

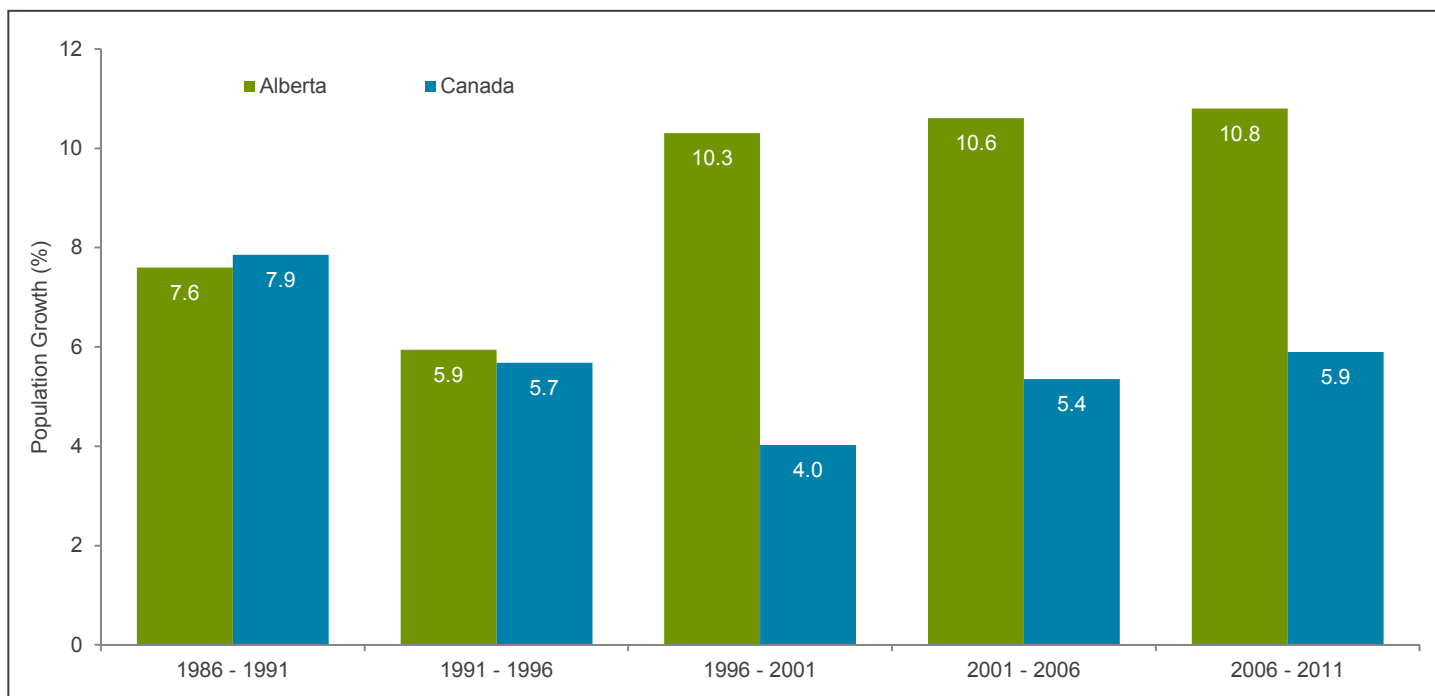
Alberta Official Statistics

Population Growth in Alberta and Canada Between Census Years

- Population growth is the increase (or decrease) in the number of persons in the population between two points in time as a result of natural increase and net migration. Population growth can be expressed as a percentage of the population at the beginning of the time period.
- Alberta's population grew 10.8% between the 2006 and 2011 censuses, almost double the growth in Canada's population for the same period (5.9%). This continued the pattern shown in the previous census (between 2001 and 2006) when Alberta experienced 10.6% growth compared to 5.4% nationally.
- Between 1986 and 1996, Alberta's population increases were more aligned with the national trend. Between 1991 and 1996, for example, Alberta's population increased 5.9% while Canada's population increased 5.7%. Between 1986 and 1991, Alberta's population increased by 7.6% while Canada's population increased 7.9%, the only time in the last six censuses where Canada's population grew slightly more than Alberta's.

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Sources: Statistics Canada, 1986, 1991, 2001, 2006 and 2011 Censuses of Population, Catalogue no. 98-310-XWE2011001