

# Canada's population estimates, second quarter 2022

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Canada's population was estimated at 38,929,902 people on July 1, an increase of 284,982 (+0.7%) from April 1. The growth over the second quarter represents an increase of more than 3,100 people per day. This was the highest growth in the number of people in Canada of any quarter since the addition of Newfoundland (see the note to readers) to the Confederation in 1949, which led to the highest population growth rate since the third quarter of 1957 (+0.8%) around the height of the baby boom.

International migration accounted for 94.5% of this growth, an increase of 269,305 people. This was the highest increase from international migration since comparable records have existed and was 93,000 higher than in the third quarter of 2019 (+175,907), the next highest quarter on record.

The majority of growth from international migration came from the largest increase in the number of non-permanent residents (+157,310) on record. This was due to high numbers of asylum claimants and permit holders (work, study, and other), including people affected by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The number of immigrants observed in the second quarter of 2022 (118,114) was the highest in any second quarter since comparable records have existed. This follows recent increases in Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada targets and could be the result of catch-up in growth following lower levels of immigration early in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Demographic estimates for Canada, the provinces and the territories are now available for the second quarter. Revised estimates from the third quarter of 2019 to the first quarter of 2022 are also 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](#).*

*Prior to 2001, the name of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador was Newfoundland.*

### 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, April to June 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.

The updated [Population and demography statistics](#) and [Older adults and population aging statistics](#) portals are also available.

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