

ONTARIO DEMOGRAPHIC QUARTERLY

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Highlights of Third Quarter 2008

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Population Growth

Ontario's population reached 12,977,059 on October 1, 2008, with growth of 48,063 people in the third quarter. This compares to growth of 46,477 in the same quarter of the previous year.

Population Growth, Ontario, 3 rd Quarter, 2008	
(Thousands)	
Population, July 1, 2008	12,929.0
Plus Births	36.8
Minus Deaths	21.4
Plus Immigrants	31.8
Minus Net Emigrants	7.1
Plus Net Change in Non-Permanent Residents	11.2
Plus Interprovincial Arrivals	26.1
Minus Interprovincial Departures	29.3
Population, October 1, 2008	12,977.1
<i>Source: Statistics Canada</i>	

Births and Deaths

Births and deaths increased by 1.3 per cent and 3.7 per cent, respectively, from the same quarter of 2007.

Natural increase (births minus deaths) was 15,330 in the quarter, down from 15,618 in the same quarter of 2007.

International Migration

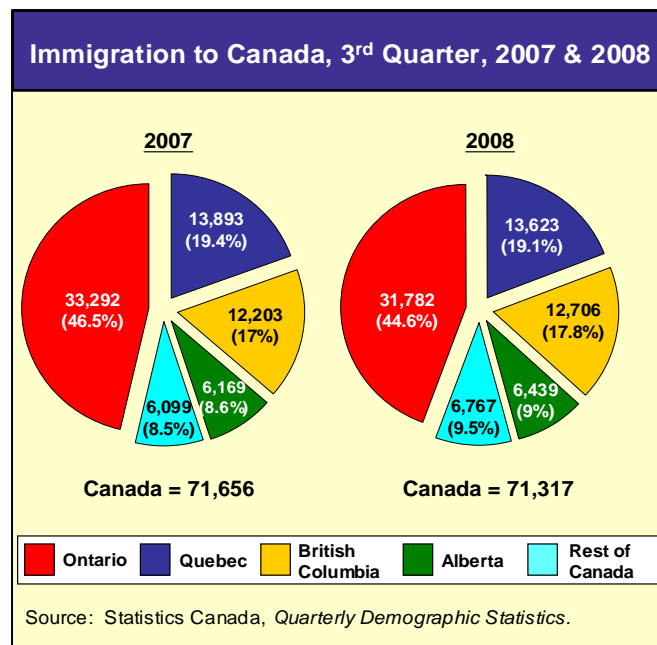
Immigration to Ontario was 31,782 in the quarter, a decrease of 4.5 per cent from the level of 33,292 in the same quarter of the previous year.

Ontario received 44.6 per cent of all immigrants to Canada in the quarter, down from 46.5 per cent in the same quarter of 2007.

There were 7,076 emigrants from Ontario in the quarter, virtually unchanged from 7,005 in the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario accounted for 48.3 per cent of all emigration from Canada in the quarter.

The number of non-permanent residents in Ontario (NPRs - i.e. foreign students, visa workers, refugee claimants) increased by 11,227 in the quarter.

Net international migration was 35,933 in the third quarter, up from 35,372 in the same quarter of the previous year.



Interprovincial Migration

In the third quarter of 2008, Ontario had a net loss of 3,200 people to other provinces compared to a net loss of 4,513 people in the same quarter of 2007. Ontario experienced net gains in its exchanges with PEI, NS, Quebec, Manitoba and BC, and saw net losses with NL, NB, SK, AB and the three territories. The largest net loss was to Alberta (4,208).

Year-Over-Year Growth

Over the 12-month period ending September 30, 2008, Ontario's population grew by 137,010 or 1.1 per cent, up from 1 per cent in the previous year. Among the provinces, Alberta had the highest growth rate (2.4 per cent) followed by BC (1.6 per cent) and Saskatchewan and PEI (1.5 per cent). Canada's population growth rate for the period was 1.2 per cent.

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	Intercensal Estimates			Postcensal Estimates ¹			MOF Projections ²				
	1991	1996	2001	2006	2007	2008	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
POPULATION (000s)											
Canada	28,037	29,610	31,019	32,576	32,927	33,311	33,910	35,267	36,609	37,883	39,029
Ontario	10,431	11,083	11,897	12,665	12,794	12,929	13,349	14,150	14,937	15,688	16,366
Ontario as % of Canada	37.2	37.4	38.4	38.9	38.9	38.8	39.4	40.1	40.8	41.4	41.9
Ontario Ave. Annual Growth Rate (Over previous year shown)	2.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8
AGE DISTRIBUTION (%)											
0-4	7.0	6.8	6.0	5.3	5.3	n.a	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9
5-14	13.1	13.5	13.5	12.5	12.2	n.a	11.2	10.6	10.5	10.6	10.6
15-24	14.5	13.2	13.4	13.6	13.6	n.a	13.4	12.7	11.6	11.0	11.0
25-44	34.2	32.9	31.5	29.8	29.4	n.a	28.1	27.7	27.7	27.2	26.2
45-64	19.6	21.3	23.2	25.8	26.3	n.a	28.1	28.1	27.5	26.4	25.4
65-74	7.0	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.9	n.a	7.4	8.9	10.1	11.0	11.9
75+	4.6	5.0	5.6	6.1	6.3	n.a	6.5	6.8	7.4	8.7	10.0
SELECTED AGE GROUPS (%)											
0-14	20.1	20.3	19.4	17.8	17.5	n.a	16.4	15.8	15.8	15.7	15.5
15-64	68.3	67.4	68.1	69.2	69.3	n.a	69.6	68.5	66.8	64.6	62.7
65+	11.6	12.2	12.5	13.0	13.2	n.a	14.0	15.6	17.5	19.7	21.9
OTHER CHARACTERISTICS											
Total Dependency Ratio (%) ³	62.6	64.1	63.1	60.1	59.7	n.a	58.7	59.8	63.0	68.8	74.7
Median Age (yrs.)	33.3	35.0	36.7	38.2	38.5	n.a	39.6	40.5	41.3	42.2	43.1
Age Span of Baby Boom (yrs.)	26-45	31-50	36-55	41-60	42-61	43-62	46-65	51-70	56-75	61-80	66-85
Total Fertility Rate ⁴	1.7	1.6	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	80.8	81.3	82.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a	83.2	83.6	84.1	84.5	85.0
Male Life Expectancy at Birth (yrs.) ⁴	75.0	75.9	77.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a	79.4	80.2	80.9	81.7	82.5
Families (000s) ⁵	2,727	2,933	3,191	3,422	n.a.	n.a	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Households (000s) ⁵	3,638	3,925	4,219	4,555	n.a.	n.a	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION (%)											
GTA	42.0	43.0	44.6	46.4	46.8	n.a	47.7	48.7	49.5	50.2	50.8
Central	22.2	22.1	22.1	21.7	21.6	n.a	21.5	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.2
Eastern	13.9	13.8	13.5	13.1	13.0	n.a	12.8	12.6	12.5	12.3	12.2
Southwestern	13.7	13.4	13.0	12.4	12.4	n.a	12.1	11.8	11.5	11.2	11.0
Northeastern	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.5	4.4	n.a	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.4
Northwestern	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.9	n.a	1.7	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												
1991-96	10,431	652	738	381	357	632	123	-115	394	338	378	-40
1996-2001	11,083	814	659	403	256	584	124	41	501	371	303	69
2001-06	11,897	769	658	418	240	653	90	43	607	307	336	-30
Annual												
2006-07	12,665	128	136	86	50	115	19	2	98	59	79	-20
2007-08	12,794	135	136	89	48	115	21	10	104	79	95	-17

1. Statistics Canada's population estimates and components of change are 2006 Census-based adjusted for net undercoverage (parts of the table shaded). The rest of the table (e.g. age groups, regional population) is still 2001 Census-based. These will be updated as 2006 Census-based information becomes available.
2. Except for Canada, all projections are produced by the Ontario Ministry of Finance (Spring 2008 Update). Projections for Canada are Statistics Canada.
3. Total dependency ratio is the ratio of the population aged 0-19 and 65+ to the population aged 20-64.
4. Total Fertility Rates and life expectancy estimates are for calendar year, and projections are for census year.
5. Families and households are Census data.
6. In the "Components of Change" table, 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).

Note: All population figures are for July 1st.

Sources: Ontario Ministry of Finance and Statistics Canada.

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