

# Saskatchewan 2021 Census Population

- According to Statistics Canada, Saskatchewan's Census population for 2021 was **1,132,505**. This is an increase of 34,153 persons (3.1%) from the 2016 Census population of 1,098,352. The 2021 Census collection response rate for Saskatchewan was 95.5%. A historical overview of Saskatchewan Census population and growth rates is captured in Table 1 below.

Census Year	Census Population	Growth Rate (%)
1961	925,181	5.1
1966	955,344	3.3
1971	926,242	-3.0
1976	921,323	-0.5
1981	968,313	5.1
1986	1,009,613	4.3
1991	988,928	-2.0
1996	990,237	0.1
2001	978,933	-1.1
2006	968,157	-1.1
2011	1,033,381	6.7
2016	1,098,352	6.3
2021	1,132,505	3.1

**Table 1**  
Saskatchewan Census population and Growth Rates (1961-2021)  
*Source: Statistics Canada*

- The Census population counts are not comparable to current 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), incompletely enumerated Indian reserves and other adjustments made by the Demography Division to the Census data.
  - Current quarterly population estimates are based on 2016 Census counts adjusted for census net undercoverage and incompletely enumerated Indian reserves, to which are added data from the population growth estimates for the period from May 10, 2016, to the date of the estimate. Studies to estimate net undercount for the 2021 Census are currently underway, and will be released in 2023. At that time, quarterly population estimates will be benchmarked to the 2021 Census.

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Current quarterly population estimates will remain the official population estimates until that time.

- Table 2 presents past Saskatchewan Census population counts and quarterly July 1st population counts for the census year (July 1st, 2021 quarterly estimates should not be compared to the 2021 Census population in this way since they have not yet been benchmarked to the 2021 Census):

Year	Quarterly Population	Census Population	Difference
1971	932,038	926,242	5,796
1976	931,612	921,323	10,289
1981	975,759	968,313	7,446
1986	1,028,717	1,009,613	19,104
1991	1,002,713	988,928	13,785
1996	1,018,945	990,237	28,708
2001	1,000,239	978,933	21,306
2006	992,314	968,157	24,157
2011	1,066,026	1,033,381	32,645
2016	1,135,987	1,098,352	37,635
2021	1,179,844	1,132,505	47,339

**Table 2**  
Saskatchewan Census population and quarterly estimates on July 1<sup>st</sup> (1971-2021)  
*Source: Statistics Canada*

- Saskatchewan's growth rate of 3.1 per cent was the ninth highest amongst Canadian provinces.
- At the aggregate level, Saskatchewan cities grew by 5.1 per cent from 656,168 persons in 2016 to 689,475 persons in 2021.
- Town populations recorded a slight decrease of 0.7 per cent from 150,605 persons in 2016 to 149,600 persons in 2021.
- Indian reserves population fell by 1.3 per cent to 55,860 persons in 2021 from 56,574 persons in 2016.
- Villages accounted for 40,407 persons in 2021, a decrease of 2.9 per cent from the 2016 level of 41,596 persons.
- Rural Municipality population increased by two persons between 2016 and 2021 Censuses.

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- Resort villages increased significantly in population, rising by 42.6 per cent to 6,785 persons in 2021 from 4,759 persons in 2016, but northern villages and hamlets recorded a slight population decrease of 1.2 per cent from 11,722 persons in 2016 to 11,577 persons in 2021.
- Unorganized and crown colony population rose by 36.7 per cent between 2016 and 2021 from 1,682 to 2,300 persons.
- Table 3 shows sub-provincial Census populations and their respective growth rates:

	2021	2016	Change	Growth Rate (%)
Cities	689,475	656,168	33,307	5.1
Towns	149,600	150,605	-1,005	-0.7
Villages	40,407	41,596	-1,189	-2.9
Rural Municipalities	176,501	176,499	2	0.0
Indian Reserves	55,860	56,574	-714	-1.3
Resort Villages	6,785	4,759	2,026	42.6
Northern Villages and Hamlets	11,577	11,722	-145	-1.2
Crown Colony and Unorganized	2,300	1,682	618	36.7

**Table 3**  
Sub-provincial Census populations and Growth Rates between 2016 and 2021 Census  
*Source: Statistics Canada*

- Saskatchewan communities posting strong growth include Saskatoon (18,940 persons or 7.7%), Regina (11,298 persons or 5.3%), Warman (1,399 persons or 12.7%) and Martensville (894 persons or 9.3%).
- Between the 2016 and 2021 Censuses, Saskatoon and Regina growth rate ranked 15 and 29 amongst 41 Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs),