

# Canada's population estimates, first quarter 2022

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Demographic estimates for Canada, the provinces and territories on April 1, 2022 are now available. These new data allow for an analysis of population growth during the first quarter of 2022.

Canada's population was estimated at 38,654,738 on April 1, 2022, an increase of 127,978 people (+0.3%) from January 1, 2022. This was the highest rate of growth in a first quarter since 1990 and is a continuation of the higher growth following the lower levels seen in 2020, related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two provinces and one territory reached milestones in their population size. For the first time, the population of Ontario surpassed 15,000,000 people (15,007,816), the population of New Brunswick surpassed 800,000 people (800,243), and the population of Nunavut surpassed 40,000 people (40,103).

International migration remains the main driver of growth in the country. Canada welcomed 113,699 immigrants in the first quarter of 2022, the highest number of immigrants in any first quarter since 1946, when quarterly data become available.

The estimates released today are based on 2016 Census counts, adjusted for census net undercoverage and incompletely enumerated reserves. To these counts, the population growth estimates for the period from May 10, 2016 to the date of the estimate are added. They are not to be confused with the 2021 Census population counts released on February 9, 2022. Population estimates based on the 2021 Census results will be disseminated in September 2023, when census coverage study results will become available.

## Note to readers

*These are preliminary data that will be revised over the coming year.*

*The estimation methods for deaths continue to be adjusted to account for the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic following what is outlined in [Technical Supplement: Production of Demographic Estimates for the Second Quarter of 2020 in the Context of COVID-19](#).*

### 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 2022* ([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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