

# Canada's population estimates, third quarter 2016

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## Strong population growth in the third quarter

According to preliminary estimates, Canada's population was 36,443,632 on October 1, 2016, up 157,207 from July 1, 2016.

In absolute numbers, this was the largest increase since the start of the period covered by the current system of demographic accounts (July 1971).

This strong population growth was mainly attributable to a substantial increase in the number of non-permanent residents (+57,362).

The number of new immigrants (68,241) also markedly contributed to Canada's population growth. However, it was a smaller increase compared with the same period last year (78,895).

### Note to readers

*Estimates released today are based on 2011 Census counts adjusted for census net undercoverage and incompletely enumerated Indian reserves to which are added the estimated demographic growth for the period from May 10, 2011 to March 31, 2016.*

*These estimates are not to be confused with the 2016 Census population counts to be released on February 8, 2017.*

### Definitions

**Non-permanent residents** include persons from another country who have a work or study permit or who are refugee claimants, and their family members sharing the same permit and living in Canada with them.

**Immigrants** include persons who are, or who have ever been, landed immigrants or permanent residents. Such persons have been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3601](#).

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