

Canada's population estimates: Age and sex, July 1, 2016

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Annual demographic estimates by age and sex for Canada, the provinces and the territories as of July 1, 2016, are now available. Revised estimates as of July 1 for the years 2012 to 2015 are also available.

According to preliminary estimates, Canada's population was 36,286,425 on July 1, 2016, an increase of 437,815 or 1.2% during the year 2015/2016. In absolute numbers, such an increase had not been recorded since 1988/1989 (+485,034).

This acceleration in population growth was mainly attributable to the record number of immigrants (320,932) who arrived in the country. The arrival of Syrian refugees since November 2015 contributed to the increase in immigration in Canada. For the period covered by the current system of demographic accounts, which began in July 1971, the previous record was set in 2009/2010 (270,581 immigrants). The country had not received such a large number of immigrants in a single annual period since the early 1910s during the settlement of Western Canada.

Note to readers

Estimates released today are based on 2011 Census counts adjusted for census net undercoverage and incompletely enumerated Indian reserves, to which is added the estimated demographic growth for the period from May 10, 2011, to June 30, 2016.

These estimates are not to be confused with the 2016 Census population counts to be released on February 8, 2017.

Refugees are classified as permanent residents (immigrants) by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

This release focuses mainly on preliminary postcensal population estimates by age and sex on July 1, 2016. The estimates presented in this release are subject to revision. Future updates could affect the trends observed and analyzed in this release.

The 2015/2016 reference period corresponds to the period from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers [3601](#) and [3604](#).

The *Annual Demographic Estimates: Canada, Provinces and Territories, 2016 (91-215-X)*, is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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