	-163

Source: Statistics Canada

Alberta Migration by Quarter

	Interprovincial			International					Total	
	In-Migration	Out-Migration	Net Interprovincial	Immigration	Emigration	Non-Permanent Residents	Temporarily Abroad	Returning Emigrants	Net International	Total Net Migration
1998										
Jan - Mar	20,591	9,065	11,526	2,657	1,128	216	610	509	1,644	13,170
Apr - Jun	27,149	12,860	14,289	2,938	1,466	307	682	923	2,020	16,309
July - Sept	23,051	13,828	9,223	3,039	2,296	876	972	958	1,605	10,828
Oct - Dec	13,495	8,408	5,087	2,564	1,196	-477	682	382	591	5,678
<i>Total</i>	84,286	44,161	40,125	11,198	6,086	922	2,946	2,772	5,860	45,985
1999										
Jan - Mar	14,693	10,103	4,590	2,614	853	460	592	476	2,105	6,695
Apr - Jun	19,693	13,402	6,291	3,026	1,218	1,186	688	854	3,160	9,451
July - Sept	21,712	15,993	5,719	3,639	2,145	799	941	1,070	2,422	8,141
Oct - Dec	11,862	8,770	3,092	2,810	1,234	-962	697	497	414	3,506
<i>Total</i>	67,960	48,268	19,692	12,089	5,450	1,483	2,918	2,897	8,101	27,793
2000										
Jan - Mar	17,065	10,313	6,752	2,864	894	713	606	437	2,514	9,266
Apr - Jun	20,082	12,971	7,111	3,552	1,211	561	690	806	3,018	10,129
July - Sept	20,600	15,768	4,832	4,171	2,638	1,353	967	1,007	2,926	7,758
Oct - Dec	14,032	8,330	5,702	3,762	1,455	-856	698	404	1,157	6,859
<i>Total</i>	71,779	47,382	24,397	14,349	6,198	1,771	2,961	2,654	9,615	34,012
2001										
Jan - Mar	12,964	8,471	4,493	3,831	1,031	1,048	601	405	3,652	8,145
Apr - Jun	16,533	11,103	5,430	4,436	1,311	889	665	782	4,131	9,561
July - Sept	25,737	16,805	8,932	4,578	2,111	1,653	1,030	1,038	4,128	13,060
Oct - Dec	15,261	9,502	5,759	3,548	904	-749	650	503	1,748	7,507
<i>Total</i>	70,495	45,881	24,614	16,393	5,357	2,841	2,946	2,728	13,659	38,273
2002										
Jan - Mar	16,033	10,241	5,792	3,931	715	390	592	403	3,417	9,209
Apr - Jun	18,584	12,832	5,752	4,601	943	581	663	824	4,400	10,152
July - Sept	22,290	18,185	4,105	3,090	2,121	1,205	1,031	1,037	2,180	6,285
Oct - Dec	12,121	9,887	2,234	3,130	905	-857	650	502	1,220	3,454
<i>Total</i>	69,028	51,145	17,883	14,752	4,684	1,319	2,936	2,766	11,217	29,100
2003										
Jan - Mar	14,036	11,453	2,583	3,102	713	657	589	403	2,860	5,443
Apr - Jun	16,180	13,199	2,981	4,297	945	335	663	823	3,847	6,828
July - Sept	22,070	18,948	3,122	4,576	2,146	289	1,035	1,037	2,721	5,843
Oct - Dec	12,969	11,168	1,801	3,864	908	-329	649	502	2,480	4,281
<i>Total</i>	65,255	54,768	10,487	15,839	4,712	952	2,936	2,765	11,908	22,395
2004										
Jan - Mar	16,834	13,306	3,528	4,069	710	387	588	402	3,560	7,088
Apr - Jun	20,172	17,721	2,451	4,562	949	196	663	823	3,969	6,420
July - Sept	19,334	17,438	1,896	4,525	2,227	980	1,035	1,037	3,280	5,176
Oct - Dec	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>Total</i>	56,340	48,465	7,875	13,156	3,886	1,563	2,286	2,262	10,809	18,684

Source: Statistics Canada

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