

# Saskatchewan Population Report

2006 Census of Canada

## **2006 CENSUS POPULATION**

Saskatchewan's Census population for 2006 was 968,157, according to Statistics Canada. This represents a decrease of 10,776 persons (1.1 percent) from the 2001 Census population of 978,933.

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

**Table 1: Census Population, 1956 - 2006**

Date	Saskatchewan	
	Census Population	Growth Rate
1956	880,665	
1961	925,181	5.1%
1966	955,344	3.3%
1971	926,245	-3.0%
1976	921,325	-0.5%
1981	968,300	5.1%
1986	1,009,615	4.3%
1991	988,930	-2.0%
1996	990,240	0.1%
2001	978,933	-1.1%
2006	968,157	-1.1%

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

## **CENSUS POPULATION BY TYPE OF COMMUNITY**

While overall provincial population fell between 2001 and 2006, several cities posted population gains. Saskatoon, Regina, Swift Current and Lloydminster (Saskatchewan part) increased population levels in 2006 from 2001. Moose Jaw held steady while all other cities experienced lower population totals in 2006 compared to 2001. At the aggregate level, Saskatchewan cities grew 1.0 percent from 528,184 persons in 2001 to 533,246 persons in 2006.

Indian Reserves also increased in population between 2001 and 2006. Reserve population rose by 4,694 persons (10.8 percent) to 48,141 in 2006 from 43,447 in 2001.

Population levels also rose for resort villages (rose by 1,300 to 4,492 persons in 2006 from 3,192 persons in 2001) and northern hamlets and villages (increased 200 persons to 12,576 in 2006 from 12,376 in 2001).

Rural Municipality population fell by 12,813 to 175,659 persons in 2006 from 188,472 persons in 2001. This represents a decrease of 6.8 percent.

Town populations fell 3.1 percent (4,704 persons) from 153,188 persons in 2001 to 148,484 persons in 2006.

Villages accounted for 43,985 persons in 2006. This is a decrease of 4,261 persons (8.8 percent) from the 2001 village population of 48,246.

Unorganized and crown colony populations fell 254 persons between 2001 and 2006 from 1,828 persons to 1,574 persons.

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.

The following table provides Saskatchewan Census population counts for Saskatchewan geographies for 2001 and 2006. For more information please contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca).