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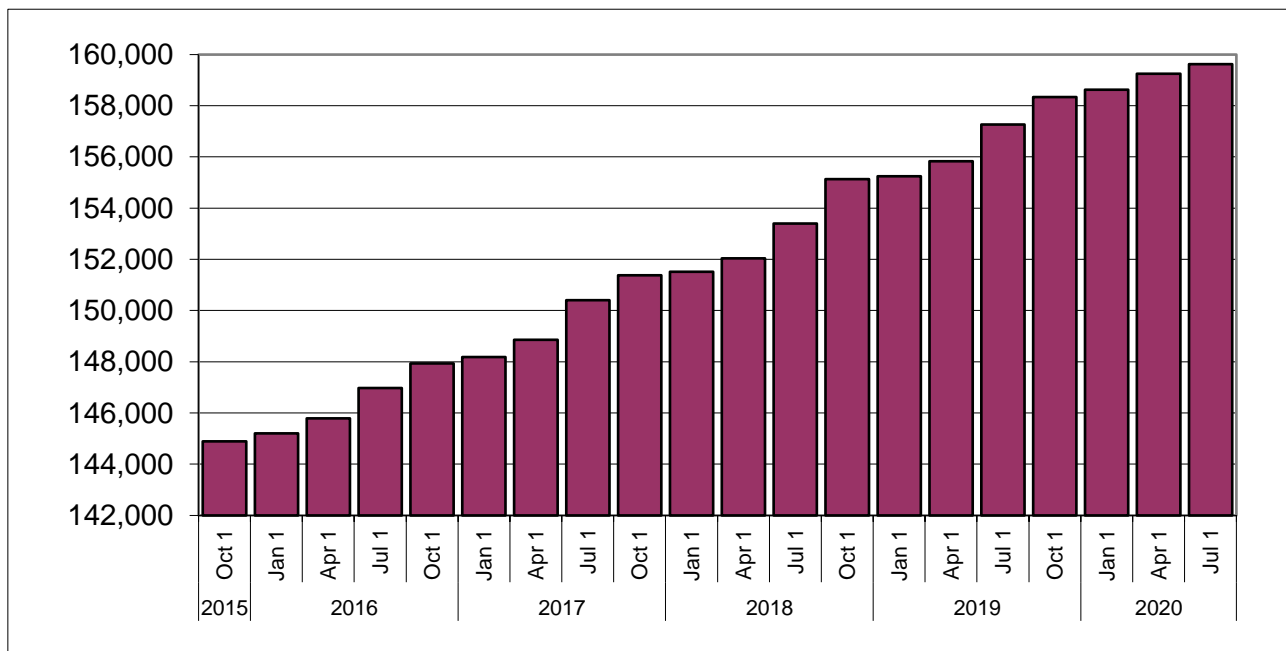
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND POPULATION REPORT SECOND QUARTER 2020

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OVERVIEW

DIAGRAM 1: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND POPULATION, QUARTERLY, 2015 - 2020



On September 29, 2020 Statistics Canada published its provincial population estimates for the second quarter of 2020. The data shows Prince Edward Island’s population is estimated to be 159,625 as of July 1, 2020. This represents a yearly increase of 2,363 persons or a 1.5 per cent annual growth rate. This is the second highest year over year growth rate among provinces and territories, with Nunavut at 1.9 per cent. This compares to a rate of 1.1 per cent for Canada as a whole.

The quarterly estimates since April 1, 2018 and growth rates for Canada and Prince Edward Island can be seen in Table 1.

TABLE 1: NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, QUARTERLY

Quarter	Canada		Prince Edward Island	
	Population	Growth rate (%)	Population	Growth rate (%)
Apr. 1, 2018	36,898,490	0.3	152,039	0.3
Jul. 1, 2018	37,065,178	0.5	153,396	0.9
Oct. 1, 2018	37,249,240	0.5	155,129	1.1
Jan. 1, 2019	37,324,239	0.2	155,244	0.1
Apr. 1, 2019	37,417,155	0.2	155,833	0.4
Jul. 1, 2019	37,593,384	0.5	157,262	0.9
Oct. 1, 2019	37,802,043	0.6	158,334	0.7
Jan. 1, 2020	37,899,277	0.3	158,629	0.2
Apr. 1, 2020	37,979,854	0.2	159,249	0.4
Jul. 1, 2020	38,005,238	0.1	159,625	0.2

Newfoundland and Labrador was the only jurisdiction that saw year-over-year population decline (July 1, 2020 compared to July 1, 2019). Population estimates for July 1, 2019 and 2020 for all provinces and territories are shown in Table 2 below. The population growth rates for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2020 are also included.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES & TERRITORIES, JULY 1, 2019 and 2020 & ANNUAL GROWTH RATES

	Jul 1, 2019	Jul 1, 2020	Growth	Level
CAN	37,593,384	38,005,238	1.1%	411,854
NL	523,476	522,103	-0.3%	-1,373
PEI	157,262	159,625	1.5%	2,363
NS	969,747	979,351	1.0%	9,604
NB	776,868	781,476	0.6%	4,608
QC	8,501,703	8,574,571	0.9%	72,868
ON	14,544,718	14,734,014	1.3%	189,296
MB	1,369,540	1,379,263	0.7%	9,723
SK	1,172,302	1,178,681	0.5%	6,379
AB	4,361,694	4,421,876	1.4%	60,182
BC	5,090,955	5,147,712	1.1%	56,757
YK	41,477	42,052	1.4%	575
NWT	45,028	45,161	0.3%	133
NU	38,614	39,353	1.9%	739

COMPONENTS OF GROWTH

The total increase in PEI's population from April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020 was 376 people.

Natural Increase

There were 340 births and 351 deaths on Prince Edward Island from April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, resulting in natural growth (births minus deaths) of -11.

International Migration

International immigration decreased by 42.1 per cent in the second quarter of 2020 compared to the first quarter of 2020 and was down 52.4 per cent compared to the same period in 2019. This was due to restrictions being put in place to enter the province during the second quarter due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the second quarter, 286 international immigrants came to the province, as compared to 494 the previous quarter. At a rate of 1.8 per thousand¹, the province had the highest quarterly immigration rate in the country. The immigration rate for Canada was 0.9 per thousand.

Net international migration was estimated to be 387 persons during the second quarter of 2020. This consisted of the 286 international immigrants and 101 non-permanent residents (net) entering the province. There were no international emigrants, temporarily abroad Canadians, or returning Canadians during the second quarter due to the pandemic restrictions. The number of net international immigrants coming to PEI over the last 12 month period (July 2019 to June 2020) was 2,839. This compares to 3,285 over the previous 12 month period.

Net non-permanent residents (NPRs)² was 101 for the second quarter of 2020, following -67 for the first quarter of 2020. NPRs include foreign workers, foreign students, the humanitarian population and other temporary residents. The humanitarian population includes refugee claimants and temporary residents who are allowed to remain in Canada on humanitarian grounds and are not categorized as either foreign workers or foreign students.

Inter-provincial Migration

A total of 1,274 inter-provincial migrants came to PEI in the second quarter of 2020, while 1,274 people also left the province for other areas of Canada, for net zero interprovincial gain. This compares to a net gain of 419 persons over the same period in 2019. As shown in Table 3, the primary source of PEI's inter-provincial in-migrants during this period was from Ontario, followed by Nova Scotia and Alberta. The main destinations of out-migrants from Prince Edward Island were to Ontario, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Yukon, and Nunavut all saw positive net interprovincial migration over the second quarter of 2020. 32.0 per cent of all interprovincial migrants from other provinces were destined for Ontario.

¹ Immigration rates are calculated by the PEI Statistics Bureau based on Statistics Canada population estimates.

² NPR estimates are based on the number of NPRs, not on the net. The number of people in IRCC's administrative system is estimated on a specific date in each period of observation. First, the end-of-period number of NPR is estimated, and then the start-of-period number of NPR is subtracted from that estimate. That yields the net number of NPR.

**TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTER-PROVINCIAL MIGRANTS,
APRIL 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2020**

ORIGIN	DESTINATION												
	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	Nvt.
N.L.	0	31	378	189	192	692	21	25	617	165	18	15	56
P.E.I.	17	0	171	162	125	567	33	24	62	107	0	0	6
N.S.	240	255	0	578	356	1,355	49	100	598	484	19	50	75
N.B.	97	124	664	0	541	904	38	17	599	308	0	17	7
Que.	34	132	227	538	0	5,267	131	134	677	1,561	29	26	65
Ont.	684	431	1,996	1,128	4,947	0	1,216	1,090	4,829	6,583	104	71	301
Man.	4	43	151	61	195	1,655	0	539	1,394	1,238	0	10	15
Sask.	74	4	119	73	137	1,892	518	0	3,009	1,507	46	14	12
Alta.	472	163	990	661	810	5,370	684	1,766	0	9,302	121	204	88
B.C.	226	88	694	223	915	3,836	746	798	5,716	0	226	85	68
Y.T.	0	0	46	7	42	91	9	8	128	192	0	7	0
N.W.T.	0	3	23	6	15	151	8	30	230	97	19	0	44
Nvt.	30	0	143	0	39	165	15	0	39	17	0	51	0
	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	Nvt.
IN	1,878	1,274	5,602	3,626	8,314	21,945	3,468	4,531	17,898	21,561	582	550	737
OUT	2,399	1,274	4,159	3,316	8,821	23,380	5,305	7,405	20,631	13,621	530	626	499
NET	-521	0	1,443	310	-507	-1,435	-1,837	-2,874	-2,733	7,940	52	-76	238

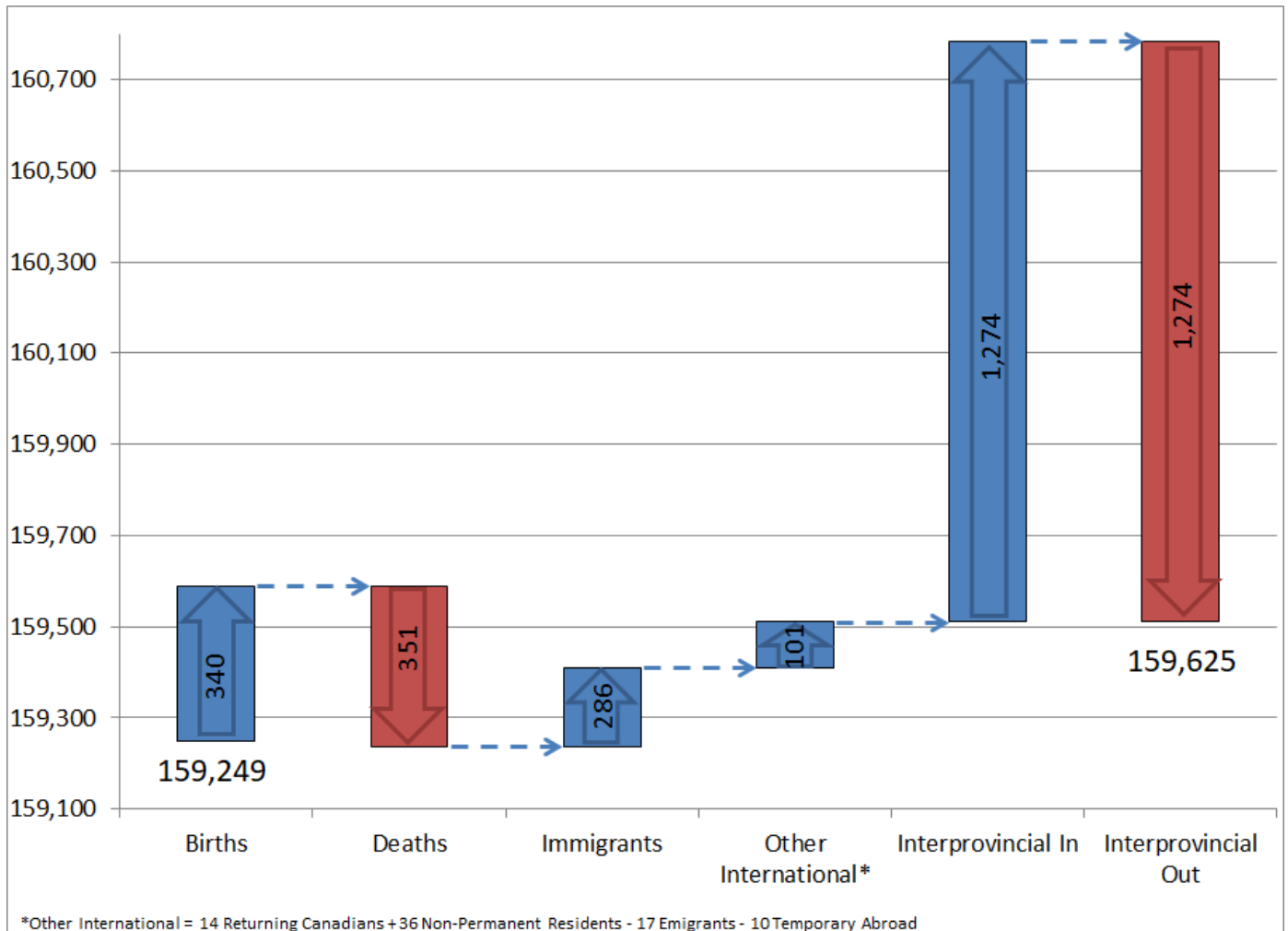
Prince Edward Island quarterly components of growth from January 1, 2018 to July 1, 2020 can be seen in table 4.

**TABLE 4: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND QUARTERLY
POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF GROWTH
JANUARY 1, 2018 – JULY 1, 2020**

Quarter	Population	(+) Births	(-) Deaths	(+) Immigrants	(+) Other International*	(+) Interprovincial In-Migration	(-) Interprovincial Out-Migration
Jan 1, 2018	151,516	290	381	489	131	689	695
Apr 1, 2018	152,039	341	340	525	423	1,624	1,216
Jul 1, 2018	153,396	355	313	685	919	971	884
Oct 1, 2018	155,129	328	335	437	-338	533	510
Jan 1, 2019	155,244	299	392	544	5	793	660
Apr 1, 2019	155,833	326	349	601	432	1,510	1,091
Jul 1, 2019	157,262	378	323	855	706	604	1,148
Oct 1, 2019	158,334	323	343	447	20	726	878
Jan 1, 2020	158,629	312	350	494	-70	955	721
Apr 1, 2020	159,249	340	351	286	101	1,274	1,274
Jul 1, 2020	159,625						

*Other International = Non-Permanent Residents - International Emigrants - Canadians Temporarily Abroad + Returning Canadians

DIAGRAM 2: PEI COMPONENTS OF GROWTH, APRIL 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2020



Impact of COVID-19 on the Population Estimates

COVID-19 began to have an impact on the population of Canada during the first quarter of 2020 with the first case in Canada reported in January 2020 and the first death in early March. In mid-March, the Canada/U.S. border was closed and non-essential inter-provincial travel restrictions were put in place, restricting both international and inter-provincial migration. The impact of these restrictions was evident in these second quarter 2020 estimates (April 1 to June 30).

Statistics Canada adjusted some components to take into account the effect of the global pandemic on the population of Canada. A detailed explanation can be found in the [Technical Supplement: Production of Demographic Estimates for the Second Quarter of 2020 in the Context of COVID-19](#).

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