

# ONTARIO DEMOGRAPHIC QUARTERLY

Ministry of Finance



## Highlights of Fourth Quarter 2008

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### Population Growth

Ontario's population reached 12,986,857 on January 1, 2009, with growth of 9,798 people in the fourth quarter. This compares with growth of 12,172 in the same quarter of the previous year.

Population Growth, Ontario, 4th Quarter, 2008	
<b>(Thousands)</b>	
Population, October 1, 2008	12,977.1
Plus Births	33.8
Minus Deaths	23.7
Plus Immigrants	23.8
Minus Net Emigrants	4.8
Plus Net Change in Non-Permanent Residents	-12.8
Plus Interprovincial Arrivals	12.6
Minus Interprovincial Departures	19.1
<b>Population, January 1, 2009</b>	<b>12,986.9</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

### Births and Deaths

Births and deaths increased by 1.3 per cent and 3.8 per cent, respectively, from the same quarter of 2007.

Natural increase (births minus deaths) was 10,164 in the quarter, down from 10,582 in the same quarter of 2007.

### International Migration

Immigration to Ontario was 23,777 in the quarter, a decrease of 9.3 per cent from the level of 26,221 in the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario received 44.4 per cent of all immigrants to Canada in the quarter, down from 47.2 per cent in the same quarter of 2007.

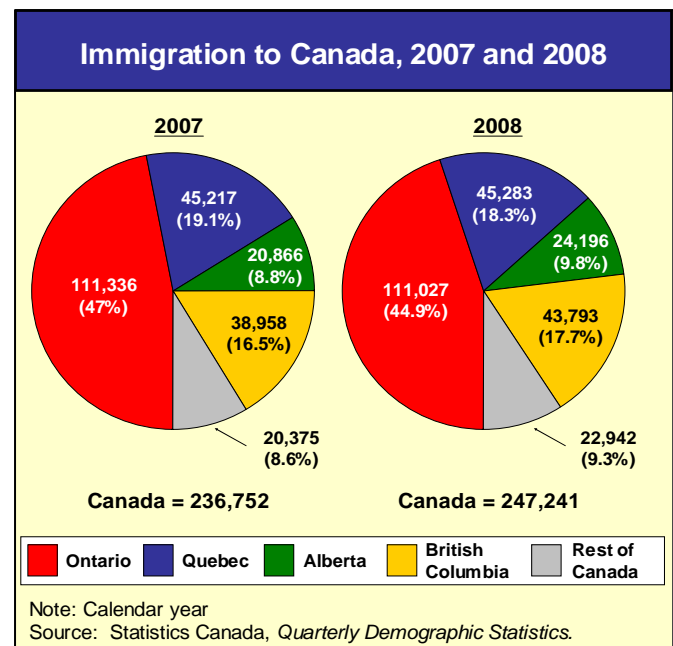
There were 4,841 emigrants from Ontario in the quarter, essentially unchanged from 4,818 in the same quarter of the previous year. Ontario accounted for 47.9 per cent of all emigration from Canada in the quarter.

Ontario's total immigrants and total emigrants were 111,027 and 20,601, respectively, for calendar year 2008.

The number of non-permanent residents in Ontario (NPRs – i.e. foreign students, visa workers, refugee claimants) declined by 12,785 in the fourth quarter.

Net international migration was 6,151 in the fourth quarter, up from 5,637 in the same quarter of the previous year.

For calendar year 2008, net international migration was 105,484, up from 100,005 in the previous year.



### Interprovincial Migration

In the fourth quarter of 2008, Ontario had a net loss of 6,517 people to other provinces compared to a net loss of 4,047 people in the same quarter of 2007. Ontario experienced net losses in its exchanges with 10 of the other 12 provinces and territories, but mainly with Alberta (4,778).

### Year-Over-Year Growth

Over the calendar year 2008, Ontario's population grew by 134,636 or 1.0 per cent, down from 1.1 per cent in the previous year. Ontario's population growth rate in 2008 trailed Alberta (2.6%), BC (1.7%), Saskatchewan (1.5%), PEI (1.2%) and Manitoba (1.1%). Canada's population growth rate for the year was 1.2 per cent.

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	Intercensal Estimates			Postcensal Estimates <sup>1</sup>			MOF Projections <sup>2</sup>				
	1991	1996	2001	2006	2007	2008	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
<b>POPULATION (000s)</b>											
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
<b>AGE DISTRIBUTION (%)</b>											
0-4	7.0	6.8	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9
5-14	13.2	13.5	13.5	12.3	12.0	11.8	11.2	10.6	10.5	10.6	10.6
15-24	14.5	13.2	13.4	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.4	12.7	11.6	11.0	11.0
25-44	34.3	32.9	31.5	29.4	29.0	28.6	28.1	27.7	27.7	27.2	26.2
45-64	19.6	21.3	23.2	25.9	26.5	27.0	28.1	28.1	27.5	26.4	25.4
65-74	7.0	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.4	8.9	10.1	11.0	11.9
75+	4.6	5.0	5.6	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.4	8.7	10.0
<b>SELECTED AGE GROUPS (%)</b>											
0-14	20.2	20.3	19.4	17.8	17.5	17.2	16.4	15.8	15.8	15.7	15.5
15-64	68.3	67.4	68.1	69.1	69.3	69.4	69.6	68.5	66.8	64.6	62.7
65+	11.5	12.2	12.5	13.1	13.3	13.5	14.0	15.6	17.5	19.7	21.9
<b>OTHER CHARACTERISTICS</b>											
Total Dependency Ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	62.6	64.1	63.1	60.6	60.3	60.0	58.7	59.8	63.0	68.8	74.7
Median Age (yrs.)	33.3	35.0	36.7	38.4	38.7	39.0	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 <sup>4</sup>	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.) <sup>4</sup>	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.) <sup>4</sup>	75.0	75.9	77.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	79.4	80.2	80.9	81.7	82.5
Families (000s) <sup>5</sup>	2,727	2,933	3,191	3,422	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Households (000s) <sup>5</sup>	3,638	3,925	4,219	4,555	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION (%)</b>											
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

<b>COMPONENTS OF CHANGE (000s)<sup>6</sup> - Year Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup></b>												
Period	Population, Beginning of Period	Total Change	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	International Migration				Interprovincial Migration		
						Immig.	Net Emig.	Net NPRs	Net	In	Out	Net
<b>Five-Year</b>												
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
<b>Annual</b>												
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, components of change and age groups are 2006 Census-based adjusted for net undercoverage (parts of the table shaded). The rest of the table (e.g., 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sources: Ontario Ministry of Finance and Statistics Canada.

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