

Quarterly Population Report

Second Quarter 2018

Highest annual growth in three years¹

Population growth increased for the second straight quarter, as migration to Alberta continued to recover. The province's population grew by 0.44% in the second quarter of 2018, just below the national rate of 0.46%. As of July 1st, 2018, Alberta had 4,307,110 residents, an addition of 18,783 people since April.²

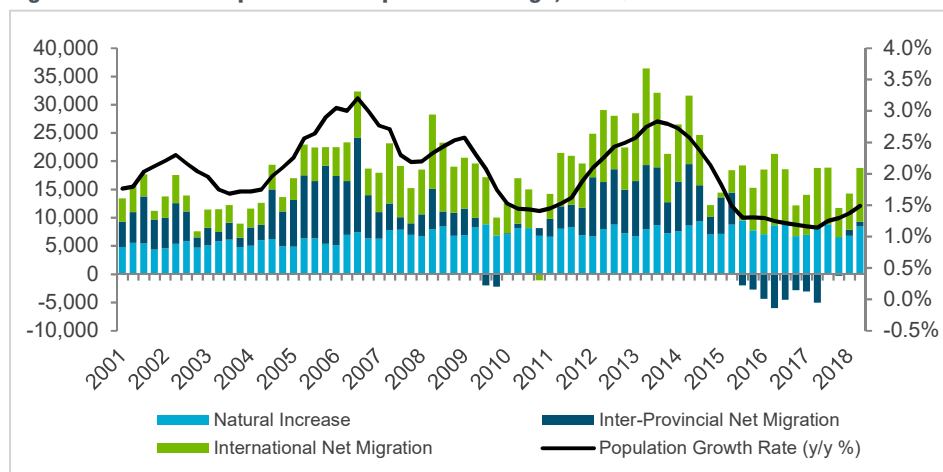
¹ All data are from Statistics Canada. Estimates from 2011–2018 are based on the 2016 Census adjusted for net census undercount and incompletely enumerated Indian Reserves. All estimates are subject to revision.

² Population estimates have been rebased to incorporate information from the 2016 Census and the results of post-censal studies designed to measure error in Census collection. As a result, Alberta's population as of July 1, 2016 was revised down by about 40,000 people. The impact of this adjustment extends back to 2011 and forward to the current period.

Table 1: Population & Growth Rates Canada and Alberta

Population			Year-Over-Year Growth Rate		
1-Jul	Canada	Alberta	1-Jul	Canada	Alberta
2013	35,082,954	3,981,011	2013	1.06%	2.75%
2014	35,437,435	4,083,648	2014	1.01%	2.58%
2015	35,702,908	4,144,491	2015	0.75%	1.49%
2016	36,109,487	4,196,061	2016	1.14%	1.24%
2017	36,540,268	4,243,995	2017	1.19%	1.14%
2018	37,058,856	4,307,110	2018	1.42%	1.49%

Figure 1: Alberta Components of Population Change, 2nd Quarter



International migration and natural increase continued to be the main drivers of growth in the second quarter (Figure 1). Net international migration added 0.22% of Alberta's growth, just outpacing the contribution of natural increase (0.20%). While net interprovincial migration contributed a modest 0.02% to the province's growth, this was an important improvement over the net outflows of the past two years.

Population growth continued to trend upwards, coming in with the highest annual growth since 2015 (Table 1). From its low point in 2017 (1.14%), year-over-year second quarter growth

Table 2: Population of Provinces/Territories as of July 1, 2018 and Growth Rates since July 1, 2017

	Population	Growth Rate (y/y)
Canada	37,058,856	1.42%
NL	525,355	-0.61%
PE	153,244	1.78%
NS	959,942	0.97%
NB	770,633	0.49%
QC	8,390,499	1.12%
ON	14,322,757	1.79%
MB	1,352,154	1.25%
SK	1,162,062	0.98%
AB	4,307,110	1.49%
BC	4,991,687	1.41%
YT	40,476	2.14%
NT	44,541	-0.88%
NU	38,396	2.25%

accelerated to reach 1.49%³ in 2018. Alberta's growth out-paced the national figure (1.42%), and was the third highest after Ontario (1.79%) and PEI (1.78%) (Table 2).

Migration

Second quarter total net migration was the highest in four years, accounting for over half the province's growth. Between April and June, total net migration added 10,378 new residents to the province.

The up-tick in migration was bolstered by net inflows of interprovincial migrants, a reversal from the substantial net outflows over the past two years. Immigration was the driving force behind Alberta's migration gains, while outflows of net non-permanent residents (NPRs) weighed on growth.

International migration

Alberta's share of immigration to Canada this quarter was down from the same period last year. However, the proportion of immigrants choosing to settle in Alberta has been on the rise over the last 3 quarters, after hitting a low in the third quarter of 2017. Alberta attracted 13.3% of all the immigrants to Canada, following Ontario (43.1%), Quebec (15.3%) and BC (13.8%).

In the second quarter, Canada welcomed 87,661 new permanent residents, the second highest second quarter immigration for the nation since the current demographic accounting system began (July 1971). Between April and June, Alberta welcomed 11,624 new permanent residents.

The province lost 994 net NPRs between April and June—the fourth consecutive second quarter of losses. While outflows had been weakening, this quarter is very close to the same quarter last year (Table 4).

Interprovincial migration

Alberta added 842 net interprovincial migrants, the second straight quarter of positive gains.⁴ Back in positive territory, Alberta was the fourth largest recipient of net inflows, following BC (4,102), Ontario (3,274), and Nova Scotia (1,182) (Table 3).

The net gains during the second quarter were more than enough to offset the province's net loss to BC (-1,865), with the most people moving to Alberta from Saskatchewan (1,301) and Manitoba (662) (Map 1). While the loss to BC was large, it was down from the same quarter over the past three years.

Natural increase

Due to the large population of young adults in Alberta and relatively high fertility in the province, natural increase remains an important driver of growth. Natural increase (births minus deaths) added 8,405 new people, the result of 14,655 births and 6,250 deaths during the second quarter.

Once again, Alberta had the highest growth due to natural increase of the provinces. This has been the story for the province since the first quarter of 1981.

³ This growth represents year-over-year variation (July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018).

⁴ Preliminary net interprovincial migration is revised annually, where the first three quarters of the current year are adjusted to the annual estimate. Thus, although the previous report stated that it was the third straight quarter of net interprovincial gains, this data was revised, with new data showing that this is the second straight quarter of gains.

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Map 1: Net Population Movement for Alberta April 1 to June 30, 2018

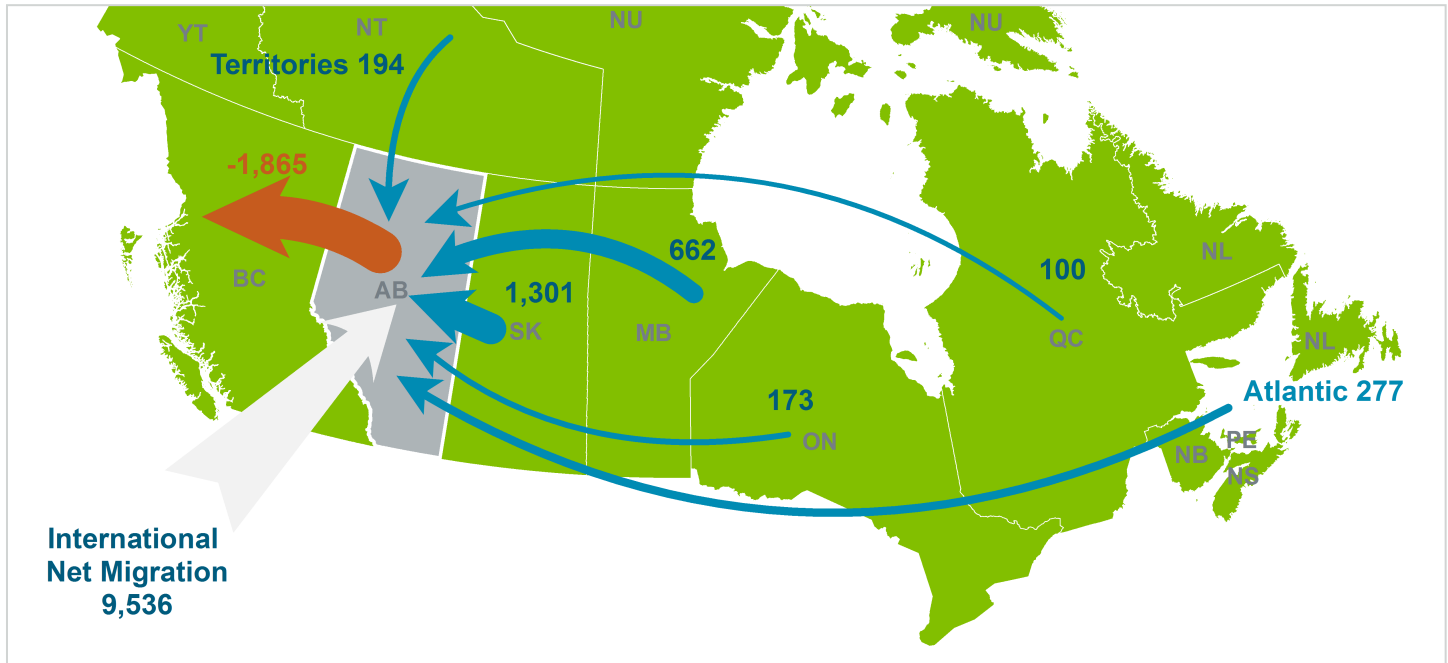


Table 3: Origin and Destination of Interprovincial Migrants April 1 to June 30, 2018

		Destination													
		NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT	
Origin	NL	0	100	480	205	48	1,110	46	57	1,107	273	27	0	56	
	PEI	88	0	240	134	71	677	27	12	132	183	0	0	14	
	NS	244	236	0	807	218	1,816	104	100	902	479	40	72	35	
	NB	145	167	907	0	586	1,354	107	165	706	370	0	5	20	
	QC	112	35	221	592	0	7,229	119	227	998	1,198	41	6	86	
	ON	679	741	2,277	1,467	4,971	0	1,160	1,026	6,194	6,220	102	254	387	
	MB	61	14	200	74	280	2,118	0	742	1,699	1,548	62	28	27	
	SK	55	54	144	45	159	1,791	641	0	3,799	1,701	82	52	16	
	AB	687	220	956	707	898	6,021	1,037	2,498	0	9,792	124	129	127	
	BC	172	143	697	333	997	6,022	820	731	7,927	0	174	43	79	
	YT	0	0	11	26	28	122	0	69	60	247	0	23	46	
	NWT	30	9	51	28	43	258	15	58	477	172	67	0	33	
	NVT	54	11	51	37	26	234	34	36	37	57	25	28	0	

	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
IN	2,327	1,730	6,235	4,455	8,325	28,752	4,110	5,721	24,038	22,240	744	640	926
OUT	3,509	1,578	5,053	4,532	10,864	25,478	6,853	8,539	23,196	18,138	632	1,241	630
NET	-1,182	152	1,182	-77	-2,539	3,274	-2,743	-2,818	842	4,102	112	-601	296

Q2 2018	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Outflow to AB	1107	132	902	706	998	6194	1699	3799	0	7927	60	477	37
Inflow from AB	687	220	956	707	898	6021	1037	2498	0	9792	124	129	127
Net Flow to AB	420	-88	-54	-1	100	173	662	1,301	0	-1,865	-64	348	-90

Table 4: Alberta Components of Growth by Quarter

Quarters in Census Year	Interprovincial Migration ¹			International Migration						Total	Vital Events		Total ⁴
	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Net Non-Permanent Residents ²	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net ³	Total Net Migration	Births	Deaths	Sum of Components
2014-15													
Jul-Sep	22,189	15,803	6,386	10,260	14	2,889	644	2,180	8,921	15,307	15,003	5,682	24,628
Oct-Dec	14,650	11,574	3,076	9,153	-5,608	1,750	513	840	2,122	5,198	13,330	6,316	12,212
Jan-Mar	22,849	16,367	6,482	8,204	-5,841	1,738	530	757	852	7,334	13,361	6,270	14,425
Apr-Jun	29,786	24,136	5,650	11,970	-7,106	1,955	531	1,582	3,960	9,610	14,639	5,861	18,388
Total	89,474	67,880	21,594	39,587	-18,541	8,332	2,218	5,359	15,855	37,449	56,333	24,129	69,653
2015-16													
Jul-Sep	19,080	21,077	-1,997	14,173	-2,880	3,032	661	2,162	9,762	7,765	15,132	5,648	17,249
Oct-Dec	10,187	12,898	-2,711	12,875	-3,620	1,979	529	754	7,501	4,790	13,808	6,067	12,531
Jan-Mar	15,118	19,508	-4,390	15,366	-2,142	2,004	524	766	11,462	7,072	13,459	6,399	14,132
Apr-Jun	19,513	25,523	-6,010	15,427	-1,780	1,987	504	1,423	12,579	6,569	14,526	5,858	15,237
Total	63,898	79,006	-15,108	57,841	-10,422	9,002	2,218	5,105	41,304	26,196	56,925	23,972	59,149
2016-17													
Jul-Sep	16,353	20,912	-4,559	10,074	1,090	3,068	670	2,188	9,614	5,055	14,811	5,875	13,991
Oct-Dec	8,897	11,759	-2,862	8,350	-1,126	2,003	535	763	5,449	2,587	13,140	6,416	9,311
Jan-Mar	14,342	17,428	-3,086	13,368	-4,540	2,028	530	776	7,046	3,960	13,565	6,604	10,921
Apr-Jun	18,998	24,050	-5,052	12,297	-1,001	2,011	510	1,440	10,215	5,163	14,594	6,046	13,711
Total	58,590	74,149	-15,559	44,089	-5,577	9,110	2,245	5,167	32,324	16,765	56,110	24,941	47,934
2017-18													
Jul-Sep	17,572	17,733	-161	8,440	3,126	3,106	677	2,215	9,998	9,837	14,868	6,058	18,647
Oct-Dec	11,376	11,668	-292	7,997	-1,070	2,027	542	772	5,130	4,838	13,197	6,623	11,412
Jan-Mar	16,863	15,814	1,049	10,622	-2,382	2,053	537	784	6,434	7,483	13,609	6,819	14,273
Apr-Jun	24,038	23,196	842	11,624	-994	2,036	516	1,458	9,536	10,378	14,655	6,250	18,783
Total	69,849	68,411	1,438	38,683	-1,320	9,222	2,272	5,229	31,098	32,536	56,329	25,750	63,115

¹ The sum of quarterly in- and out- interprovincial migrants may not be equal to annual interprovincial in- and out- migrants from 2011 onwards. It is however possible to add quarterly net interprovincial migration estimates to calculate annual estimates.

² Estimates of Non-Permanent Residents (NPRs) represent the number of "...persons who are lawfully in Canada on a temporary basis under the authority of a temporary resident permit, along with members of their family living with them. Non-Permanent Residents include foreign workers, foreign students, the humanitarian population and other temporary residents. The humanitarian population includes refugee claimants and temporary residents who are allowed to remain in Canada on humanitarian grounds and are not categorized as either foreign workers or foreign students." (Statistics Canada)

³ Includes NPRs

⁴ The sum of the components may not equal the quarterly population change due to differences in the methods used to derive intercensal and postcensal population estimates.

All figures subject to revision.