

Highlights of First Quarter 2006

June 29, 2006

Population Growth

Ontario's population reached 12,630,547 on April 1, 2006, with growth of 31,183 people in the first quarter. This compares to growth of 31,783 in the same quarter of the previous year.

Population Growth, Ontario, 1st Quarter, 2006

(Thousands)

Population, January 1, 2006	12,599.4
Plus Births	31.2
Minus Deaths	24.2
Plus Immigrants	27.4
Minus Net Emigrants	3.5
Plus Net Change in Non-Permanent Residents	5.3
Plus Interprovincial Arrivals	14.0
Minus Interprovincial Departures	19.1
Population, April 1, 2006	12,630.5

Source: Statistics Canada

Births and Deaths

Births and deaths increased by 0.5 per cent and 3.1 per cent, respectively, from the same quarter of 2005.

Natural increase (births minus deaths) was 6,991 in the quarter, down from 7,565 in the same quarter of 2005.

International Migration

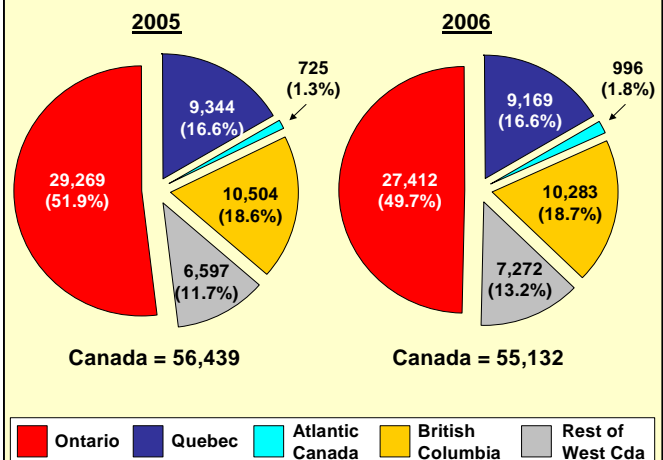
Immigration to Ontario was 27,412 in the quarter, a decrease of 6.3 per cent from the level of 29,269 in the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario received 49.7 per cent of all immigrants to Canada in the quarter, down from 51.9 per cent in the same quarter of 2005.

There were 3,474 emigrants from Ontario in the quarter, a level virtually unchanged from the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario accounted for 43.8 per cent of all emigration from Canada in the quarter.

The net change in the number of non-permanent residents in Ontario (NPRs - i.e., foreign students, visa workers, refugee claimants) was 5,295 in the quarter.

In summary, net international migration was 29,233 in the first quarter, up from 25,759 in the same quarter of the previous year.

Immigration to Canada, 1st Quarter, 2005 and 2006



Source: Statistics Canada, Quarterly Demographic Statistics.

Interprovincial Migration

In the first quarter of 2006, Ontario had a net loss of 5,041 people to other provinces, compared to a net loss of 1,541 people in the same quarter of 2005. Ontario experienced net losses in its exchanges with 5 of the 13 provinces and territories, with the largest net losses to Alberta (4,332) and British Columbia (1,403).

Population Growth

Over the 12-month period ending March 31, 2006, Ontario's population grew by 136,319 or 1.1 per cent, unchanged from the previous year. Ontario's population growth rate in this period was third highest after Alberta (2.9 per cent) and British Columbia (1.3 per cent). Canada's population growth rate for the period was 1.0 per cent.

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	Intercensal Estimates			Postcensal Estimates*					MOF Projections ²				
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
POPULATION (000s)													
Canada	26,101	28,031	29,611	31,021	31,373	31,669	31,974	32,271	33,910	35,267	36,609	37,883	39,029
Ontario	9,438	10,428	11,083	11,898	12,102	12,260	12,407	12,541	13,485	14,271	15,035	15,755	16,395
Ontario as % of Canada	36.2	37.2	37.4	38.4	38.6	38.7	38.8	38.9	39.8	40.5	41.1	41.6	42.0
Ontario Ave. Annual Growth Rate (Over previous year shown)	1.4	2.0	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
AGE DISTRIBUTION (%)													
0-4	6.8	7.0	6.8	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.1	4.9
5-14	13.4	13.1	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.2	13.0	12.8	11.3	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.6
15-24	17.1	14.5	13.2	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.4	12.6	11.5	11.0	11.0
25-44	32.1	34.2	32.9	31.5	31.3	30.9	30.6	30.3	28.4	28.0	27.9	27.3	26.2
45-64	19.8	19.6	21.3	23.2	23.6	24.1	24.7	25.2	27.9	27.9	27.3	26.3	25.5
65-74	6.5	7.0	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	7.4	8.9	10.1	11.1	11.9
75+	4.2	4.6	5.0	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.4	6.6	7.2	8.5	9.9
SELECTED AGE GROUPS (%)													
0-14	20.3	20.1	20.3	19.4	19.1	18.8	18.5	18.2	16.5	16.0	15.9	15.8	15.5
15-64	69.1	68.3	67.4	68.1	68.3	68.5	68.8	69.0	69.7	68.5	66.7	64.6	62.7
65+	10.7	11.6	12.2	12.5	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.8	13.8	15.5	17.3	19.6	21.8
OTHER CHARACTERISTICS													
Total Dependency Ratio (%) ³	44.8	46.4	48.3	46.9	46.4	45.9	45.4	44.9	43.6	45.9	49.9	54.8	59.5
Median Age (yrs.)	31.9	33.3	35.0	36.7	37.0	37.4	37.7	37.9	39.4	40.3	41.1	42.1	43.0
Age Span of Baby Boom (yrs.)	21-40	26-45	31-50	36-55	37-56	38-57	39-58	40-59	46-65	51-70	56-75	61-80	66-85
Total Fertility Rate ⁴	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	n.a.	n.a.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Female Life Expectancy at Birth (yrs.) ⁴	80.0	80.8	81.3	82.2	82.2	82.4	n.a.	n.a.	83.1	83.6	84.1	84.5	85.0
Male Life Expectancy at Birth (yrs.) ⁴	73.8	75.0	75.9	77.5	77.7	77.8	n.a.	n.a.	79.2	80.2	81.0	81.8	82.6
Families (000s) ⁵	2,445	2,727	2,933	3,191	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Households (000s) ⁵	3,222	3,638	3,925	4,219	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION (%)													
GTA	41.4	42.0	43.0	44.6	45.0	45.3	45.7	46.0	47.2	48.0	48.7	49.2	49.6
Central	21.8	22.2	22.1	22.1	22.0	21.9	21.9	21.8	21.8	21.8	21.8	21.8	21.8
Eastern	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.5	13.4	13.4	13.3	13.2	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.5
Southwestern	14.1	13.7	13.4	13.0	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.2	12.0	11.8	11.6	11.5
Northeastern	6.2	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.2
Northwestern	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4

COMPONENTS OF CHANGE (000s)⁶ – Year Beginning July 1st

Period	Population, Beginning of Period	Total Change	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	International Migration			Interprovincial Migration			
						Immig.	Net Emig.	Net NPRs	Net	In	Out	Net
Five-Year												
1986-91	9,438	990	712	350	362	478	62	129	544	451	387	64
1991-96	10,428	655	738	381	357	632	123	-115	394	338	378	-40
1996-2001	11,083	815	659	403	256	585	124	38	498	371	303	69
Annual												
2001-02	11,898	204	129	81	48	153	19	17	151	70	65	5
2002-03	12,102	158	129	84	46	110	20	21	111	64	64	1
2003-04	12,260	148	131	86	45	128	20	2	110	57	64	-7
2004-05	12,407	134	131	89	43	130	20	-10	100	62	71	-8
YTD (Jul. 1 to Mar. 31)												
2004-05	12,407	87	98	67	31	89	16	-10	63	42	49	-7
2005-06	12,541	89	99	69	30	98	16	-5	77	45	63	-17

- Population figures are for July 1st. Statistics Canada's population estimates and components of change are 2001 Census-based adjusted for net undercoverage.
- Except for Canada, all projections are produced by the Ontario Ministry of Finance, 2005-2031 (April 2006 Update). Projections for Canada are Statistics Canada.
- Total dependency ratio is the ratio of the population aged 0-14 (children) and 65+ (elderly) to the population aged 15-64 (working age population).
- Total Fertility Rates and life expectancy estimates are for calendar year, and projections are for census year.
- Families and households are Census data.
- In the "Components of Change" section, 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).

*Following the 2001 Census.

Sources: Ontario Ministry of Finance and Statistics Canada.

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