

Saskatchewan Quarterly Population Report

Fourth Quarter 2008

TOTAL POPULATION

Saskatchewan's population was estimated to be 1,023,810 as of January 1, 2009, according to Statistics Canada. This is an increase of 2,963 persons since October 1, 2008, and an increase of 15,131 persons from January 1, 2008. The fourth quarter (October 1 – December 31) saw Saskatchewan population rise 0.29 per cent during the quarter, third highest of the thirteen provinces and territories.

Table 1 shows the quarterly population estimates and growth rates for Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta over the past two years.

Table 1: Quarterly Population and Growth Rates, January 2007 - January 2009

Date	Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta	
	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
Jan-07	1,186,795		993,986		3,471,300	
Apr-07	1,189,654	0.24%	995,846	0.19%	3,488,381	0.49%
Jul-07	1,193,514	0.32%	999,697	0.39%	3,510,892	0.65%
Oct-07	1,197,423	0.33%	1,005,840	0.61%	3,527,567	0.47%
Jan-08	1,200,478	0.26%	1,008,679	0.28%	3,541,232	0.39%
Apr-08	1,203,156	0.22%	1,012,044	0.33%	3,557,555	0.46%
Jul-08	1,207,959	0.40%	1,015,985	0.39%	3,585,142	0.78%
Oct-08	1,210,547	0.21%	1,020,847	0.48%	3,610,782	0.72%
Jan-09	1,213,815	0.27%	1,023,810	0.29%	3,632,483	0.60%

Source: Statistics Canada

Saskatchewan's annual population growth rate was the fourth highest of all the provinces and territories. Alberta (followed by the Yukon and British Columbia) had the largest growth rates among all provinces and territories. Table 2 shows the January 1, 2009 population estimates for all provinces and territories along with their quarterly and annual growth rates.

NATURAL INCREASE

Saskatchewan had 3,000 births and 2,498 deaths during the fourth quarter of 2008 for a natural increase of 502. The natural increase over the same time period last year was 446.

MIGRATION

Interprovincial migration is the largest component of population change in Saskatchewan. Preliminary data suggests that in the fourth quarter of this year, 4,660 residents moved to Saskatchewan as 3,711 people left the province. The net interprovincial gain of 949 is 1,085 less than the third quarter of 2008 and is 833 less than the fourth quarter of 2007.

Ontario was the primary source for net interprovincial population change (921 persons in the fourth quarter). Saskatchewan also had the third highest net migration rate of the provinces and territories. Table 3 provides origin and destination flows of interprovincial migrants for the October 1 to December 31 period.

All data in this report are preliminary and subject to revision. For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

Table 2: Population and Growth Rates of Provinces and Territories - January 1, 2009

	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	PQ	ONT	MAN	SASK	ALTA	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Population	508,990	140,402	939,531	748,319	7,782,561	12,986,857	1,213,815	1,023,810	3,632,483	4,419,974	33,442	42,940	31,556
Annual Growth Rate	0.24%	1.25%	0.25%	0.23%	0.86%	1.05%	1.11%	1.50%	2.58%	1.70%	2.10%	-1.14%	0.88%
Quarterly Growth Rate	0.01%	-0.25%	0.04%	0.07%	0.14%	0.08%	0.27%	0.29%	0.60%	0.33%	0.21%	-0.49%	0.11%

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**Table 3: Origin and Destination of Interprovincial Migrants,
October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008**

Origin	Destination												
	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	PQ	ONT	MAN	SASK	ALTA	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
NFLD	0	5	398	37	69	490	47	30	979	118	0	6	0
PEI	37	0	163	97	16	354	0	0	205	174	0	0	0
NS	275	101	0	473	145	956	42	24	1,149	482	17	48	6
NB	68	88	433	0	396	493	38	47	560	165	0	18	0
PQ	57	90	190	339	0	3,535	126	108	1,742	641	5	0	22
ONT	852	123	1,239	850	2,742	0	1,171	1,301	7,487	3,170	71	55	37
MAN	106	0	75	44	130	902	0	478	919	536	10	15	8
SASK	20	0	44	40	136	380	406	0	1,871	797	13	4	0
ALTA	847	71	803	541	512	2,709	1,128	1,917	0	5,113	117	180	16
BC	148	49	417	141	519	2,693	402	667	4,809	0	56	54	0
YT	8	0	34	0	17	0	0	0	52	86	0	16	0
NWT	39	0	30	8	26	51	72	88	326	100	0	0	46
NVT	14	16	0	0	8	18	40	0	53	26	0	52	0

	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	PQ	ONT	MAN	SASK	ALTA	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
In	2,471	543	3,826	2,570	4,716	12,581	3,472	4,660	20,152	11,408	289	448	135
Out	2,179	1,046	3,718	2,306	6,855	19,098	3,223	3,711	13,954	9,955	213	786	227
Net	292	-503	108	264	-2,139	-6,517	249	949	6,198	1,453	76	-338	-92
Rate ¹	0.06%	-0.36%	0.01%	0.04%	-0.03%	-0.05%	0.02%	0.09%	0.17%	0.03%	0.23%	-0.79%	-0.29%

Source: Statistics Canada

¹ Net Migration Rate is quarterly net interprovincial migration expressed as a percentage of provincial population at the start of the quarter.

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