

Canada's population estimates, first quarter 2021

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Demographic estimates for Canada, the provinces and territories on April 1, 2021, are now available. These new data allow for an analysis of population growth during the first quarter of 2021, and indicate a progressive return to pre-pandemic trends.

Note to readers

The estimates released today are based on 2016 Census counts adjusted for census net undercoverage and incompletely enumerated Indian reserves, to which are added the population growth estimates for the period from May 10, 2016, to the date of the estimate. They are not to be confused with the 2021 Census population counts, which will be released on February 9, 2022.

These are preliminary data and will be revised later this year.

Some of the estimation methods typically used were adjusted to account for the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic (deaths and the components of emigration). As the adjustments closely follow what was done in the second quarter of 2020 (see [Technical Supplement: Production of Demographic Estimates for the Second Quarter of 2020 in the Context of COVID-19](#)), a technical supplement was not produced for first quarter of 2021 data.

Canada's population clock (real-time model)

[Canada's population clock \(real-time model\)](#) was updated today with the most recent quarterly population estimates released by Statistics Canada.

Canada's population clock is an interactive learning tool aiming to give Canadians a sense of the pace of the country's population renewal. The [population estimates](#) and [census counts](#) remain the measures used by various government programs.

Available tables: [17-10-0009-01](#), [17-10-0020-01](#), [17-10-0040-01](#), [17-10-0045-01](#) and [17-10-0059-01](#).

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

The *Quarterly Demographic Estimates, January to March 2021* ([91-002-X](#)) publication is now available.

The product *Quarterly demographic estimates, provinces and territories: Interactive dashboard* ([71-607-X](#)) is also available.

The product *Canada's population clock (real-time model)* ([71-607-X](#)) is also available.

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