

Saskatchewan Population by Age and Sex Report

2011 Census of Canada

POPULATION OF SENIORS

Saskatchewan's Census population of seniors (individuals aged 65 and over) for 2011 was 153,705, according to Statistics Canada. This represents an absolute increase of 4,405 persons (2.95%) from the 2006 Census population of 149,300 for seniors. This represents the lowest rate of growth for this age group among all provinces.

Table 1 shows the Census population estimates and growth rates for the population of Saskatchewan seniors for the past 50 years.

Table 1: Census Population of Seniors, 1961 - 2011

Saskatchewan		
Date	Population	Growth Rate
1961	85,570	
1966	88,882	3.87%
1971	94,805	6.66%
1976	102,175	7.77%
1981	116,170	13.70%
1986	128,600	10.70%
1991	139,925	8.81%
1996	145,605	4.06%
2001	147,565	1.35%
2006	149,300	1.18%
2011	153,705	2.95%

Compared to the 2006 Census, Saskatchewan no longer ranks first with respect to the percentage of population aged 65 and over. The Maritimes, Quebec and British Columbia all had a higher percentage of seniors than Saskatchewan in 2011.

However, Saskatchewan has the distinction of having the highest proportion of centenarians of any province at 320 individuals or 0.03% of the total population. Table 2 presents the percentage of seniors by province.

GENDER

50.50% of the Saskatchewan Census population for 2011 was female while 49.50% was male. The comparable values for the 2006 Census population were 50.91% female and 49.09% male.

WORKING AGE POPULATION

The working age population is defined as individuals between the ages of 15 and 64. The Saskatchewan Census population for 2011 of this age group was 681,815, or 65.98% of the total population. The Saskatchewan Census population for 2006 of this group was 631,150 or 65.19% of the total population. The absolute increase between 2006 and 2011 was 50,665 (8.03%), representing the second highest growth rate among the provinces. The median age of the Saskatchewan Census population decreased from 38.7 in 2006 to 38.2 in 2011.

Table 3 presents a breakdown by broad age groups for the 2011 Census population for each province and territory as well as Canada as a whole.

Table 2: Percentage of Canadians Aged 65 and Over by Province or Territory, 2006 and 2011 Censuses

	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	MAN	SASK	ALTA	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
2006	13.71%	13.90%	14.86%	15.13%	14.74%	14.32%	13.56%	14.10%	15.42%	10.74%	14.58%	7.54%	4.78%	2.73%
2011	14.77%	15.96%	16.25%	16.64%	16.46%	15.91%	14.62%	14.27%	14.87%	11.13%	15.65%	9.13%	5.79%	3.32%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Census of Canada*

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POPULATION OF CHILDREN

Saskatchewan's Census population of children (individuals under the age of 15) for 2011 was 197,855. This represents an increase of 10,155 or 5.41% from the 2006 census population of 187,700 children, the second highest rate of increase among all provinces.

For the first time in 50 years, the number of children aged 4 and under (or those born since the last census) increased in every province and territory. Saskatchewan has the second largest increase, rising 19.6% to 68,760 individuals in 2011 from 57,495 individuals in 2006.

All data in this report are based on the 2011 Census of Canada. The Census population counts are not comparable to quarterly population estimates from the Statistics Canada Demography Division. Census population does not include net undercount (number of persons missed by the Census less the number of persons counted twice) and other adjustments made by Demography Division to the Census data. 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 3: 2011 Census Populations by Province or Territory and Age Group

	Age Group					
	0-14	% of Total	15-64	% of Total	65 and Over	% of Total
Canada	5,607,345	16.75%	22,924,290	68.48%	4,945,055	14.77%
Newfoundland and Labrador	76,625	14.89%	355,800	69.15%	82,105	15.96%
Prince Edward Island	23,060	16.45%	94,360	67.30%	22,785	16.25%
Nova Scotia	138,215	15.00%	630,140	68.37%	153,370	16.64%
New Brunswick	113,575	15.12%	513,960	68.42%	123,635	16.46%
Quebec	1,258,625	15.93%	5,386,695	68.16%	1,257,685	15.91%
Ontario	2,180,775	16.97%	8,792,725	68.42%	1,878,325	14.62%
Manitoba	231,160	19.13%	804,655	66.60%	172,450	14.27%
Saskatchewan	197,855	19.15%	681,815	65.98%	153,705	14.87%
Alberta	684,790	18.79%	2,554,745	70.08%	405,720	11.13%
British Columbia	677,365	15.39%	3,033,980	68.95%	688,715	15.65%
Yukon Territory	5,865	17.30%	24,940	73.57%	3,095	9.13%
Northwest Territories	9,010	21.73%	30,055	72.48%	2,400	5.79%
Nunavut	10,425	32.67%	20,420	63.99%	1,060	3.32%

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