

# Alberta Population Report

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Third Quarter, 2008

## POPULATION ESTIMATES

Alberta's population continued to have the highest third quarter (year over year) growth rate among all provinces, increasing slightly from the third quarter, 2007. The third quarter of 2008 showed net inflows of people to Alberta from both interprovincial (4,927) and international (4,907) sources, and a substantial influx of net non-permanent residents (8,061).

As of October 1, 2008, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,610,782 (Table 1). This represents a year over year increase of approximately 83,215 persons (or 2.36% growth) since October 1, 2007. Although Alberta's population growth rate has slowed since 2006, it presently remains nearly double the national rate of 1.19%.

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES  
CANADA & ALBERTA

Population			Yearly Growth Rate		
Oct 1	Canada	Alberta	Oct 1	Canada	Alberta
2004	32,038,401	3,261,151			
2005	32,352,977	3,346,914	2005	0.98%	2.63%
2006	32,688,303	3,452,379	2006	1.04%	3.15%
2007	33,046,696	3,527,567	2007	1.10%	2.18%
2008	33,441,277	3,610,782	2008	1.19%	2.36%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for October 1, 2008 and growth rates (since October 1, 2007) for all provinces and territories are provided in Table 2. Across all provinces, Alberta had the highest growth rate, year over year, at 2.36%. British Columbia and Prince Edward Island had the next highest growth rates of 1.64% and 1.54% respectively, followed closely by Saskatchewan with a growth of 1.49%.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 & GROWTH RATES SINCE OCTOBER 1, 2007

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	508,944	140,750	939,125	747,790	7,771,854	12,977,059	1,210,547	1,020,847	3,610,782	4,405,534	33,372	43,151	31,522
Growth Rate	0.30%	1.54%	0.26%	0.19%	0.87%	1.07%	1.10%	1.49%	2.36%	1.64%	2.14%	-0.35%	0.71%

Source: Statistics Canada

## MIGRATION

In the third quarter of 2008 (July 1 to September 30), Alberta had the largest interprovincial migration gain in Canada (Table 3). The province gained 4,927 people in interprovincial migration. This increase is significant when compared to the decrease in net interprovincial migration observed in the third quarter of 2007 (-345). The interprovincial gain in the third quarter, 2008 was primarily attributed to the higher net inflow of migrants from Ontario (4,208) and Quebec (1,860). At the same time, there has been a substantial net outflow of Albertans to British Columbia (1,252) and Saskatchewan (1,016), when compared to second quarter, 2008.

Alberta's international migration remained very strong in this quarter with a net inflow of 4,907 international migrants. In addition, the number of net non-permanent residents hit a record high level of 8,061 in the third quarter, an increase over last quarter of 962.

## NATURAL INCREASE

During the third quarter of 2008, Alberta posted a natural increase (births minus deaths) of over 7,745 people. The province experienced 12,677 births and 4,932 deaths in the third quarter.

More details of the demographic data are available from Economics and Statistics of Alberta Finance and Enterprise.

**TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS  
JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

Origin	Destination												
	NL	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Y.T.	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	5	495	138	86	907	79	64	1,080	151	7	12	8
Prince Edward I.	80	0	163	118	37	369	29	6	162	196	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	665	106	0	898	437	2,474	115	99	1,858	687	0	21	24
New Brunswick	199	173	1,106	0	1,017	1,465	84	51	1,200	383	25	72	0
Quebec	26	108	425	738	0	6,871	125	276	3,173	1,317	47	23	22
Ontario	1,318	363	2,006	1,539	5,828	0	1,558	1,547	9,482	5,392	96	78	95
Manitoba	79	31	217	98	189	1,976	0	747	1,969	1,382	43	50	11
Saskatchewan	40	20	44	63	251	867	730	0	2,833	1,083	18	65	0
Alberta	1,150	270	1,436	995	1,313	5,274	1,508	3,849	0	9,234	50	259	0
British Columbia	207	207	676	430	933	5,743	917	1,336	7,982	0	217	98	23
Yukon Territory	0	4	0	17	0	42	14	30	147	160	0	12	0
Northwest Terr.	63	0	15	0	0	59	66	56	347	268	71	0	39
Nunavut Terr.	28	0	79	0	14	55	52	17	32	0	5	45	0

  

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	3,855	1,287	6,662	5,034	10,105	26,102	5,277	8,078	30,265	20,253	579	735	222
Out Migration	3,032	1,160	7,384	5,775	13,151	29,302	6,792	6,014	25,338	18,769	426	984	327
Net Migration	823	127	-722	-741	-3,046	-3,200	-1,515	2,064	4,927	1,484	153	-249	-105

Source: Statistics Canada

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## Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	NPR*	Total+NPR
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Net Migration Including Net NPR
<b>2004</b>											
Jan-Mar	13,863	10,671	<b>3,192</b>	4,074	1,016	508	535	<b>3,085</b>	<b>6,277</b>	521	<b>6,798</b>
Apr-Jun	17,688	14,971	<b>2,717</b>	4,605	1,258	559	927	<b>3,715</b>	<b>6,432</b>	281	<b>6,713</b>
Jul-Sep	22,917	14,138	<b>8,779</b>	4,521	1,969	747	1,407	<b>3,212</b>	<b>11,991</b>	1,065	<b>13,056</b>
Oct-Dec	15,045	8,856	<b>6,189</b>	3,274	963	513	604	<b>2,402</b>	<b>8,591</b>	312	<b>8,903</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,513</b>	<b>48,636</b>	<b>20,877</b>	<b>16,474</b>	<b>5,206</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>12,414</b>	<b>33,291</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>35,470</b>
<b>2005</b>											
Jan-Mar	18,653	10,363	<b>8,290</b>	4,355	931	505	582	<b>3,501</b>	<b>11,791</b>	488	<b>12,279</b>
Apr-Jun	25,803	14,638	<b>11,165</b>	5,291	1,082	541	1,068	<b>4,736</b>	<b>15,901</b>	761	<b>16,662</b>
Jul-Sep	25,027	14,884	<b>10,143</b>	5,591	1,920	718	1,280	<b>4,233</b>	<b>14,376</b>	1,621	<b>15,997</b>
Oct-Dec	20,824	7,004	<b>13,820</b>	4,168	1,050	522	496	<b>3,092</b>	<b>16,912</b>	256	<b>17,168</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,307</b>	<b>46,889</b>	<b>43,418</b>	<b>19,405</b>	<b>4,983</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>3,426</b>	<b>15,562</b>	<b>58,980</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>62,106</b>
<b>2006</b>											
Jan-Mar	23,163	10,843	<b>12,320</b>	4,727	1,033	519	536	<b>3,711</b>	<b>16,031</b>	1,546	<b>17,577</b>
Apr-Jun	22,820	13,308	<b>9,512</b>	5,445	1,170	549	885	<b>4,611</b>	<b>14,123</b>	2,210	<b>16,333</b>
Jul-Sep	34,456	17,727	<b>16,729</b>	5,714	1,861	733	1,261	<b>4,381</b>	<b>21,110</b>	2,612	<b>23,722</b>
Oct-Dec	20,628	12,950	<b>7,678</b>	4,832	992	525	489	<b>3,804</b>	<b>11,482</b>	1,145	<b>12,627</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,067</b>	<b>54,828</b>	<b>46,239</b>	<b>20,718</b>	<b>5,056</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>3,171</b>	<b>16,507</b>	<b>62,746</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>70,259</b>
<b>2007</b>											
Jan-Mar	18,625	13,900	<b>4,725</b>	4,015	916	507	508	<b>3,100</b>	<b>7,825</b>	3,999	<b>11,824</b>
Apr-Jun	21,947	17,270	<b>4,677</b>	5,595	1,067	543	866	<b>4,851</b>	<b>9,528</b>	5,783	<b>15,311</b>
Jul-Sep	31,491	31,836	<b>-345</b>	6,169	2,044	727	1,257	<b>4,655</b>	<b>4,310</b>	4,653	<b>8,963</b>
Oct-Dec	18,840	17,976	<b>864</b>	5,087	1,074	519	488	<b>3,982</b>	<b>4,846</b>	2,308	<b>7,154</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,903</b>	<b>80,982</b>	<b>9,921</b>	<b>20,866</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>16,588</b>	<b>26,509</b>	<b>16,743</b>	<b>43,252</b>
<b>2008</b>											
Jan-Mar	22,319	19,558	<b>2,761</b>	5,350	1,055	516	527	<b>4,306</b>	<b>7,067</b>	3,830	<b>10,897</b>
Apr-Jun	29,230	22,500	<b>6,730</b>	7,200	1,196	545	881	<b>6,340</b>	<b>13,070</b>	7,099	<b>20,169</b>
Jul-Sep	30,265	25,338	<b>4,927</b>	6,439	2,062	727	1,257	<b>4,907</b>	<b>9,834</b>	8,061	<b>17,895</b>
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,814</b>	<b>67,396</b>	<b>14,418</b>	<b>18,989</b>	<b>4,313</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>15,553</b>	<b>29,971</b>	<b>18,990</b>	<b>48,961</b>

\* Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of non-permanent residents living in Canada. The five following groups are referred to as NPRs: (1) persons residing in Canada claiming refugee status; (2) persons residing in Canada who hold a study permit; (3) persons residing in Canada who hold a work permit; (4) persons residing in Canada who hold a Minister's permit; (5) all non-Canadian born dependants of persons claiming refugee status, or of persons holding study permits, work permits or Minister's permits and living in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada

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