

# Saskatchewan Quarterly Population Report

First Quarter 2017

## TOTAL POPULATION

Saskatchewan's population was estimated to be 1,161,365 as of April 1, 2017, according to Statistics Canada. This is an increase of 3,026 persons since January 1, 2017, and an increase of 16,047 persons from April 1, 2016. The first quarter (January 1 – March 31) saw Saskatchewan's population rise 0.26 per cent, the fifth highest of the ten provinces.

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, April 2015 - April 2017**

| Date   | Manitoba   |             | Saskatchewan |             | Alberta    |             |
|--------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
|        | Population | Growth Rate | Population   | Growth Rate | Population | Growth Rate |
| Apr-15 | 1,291,595  | 0.19%       | 1,129,314    | 0.14%       | 4,161,343  | 0.35%       |
| Jul-15 | 1,295,981  | 0.34%       | 1,132,263    | 0.26%       | 4,179,660  | 0.44%       |
| Oct-15 | 1,301,357  | 0.41%       | 1,137,386    | 0.45%       | 4,201,458  | 0.52%       |
| Jan-16 | 1,306,487  | 0.39%       | 1,141,122    | 0.33%       | 4,216,375  | 0.36%       |
| Apr-16 | 1,311,778  | 0.40%       | 1,145,318    | 0.37%       | 4,233,933  | 0.42%       |
| Jul-16 | 1,318,128  | 0.48%       | 1,150,632    | 0.46%       | 4,252,879  | 0.45%       |
| Oct-16 | 1,323,958  | 0.44%       | 1,155,393    | 0.41%       | 4,268,929  | 0.38%       |
| Jan-17 | 1,328,346  | 0.33%       | 1,158,339    | 0.25%       | 4,280,127  | 0.26%       |
| Apr-17 | 1,332,629  | 0.32%       | 1,161,365    | 0.26%       | 4,291,980  | 0.28%       |

Saskatchewan's annual population growth rate was the fifth highest of all the provinces and territories. Manitoba had the largest growth rate among all provinces. Table 2 shows the April 1, 2017 population estimates for all provinces and territories along with their quarterly and annual growth rates.

## NATURAL INCREASE

Saskatchewan had 3,953 births and 2,516 deaths during the first quarter of 2017 producing a natural increase of 1,437. The natural increase in same time period last year was 1,434.

## MIGRATION

Preliminary data suggests that in the first quarter of 2017, 4,113 Canadian residents moved to Saskatchewan as 5,508 Canadian residents left the province for a net interprovincial loss of 1,395 persons. In the first quarter of 2016, Saskatchewan had a net interprovincial migration loss of 1,349 persons.

Alberta was the primary source of interprovincial migration movement (43.7 per cent of in-migration and 41.9 per cent of out-migration). Table 3 provides origin and destination flows of interprovincial migrants for the January 1 to March 31 period.

Net international migration added 2,984 people to Saskatchewan in the first quarter of 2017. This is up from 2,668 people in the fourth quarter of 2016. In the first quarter of 2016, net international migration was 4,111.

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**Table 2: Population and Growth Rates of Provinces and Territories - April 1, 2017**

|                       | NFLD    | PEI     | NS      | NB      | PQ        | ONT        | MAN       | SASK      | ALTA      | BC        | YT     | NWT    | NVT    |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Population            | 528,683 | 149,790 | 953,173 | 757,641 | 8,371,498 | 14,135,610 | 1,332,629 | 1,161,365 | 4,291,980 | 4,789,221 | 37,808 | 44,381 | 37,462 |
| Annual Growth Rate    | -0.19%  | 1.37%   | 0.60%   | 0.20%   | 0.83%     | 1.52%      | 1.59%     | 1.40%     | 1.37%     | 1.26%     | 1.56%  | -0.24% | 1.65%  |
| Quarterly Growth Rate | -0.19%  | 0.27%   | 0.12%   | -0.02%  | 0.18%     | 0.29%      | 0.32%     | 0.26%     | 0.28%     | 0.25%     | 0.31%  | 0.27%  | 0.49%  |

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**Table 3: Origin and Destination of Interprovincial Migrants,  
January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017**

| Origin      | Destination |     |       |       |       |       |     |       |       |       |     |     |     |
|-------------|-------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
|             | NFLD        | PEI | NS    | NB    | PQ    | ONT   | MAN | SASK  | ALTA  | BC    | YT  | NWT | NVT |
| <b>NFLD</b> | 0           | 39  | 326   | 137   | 60    | 719   | 22  | 70    | 709   | 134   | 4   | 71  | 58  |
| <b>PEI</b>  | 56          | 0   | 204   | 86    | 25    | 437   | 5   | 49    | 98    | 51    | 0   | 11  | 4   |
| <b>NS</b>   | 155         | 154 | 0     | 472   | 219   | 1,421 | 136 | 80    | 875   | 286   | 0   | 86  | 22  |
| <b>NB</b>   | 130         | 129 | 644   | 0     | 334   | 998   | 114 | 99    | 561   | 255   | 0   | 39  | 20  |
| <b>PQ</b>   | 89          | 4   | 193   | 414   | 0     | 3,853 | 82  | 27    | 607   | 577   | 34  | 11  | 5   |
| <b>ONT</b>  | 403         | 271 | 1,389 | 1,031 | 2,915 | 0     | 853 | 780   | 4,418 | 3,671 | 59  | 91  | 152 |
| <b>MAN</b>  | 69          | 18  | 121   | 92    | 115   | 1,174 | 0   | 622   | 1,022 | 942   | 11  | 18  | 13  |
| <b>SASK</b> | 18          | 0   | 82    | 30    | 108   | 1,343 | 447 | 0     | 2,307 | 1,132 | 18  | 3   | 20  |
| <b>ALTA</b> | 553         | 160 | 823   | 657   | 725   | 5,116 | 734 | 1,799 | 0     | 7,174 | 140 | 294 | 24  |
| <b>BC</b>   | 90          | 73  | 506   | 181   | 743   | 3,395 | 501 | 473   | 4,744 | 0     | 175 | 109 | 11  |
| <b>YT</b>   | 0           | 12  | 33    | 22    | 0     | 75    | 14  | 46    | 84    | 144   | 0   | 32  | 0   |
| <b>NWT</b>  | 38          | 13  | 4     | 11    | 5     | 86    | 56  | 54    | 377   | 137   | 53  | 0   | 63  |
| <b>NVT</b>  | 45          | 0   | 45    | 9     | 14    | 118   | 48  | 14    | 5     | 24    | 0   | 37  | 0   |

|                          |             |            |           |           |           |            |            |             |             |           |           |            |            |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                          | <b>NFLD</b> | <b>PEI</b> | <b>NS</b> | <b>NB</b> | <b>PQ</b> | <b>ONT</b> | <b>MAN</b> | <b>SASK</b> | <b>ALTA</b> | <b>BC</b> | <b>YT</b> | <b>NWT</b> | <b>NVT</b> |
| <b>In</b>                | 1,646       | 873        | 4,370     | 3,142     | 5,263     | 18,735     | 3,012      | 4,113       | 15,807      | 14,527    | 494       | 802        | 392        |
| <b>Out</b>               | 2,349       | 1,026      | 3,906     | 3,323     | 5,896     | 16,033     | 4,217      | 5,508       | 18,199      | 11,001    | 462       | 897        | 359        |
| <b>Net</b>               | -703        | -153       | 464       | -181      | -633      | 2,702      | -1,205     | -1,395      | -2,392      | 3,526     | 32        | -95        | 33         |
| <b>Rate <sup>1</sup></b> | -0.13%      | -0.10%     | 0.05%     | -0.02%    | -0.01%    | 0.02%      | -0.09%     | -0.12%      | -0.06%      | 0.07%     | 0.08%     | -0.21%     | 0.09%      |

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<sup>1</sup> 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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