

Saskatchewan Quarterly Population Report

First Quarter 2021

TOTAL POPULATION

Saskatchewan's population was estimated to be 1,179,906 as of April 1, 2021, according to Statistics Canada. This is an increase of 1,074 persons since January 1, 2021, and an increase of 288 persons from April 1, 2020. The first quarter (January 1 – March 31) saw Saskatchewan's population increase of 0.09 per cent, the ninth highest among the ten provinces.

Table 1 shows the quarterly population estimates and growth rates for Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta over the past two years.

Table 1: Quarterly Population and Growth Rates
April 1, 2019 - April 1, 2021

Date	Alberta		Saskatchewan		Manitoba	
	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
Apr-19	4,343,951	0.31%	1,169,286	0.07%	1,364,223	0.19%
Jul-19	4,361,694	0.41%	1,172,302	0.26%	1,369,540	0.39%
Oct-19	4,384,968	0.53%	1,176,272	0.34%	1,373,574	0.29%
Jan-20	4,402,045	0.39%	1,179,154	0.25%	1,377,004	0.25%
Apr-20	4,417,006	0.34%	1,179,618	0.04%	1,378,818	0.13%
Jul-20	4,421,876	0.11%	1,178,681	-0.08%	1,379,263	0.03%
Oct-20	4,428,082	0.14%	1,177,782	-0.08%	1,379,469	0.01%
Jan-21	4,436,258	0.18%	1,178,832	0.09%	1,380,935	0.11%
Apr-21	4,444,277	0.18%	1,179,906	0.09%	1,382,904	0.14%

Source: Statistics Canada

Saskatchewan's annual population growth rate (0.02%) was the ninth highest among the provinces. Prince Edward Island and British Columbia had the largest annual growth rates among the provinces. Table 2 shows the April 1, 2021 population estimates for all provinces and territories along with their quarterly and annual growth rates.

NATURAL INCREASE

Saskatchewan had 3,480 births and 2,913 deaths during the first quarter of 2021 producing a natural increase of 567. The natural increase in same time period last year was 998.

MIGRATION

Preliminary data suggests that in the first quarter of 2021, 3,965 Canadian residents moved to Saskatchewan as 6,122 Canadian residents left the province for a net interprovincial loss of 2,157 persons. In the first quarter of 2020, Saskatchewan had a net interprovincial migration loss of 3,156 persons.

Alberta was the primary source of Saskatchewan's interprovincial migration movement (43.18 per cent of in-migration and 40.51 per cent of out-migration). Table 3 provides origin and destination flows of interprovincial migrants for the January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 period.

Net international migration added 2,664 people to Saskatchewan in the first quarter of 2021. This is up from 1,679 people in the fourth quarter of 2020. In the first quarter of 2020, net international migration was 2,622.

All data in this report are preliminary and subject to revision. For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6335 or visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/stats>

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Table 2: Population and Growth Rates of Provinces and Territories - April 1, 2021

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	NL	PE	YT	NT	NU
Population	5,174,724	4,444,277	1,179,906	1,382,904	14,789,778	8,585,523	783,721	982,326	520,286	160,536	42,596	44,991	39,536
Annual Growth Rate	0.63%	0.62%	0.02%	0.30%	0.45%	0.16%	0.35%	0.54%	-0.52%	0.81%	1.47%	-0.46%	1.46%
Quarterly Growth Rate	0.42%	0.18%	0.09%	0.14%	0.23%	0.11%	0.21%	0.29%	-0.03%	0.45%	0.96%	-0.32%	0.33%

Source: Statistics Canada

**Table 3: Origin and Destination of Interprovincial Migrants,
January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021**

Origin	Destination												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	NL	PE	YT	NT	NU
BC	0	3,690	442	372	2,724	706	219	550	156	10	113	56	0
AB	8,073	0	1,712	552	4,186	660	750	687	306	135	57	132	12
SK	1,306	2,480	0	298	1,776	75	19	83	45	5	26	0	9
MB	1,276	1,222	483	0	1,268	212	62	60	0	0	18	61	14
ON	5,454	4,366	1,117	861	0	4,847	1,248	2,210	641	639	134	74	35
QC	1,094	465	44	37	3,574	0	431	170	40	0	0	0	42
NB	61	301	55	47	867	446	0	423	26	72	5	0	25
NS	438	450	57	98	665	227	587	0	174	104	0	18	12
NL	91	385	32	9	470	39	14	173	0	44	0	0	0
PE	97	130	0	0	294	31	203	181	0	0	0	0	0
YT	57	29	7	8	42	0	0	28	5	0	0	23	0
NT	94	360	16	16	66	8	0	63	13	0	30	0	0
NU	10	0	0	12	65	10	0	72	0	0	0	45	0

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	NL	PE	YT	NT	NU
In	18,051	13,878	3,965	2,310	15,997	7,261	3,533	4,700	1,406	1,009	383	409	149
Out	9,038	17,262	6,122	4,676	21,626	5,897	2,328	2,830	1,257	936	199	666	214
Net	9,013	-3,384	-2,157	-2,366	-5,629	1,364	1,205	1,870	149	73	184	-257	-65
Rate ¹	0.17%	-0.08%	-0.18%	-0.17%	-0.04%	0.02%	0.15%	0.19%	0.03%	0.05%	0.44%	-0.57%	-0.16%

Source: Statistics Canada

¹ Net Migration Rate is quarterly net interprovincial migration expressed as a percentage of provincial population at the start of the quarter.