

# Saskatchewan Population by Age, Sex and Gender Report

## 2021 Census of Canada

### POPULATION BY GENDER

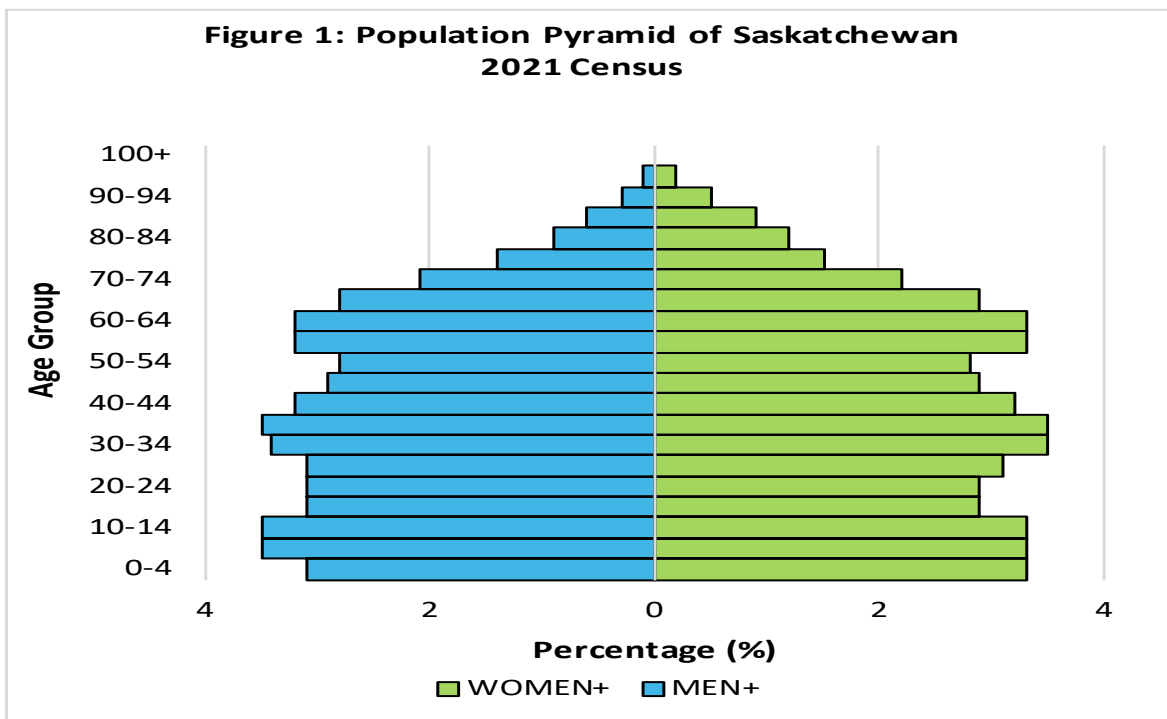
The 2021 Census included a question on gender and the addition of the “at birth” precision to the sex question, making Canada the first country to collect and disseminate data on gender diversity from a national census.

Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, woman or non-binary person (a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman). Because the non-binary population is small in Saskatchewan, data aggregation was applied to protect confidentiality of responses provided. As a result, individuals in the category "non-binary persons" were distributed into the other two gender categories and are denoted by the "+" symbol.

In the 2021 Census, women+ accounted for 50.3% of the total population of Saskatchewan while men+ represented 49.7%. The 2016 Census population were 50.3% female and 49.7% male.

The ratio of men+ to women+, was 98.9 men+ for every 100 women+. The ratio tends to decrease with older age groups. There were more men+ than women+ for every 5-year age group up to and including the 25-29 age group. The ratio continues to fall with age except for the 40 - 44 age group, dropping sharply after age 95. For the age group 100 years old and over, there were only 15.6 men+ for every 100 women+.

Figure 1 shows the 2021 Census distribution of Saskatchewan population by age group and gender.



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### POPULATION OF SENIORS

Saskatchewan's Census population of seniors (individuals aged 65 and over) for 2021 was 197,980. This represents an absolute increase of 27,555 persons (16.2%) from the 2016 Census population of 170,425 seniors. This represents the second-lowest rate of growth for this age group among all provinces.

See Table 1 below for a historical overview of the Saskatchewan Census population and growth rates.

<b>Table 1:</b> Saskatchewan Census population of Seniors and Growth Rates (1961-2021)		
<b>Census Year</b>	<b>Census Population</b>	<b>Growth Rate (%)</b>
1961	85,570	
1966	88,882	3.9
1971	94,805	6.7
1976	102,175	7.8
1981	116,170	13.7
1986	128,600	10.7
1991	139,925	8.8
1996	145,605	4.1
2001	147,565	1.3
2006	149,300	1.2
2011	153,705	3.0
2016	170,425	10.9
2021	197,980	16.2

In the 2016 Census, Saskatchewan had the second-lowest share of its population over the age of 65 (15.5%) compared to the other provinces, while the 2021 Census showed that Saskatchewan's Census population of seniors had the third-lowest share of total population (17.5%) in comparison to other provinces.

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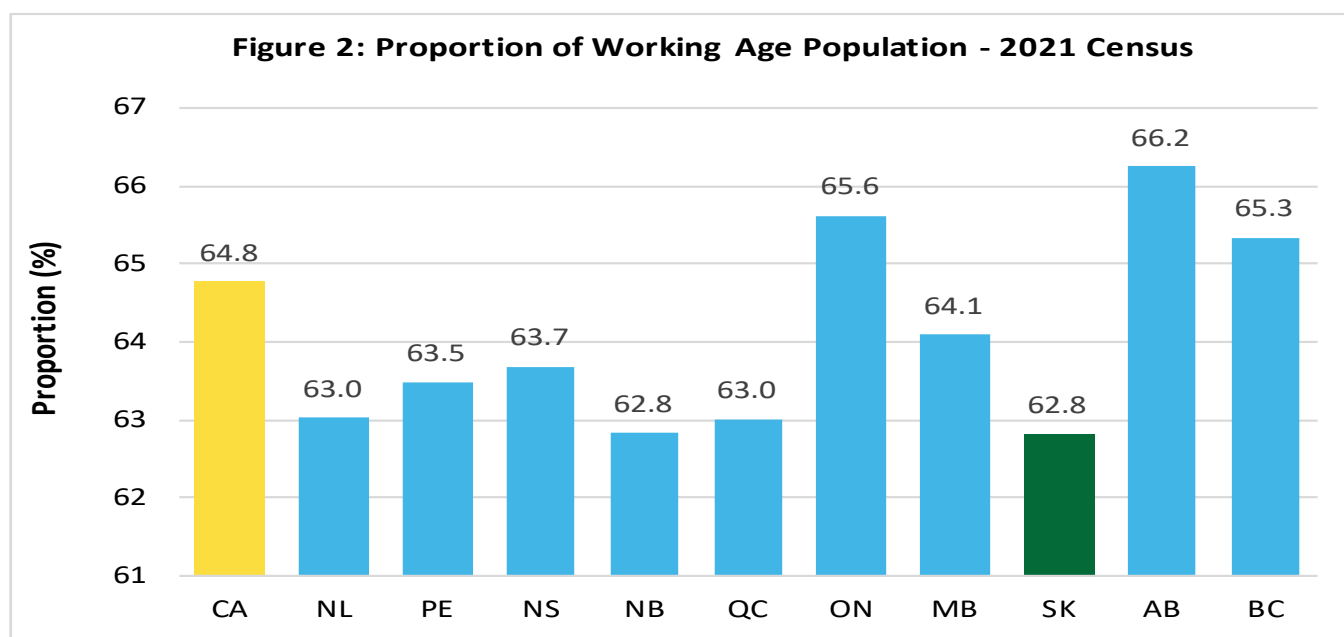
However, Saskatchewan has the distinction of having the highest proportion of centenarians of any province at 450 individuals or 0.040% of the total population. Table 2 presents the percentage of seniors by province.

Geography	CA	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT	NU
Census Year	(%)													
2016	16.9	19.4	19.4	19.9	19.9	18.3	16.7	15.6	15.5	12.3	18.3	11.9	7.7	3.8
2021	19.0	23.6	21.2	22.2	22.8	20.6	18.5	17.1	17.5	14.8	20.3	15.0	10.0	4.4

### WORKING AGE POPULATION

The working age population is defined as individuals between the ages of 15 and 64. The Saskatchewan working age population for the 2021 Census was 711,405 or 62.8% of the total population, while 2016 Census population for this group was 712,240 or 64.8% of the total population.

Figure 2 shows the share of working age population for Canada and provinces.



The average age of the Saskatchewan Census population increased from 39.1 in 2016 to 39.8 in 2021.

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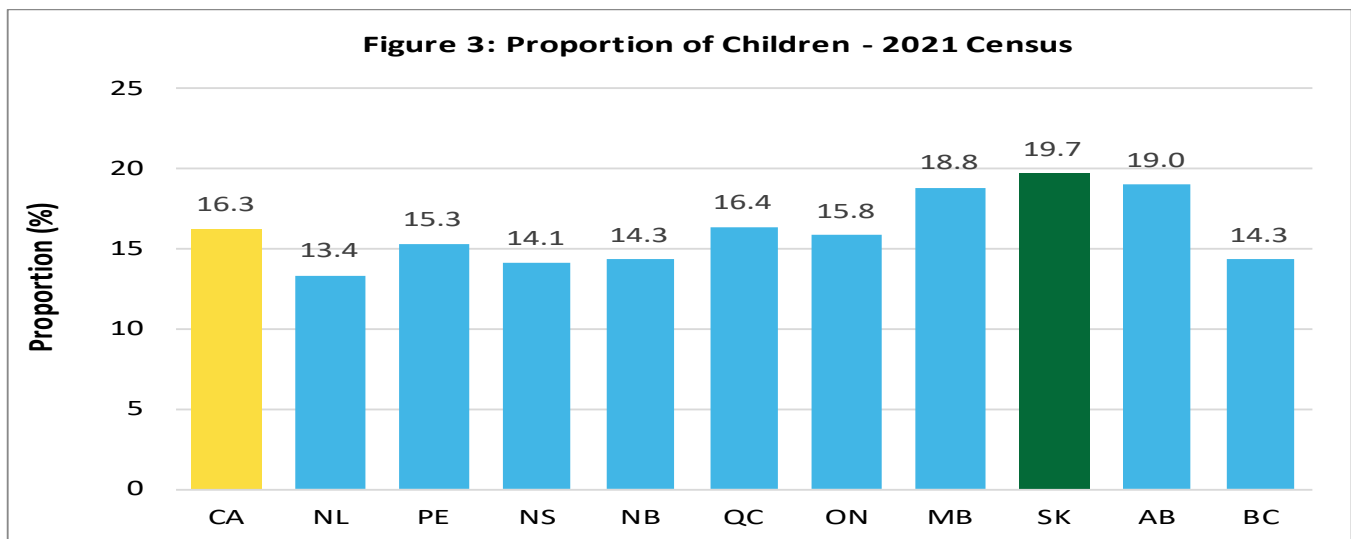
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Table 3 presents a breakdown by broad age groups for the 2021 Census population for each province, territory and Canada as a whole.

Table 3: 2021 Census Populations by Province or Territory and Age Group						
	Age Group					
	0-14		15-64		65 and Over	
	Count	Share of Total (%)	Count	Share of Total (%)	Count	Share of Total (%)
<b>Canada</b>	<b>6,012,795</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>23,957,760</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>7,021,430</b>	<b>19.0</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	68,190	13.4	321,750	63.0	120,610	23.6
Prince Edward Island	23,640	15.3	97,985	63.5	32,705	21.2
Nova Scotia	136,710	14.1	617,345	63.7	215,325	22.2
New Brunswick	111,130	14.3	487,320	62.8	177,160	22.8
Quebec	1,391,360	16.4	5,356,945	63.0	1,753,530	20.6
Ontario	2,251,795	15.8	9,334,440	65.6	2,637,710	18.5
Manitoba	252,935	18.8	860,165	64.1	229,050	17.1
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>223,115</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>711,405</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>197,980</b>	<b>17.5</b>
Alberta	809,640	19.0	2,823,770	66.2	629,220	14.8
British Columbia	716,900	14.3	3,267,620	65.3	1,016,365	20.3
Yukon Territory	6,820	17.0	27,360	68.0	6,050	15.0
Northwest Territories	8,475	20.6	28,485	69.4	4,110	10.0
Nunavut	12,080	32.8	23,170	62.9	1,605	4.4

### POPULATION OF CHILDREN

Saskatchewan's Census population of children (individuals under the age of 15) for 2021 was 223,115. This represents an increase of 7,430 (3.4%) from the 2016 census population of 215,685 children, making it the sixth-highest rate of increase among all provinces. Figure 3 shows the proportion of children for Canada and the provinces.



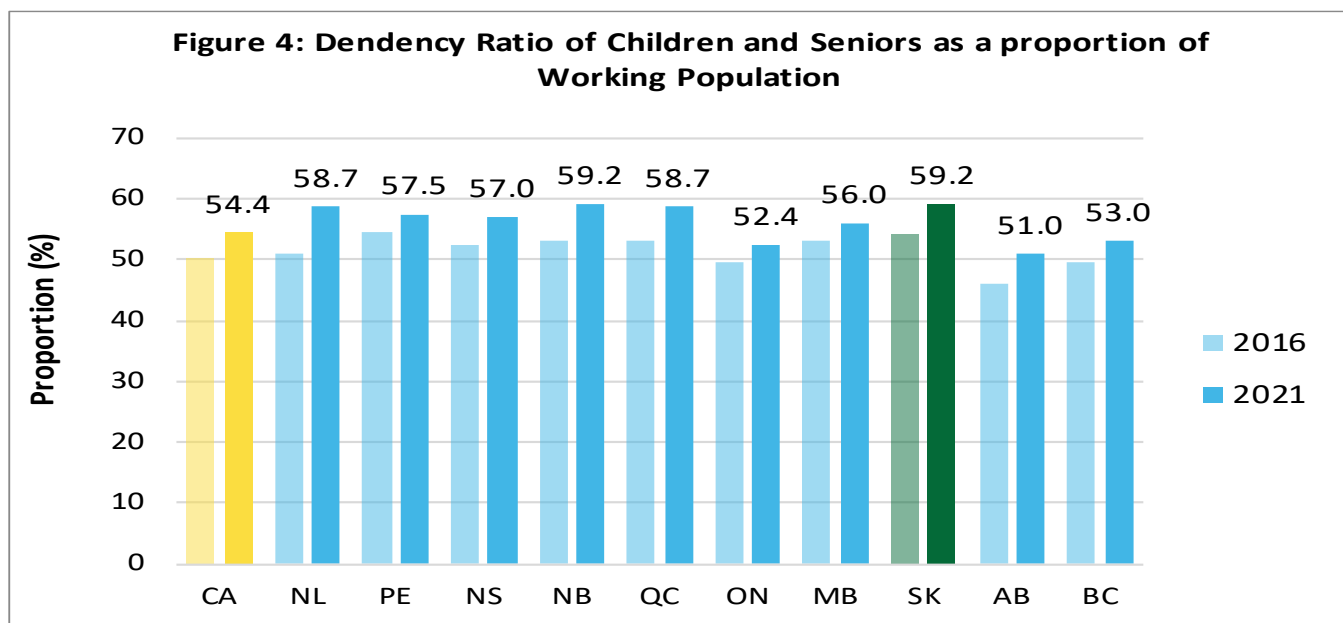
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Saskatchewan had the highest proportion of the population under the age of 15 compared to other provinces at 19.7%. Conversely, Saskatchewan had the third-lowest proportion of its population aged 65 and over at 17.5%, just above Alberta at 14.8% and Manitoba at 17.1%.

### **DEPENDENCY RATIO**

The age structure of a population indicates potential contribution to the labour supply. The dependency ratio measures children and seniors as a proportion of the working age population. Figure 4 represents children and seniors as a proportion of the working age population for Canada and the provinces.



All provinces experienced an increase in their dependency ratio from the 2016 to the 2021 Census. Saskatchewan’s dependency ratio was one of the highest among the provinces; however, the increase between 2016 and 2021 Census was the sixth-lowest among the provinces.

The data in this report is based on Canada’s 2021 Census of Population, conducted by Statistics 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) 787-6330 or visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/stats>. Additional information is available at [Statistics Canada](#).*