

Saskatchewan Population by Age and Sex Report

2006 Census of Canada

POPULATION OF SENIORS

Saskatchewan's Census population of seniors (individuals aged 65 and over) for 2006 was 149,300, according to Statistics Canada. This represents an absolute increase of 1,735 persons (1.18%) from the 2001 Census population of 147,565 for seniors.

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, 1956 - 2006

	Saskatchewan	
Date	Population	Growth Rate
1956	78,646	
1961	85,570	8.80%
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%

Compared to the 2001 Census, Saskatchewan continues to rank first with respect to the percentage of population aged 65 and over. However, the rate of increase in this population between 2001 and 2006 was much higher in every other province and territory than it was for Saskatchewan, except for Manitoba. Table 3 presents a breakdown by broad age groups for the 2006 Census population for each province and territory as well as Canada as a whole.

GENDER

50.91% of the Saskatchewan Census population for 2006 was female while 49.09% was male. The comparable values for the 2001 Census population were 50.79% female and 49.21% male.

WORKING AGE POPULATION

The working age population is defined as individuals between the ages of 15 and 64. The Saskatchewan Census population for 2006 of this age group was 631,150, or 65.19% of the total population. The Saskatchewan Census population for 2001 of this group was 624,140 or 63.76% of the total population. The absolute increase between 2001 and 2006 was 7,010 (1.12%). The median age of the Saskatchewan Census population increased from 36.7 in 2001 to 38.7 in 2006.

All data in this report are based on the 2006 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 2: Percentage of Canadians Aged 65 and Over by Province or Territory, 2001 and 2006 Censuses

	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	MAN	SASK	ALTA	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
2001	12.96%	12.29%	13.73%	13.94%	13.56%	13.26%	12.90%	13.97%	15.07%	10.37%	13.64%	6.03%	4.39%	2.22%
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%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Census of Canada*

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Table 3: 2006 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	5,579,835	17.65%	21,697,805	68.64%	4,335,245	13.71%
Newfoundland and Labrador	78,225	15.48%	356,980	70.62%	70,260	13.90%
Prince Edward Island	23,985	17.66%	91,680	67.49%	20,185	14.86%
Nova Scotia	146,430	16.03%	628,820	68.84%	138,220	15.13%
New Brunswick	118,250	16.20%	504,100	69.06%	107,635	14.74%
Quebec	1,252,505	16.60%	5,213,330	69.09%	1,080,295	14.32%
Ontario	2,210,800	18.18%	8,300,295	68.26%	1,649,180	13.56%
Manitoba	225,170	19.61%	761,335	66.30%	161,885	14.10%
Saskatchewan	187,700	19.39%	631,150	65.19%	149,300	15.42%
Alberta	631,520	19.19%	2,305,425	70.07%	353,420	10.74%
British Columbia	679,600	16.52%	2,834,065	68.90%	599,815	14.58%
Yukon Territory	5,715	18.82%	22,360	73.63%	2,290	7.54%
Northwest Territories	9,920	23.93%	29,570	71.32%	1,980	4.78%
Nunavut	10,005	33.94%	18,665	63.32%	805	2.73%

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