

Alberta Population Report

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Fourth Quarter, 2005

POPULATION ESTIMATES

Alberta continues to have the highest population growth among the provinces. As of January 1, 2006, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,306,359. This represents an annual growth of approximately 80,100 persons (or 2.5%) during the year of 2005. British Columbia and Ontario had the next largest growth rates among the provinces at 1.27 and 1.10% respectively.

The following table provides the population estimates and annual growth rates for Canada and Alberta since January 1, 2002.

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

April 1	Canada		Alberta	
	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
2002	31,182,448		3,087,024	
2003	31,501,729	1.02%	3,136,984	1.62%
2004	31,805,716	0.96%	3,180,787	1.40%
2005	32,107,043	0.95%	3,226,301	1.43%
2006	32,422,919	0.98%	3,306,359	2.48%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for January 1, 2006 for all provinces and territories are presented in Table 2 below. The annual population growth rates for the year 2005 are also included.

MIGRATION

During the fourth quarter (October 1 to December 31), Statistics Canada estimated that Alberta was the only province experienced a positive interprovincial net migration in Canada. The province continued to have a high interprovincial migration gain of 17,100 in the fourth quarter due mainly to more people moving into Alberta. As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the fourth quarter was Ontario, followed by British Columbia and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta. (Please see note at the end of Table 3 on the next page.)

On a yearly basis, Alberta had a total of 41,700 net interprovincial migrants in 2005. This was the ninth consecutive year that Alberta maintained the largest interprovincial migration gain in Canada.

NATURAL INCREASE

In the fourth quarter of 2005, Alberta also gained 4,700 people in natural increase (births minus deaths). The province had 10,000 births and 5,300 deaths in this quarter.

More details of the demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF JAN 1, 2006 & ANNUAL GROWTH RATES OF 2005

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	514,409	138,157	936,988	751,111	7,623,870	12,599,364	1,178,348	990,930	3,306,359	4,279,462	31,150	42,526	30,245
Growth Rate	-0.57%	0.28%	-0.14%	-0.15%	0.66%	1.10%	0.29%	-0.38%	2.48%	1.27%	0.93%	-1.14%	1.80%

Source: Statistics Canada

**TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005**

Origin	Destination												
	NL	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	5	305	62	18	643	16	17	1,704	69	0	75	16
Prince Edward I.	44	0	101	36	14	118	8	12	200	21	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	296	124	0	437	113	933	46	52	1,505	257	0	12	6
New Brunswick	60	33	467	0	349	625	37	4	781	250	0	0	5
Quebec	17	34	88	411	0	3,665	58	50	1,420	577	13	0	4
Ontario	1,049	134	1,166	586	3,137	0	683	364	6,625	3,042	29	23	37
Manitoba	25	4	21	44	103	830	0	454	1,999	701	0	23	14
Saskatchewan	20	8	52	14	98	283	379	0	3,593	700	0	0	0
Alberta	262	0	372	184	374	1,296	494	1,315	0	3,474	80	81	6
British Columbia	57	45	221	104	451	1,973	424	307	6,553	0	100	5	7
Yukon Territory	28	0	0	14	0	21	21	0	101	200	0	0	0
Northwest Terr.	61	0	0	0	19	30	45	32	460	70	36	0	0
Nunavut Terr.	0	0	0	0	20	22	0	7	56	17	0	6	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	1,919	387	2,793	1,892	4,696	10,439	2,211	2,614	24,997	9,378	258	225	95
Out Migration	2,930	554	3,781	2,611	6,337	16,875	4,218	5,147	7,938	10,247	385	753	128
Net Migration	-1,011	-167	-988	-719	-1,641	-6,436	-2,007	-2,533	17,059	-869	-127	-528	-33

Source: Statistics Canada

Note to Users:

Similar to the third quarter of 2005, the fourth quarter interprovincial migration figure to Alberta is seen as being inconsistent with recent trends. Users are cautioned that the fourth quarter of 2005 figures may also be adjusted in future releases.

SUMMARY STATISTICS, ALBERTA, 2005

Midyear Population (July 1, 2005): 3,256,816

Population (Jan 1, 2005): 3,226,301

Births (Jan. – Dec.): 41,381

Deaths (Jan. – Dec.): 20,366

Net Interprovincial Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 41,707

Net International Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 14,377

Net Non-Permanent Residents (Jan. – Dec.): 2,959

Growth (Jan. – Dec.): 80,058

Population (Jan 1, 2006): 3,306,359

Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration
2001									
Jan-Mar	12,964	8,471	4,493	3,831	1,031	601	405	2,604	7,097
Apr-Jun	16,533	11,103	5,430	4,436	1,311	665	782	3,242	8,672
Jul-Sep	25,737	16,805	8,932	4,578	2,111	1,030	1,038	2,475	11,407
Oct-Dec	15,261	9,502	5,759	3,548	904	650	503	2,497	8,256
<i>Total</i>	<i>70,495</i>	<i>45,881</i>	<i>24,614</i>	<i>16,393</i>	<i>5,356</i>	<i>2,946</i>	<i>2,728</i>	<i>10,819</i>	<i>35,433</i>
2002									
Jan-Mar	16,033	10,241	5,792	3,931	715	592	403	3,027	8,819
Apr-Jun	18,584	12,832	5,752	4,601	943	663	824	3,819	9,571
Jul-Sep	22,290	18,185	4,105	3,090	1,673	992	788	1,213	5,318
Oct-Dec	12,121	9,887	2,234	3,130	838	680	296	1,908	4,142
<i>Total</i>	<i>69,028</i>	<i>51,145</i>	<i>17,883</i>	<i>14,752</i>	<i>4,169</i>	<i>2,927</i>	<i>2,311</i>	<i>9,967</i>	<i>27,850</i>
2003									
Jan-Mar	14,036	11,453	2,583	3,102	634	603	374	2,239	4,822
Apr-Jun	16,180	13,199	2,981	4,297	779	658	524	3,384	6,365
Jul-Sep	18,554	15,549	3,005	4,576	1,738	1,004	788	2,622	5,627
Oct-Dec	10,715	9,030	1,685	3,864	847	677	296	2,636	4,321
<i>Total</i>	<i>59,485</i>	<i>49,231</i>	<i>10,254</i>	<i>15,839</i>	<i>3,998</i>	<i>2,942</i>	<i>1,982</i>	<i>10,881</i>	<i>21,135</i>
2004									
Jan-Mar	13,869	10,671	3,198	4,073	637	600	374	3,210	6,408
Apr-Jun	17,684	14,966	2,718	4,606	784	654	523	3,691	6,409
Jul-Sep	18,510	16,882	1,628	4,521	1,761	1,006	788	2,542	4,170
Oct-Dec	13,123	9,674	3,449	3,274	854	677	296	2,039	5,488
<i>Total</i>	<i>63,186</i>	<i>52,193</i>	<i>10,993</i>	<i>16,474</i>	<i>4,036</i>	<i>2,937</i>	<i>1,981</i>	<i>11,482</i>	<i>22,475</i>
2005									
Jan-Mar	16,386	11,443	4,943	4,357	640	599	374	3,492	8,435
Apr-Jun	22,711	16,116	6,595	5,201	788	652	523	4,284	10,879
Jul-Sep	29,882	16,772	13,110	5,594	1,776	1,006	788	3,600	16,710
Oct-Dec	24,997	7,938	17,059	4,241	859	677	296	3,001	20,060
<i>Total</i>	<i>93,976</i>	<i>52,269</i>	<i>41,707</i>	<i>19,393</i>	<i>4,063</i>	<i>2,934</i>	<i>1,981</i>	<i>14,377</i>	<i>56,084</i>

Source: Statistics Canada

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