

Saskatchewan 2021 Census Population

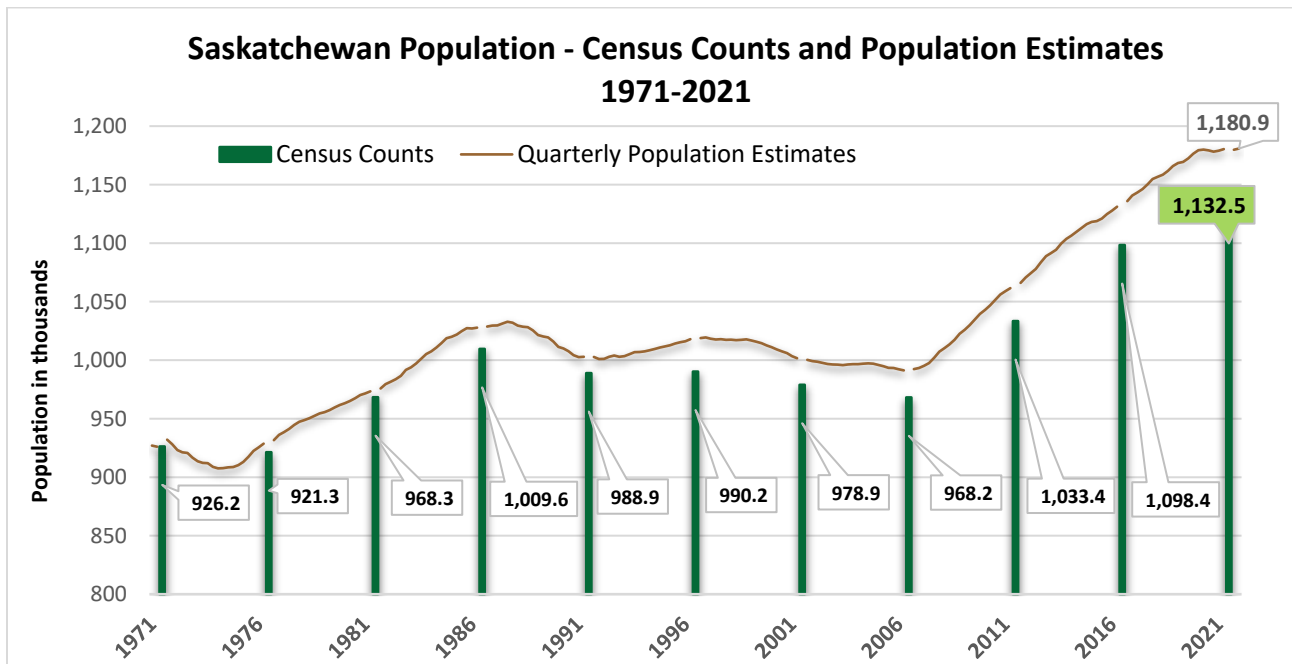
The 2021 Census population counts released by Statistics Canada on February 9, 2021, showed that Saskatchewan's enumerated population count for the reference date of May 11, 2021 was **1,132,505**. This is an increase of 34,153 persons (3.1%) from the 2016 Census population of 1,098,352. While the 2021 Census population count is less (by 48,362) than the 2021 quarterly population estimates on October 1, 2021 (1,180,867), it is important to note that the two population figures are not directly comparable.

Differences Between Census Counts and Population Estimates

The census counts and the population estimates have different, but related objectives. The census counts are intended to provide detailed information on the population at five-year intervals. The more frequent, less detailed population estimates show the evolution of the total population between censuses. The quarterly population estimates are the official estimates of the population while the census counts serve as periodic benchmarks for the population estimates.

Census counts are generally less than population estimates. This is because more people tend to be missed in the enumeration process than counted more than once, resulting in a net undercount of the actual population. This has usually been the case for Saskatchewan.

Following each census, Statistics Canada produces an estimate of the net undercount and includes it in postcensal historical revisions to the quarterly population estimates. The final net undercount and consequent revisions to the population estimates are expected in September 2023.



Source: Statistics Canada - Table 17-10-0009-01; Census population

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