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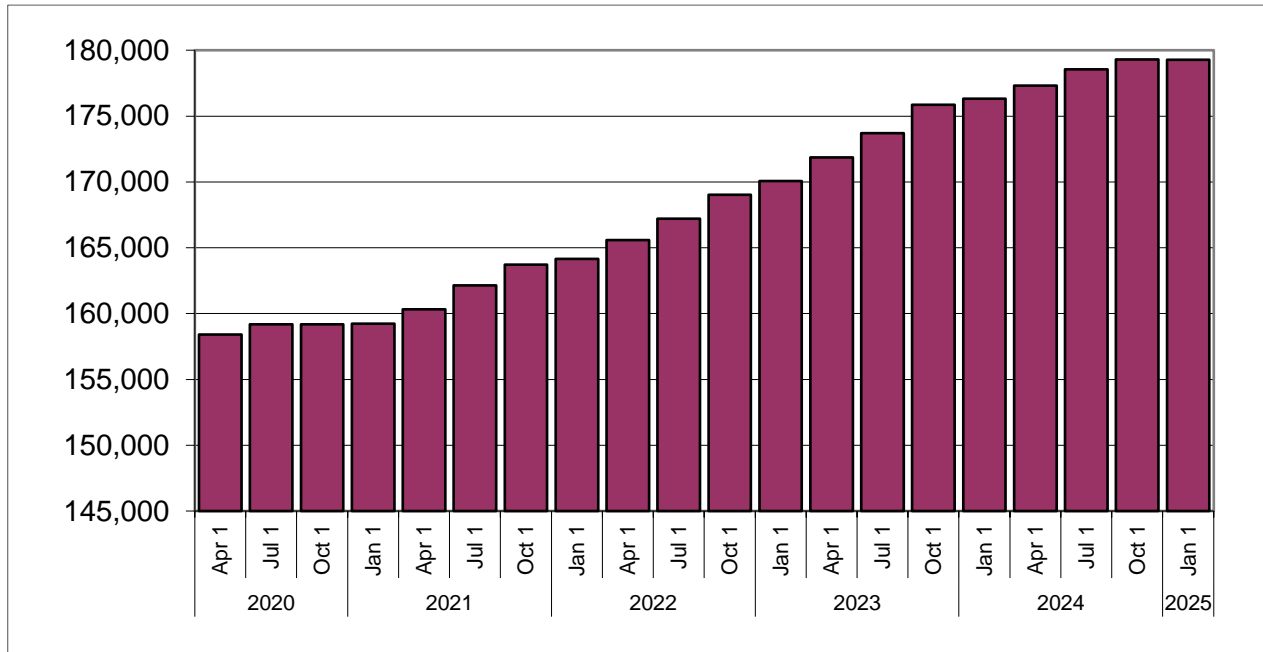
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND POPULATION REPORT FOURTH QUARTER 2024

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OVERVIEW

DIAGRAM 1: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND POPULATION, QUARTERLY, 2020 - 2025



On March 19, 2025 Statistics Canada published its provincial population estimates for the fourth quarter of 2024. The data shows Prince Edward Island’s population was estimated to be 179,280 as of January 1, 2025. This represents a yearly increase of 2,962 people or a 1.7 percent annual growth rate. This is the fourth highest year-over-year growth rate among provinces and territories, behind Alberta (3.5%), Manitoba (2.0%), and Saskatchewan (2.0%). New Brunswick, Quebec, and British Columbia also had growth rates of 1.7 percent. PEI’s year-over-year population growth has slowed in each of the past five quarters, after reaching an all-time high of 4.0 percent during the third quarter of 2023.

Canada’s population reached 41.5 million as of January 1, 2025, an increase of 1.8 percent from one year ago.

The quarterly estimates since October 1, 2022 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 (%)
Oct. 1, 2022	39,279,501	0.9	169,032	1.1
Jan. 1, 2023	39,527,986	0.6	170,077	0.6
Apr. 1, 2023	39,748,878	0.6	171,856	1.0
Jul. 1, 2023	40,083,484	0.8	173,713	1.1
Oct. 1, 2023	40,513,781	1.1	175,871	1.2
Jan. 1, 2024	40,784,356	0.7	176,318	0.3
Apr. 1, 2024	41,038,370	0.6	177,318	0.6
Jul. 1, 2024	41,288,599	0.6	178,550	0.7
Oct. 1, 2024	41,465,298	0.4	179,301	0.4
Jan. 1, 2025	41,528,680	0.2	179,280	0.0

All jurisdictions saw a year-over-year population increase January 1, 2025 compared to January 1, 2024. Population estimates for January 1, 2024 and 2025 for all provinces and territories are shown in Table 2 below. The population growth rates and level change for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024 are also included.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES & TERRITORIES, JANUARY 1, 2024 and 2025 & ANNUAL GROWTH RATES

	Jan 1, 2024	Jan 1, 2025	Growth	Level
CAN	40,784,356	41,528,680	1.8%	744,324
NL	541,820	545,579	0.7%	3,759
PEI	176,318	179,280	1.7%	2,962
NS	1,068,120	1,079,627	1.1%	11,507
NB	844,433	858,963	1.7%	14,530
QC	8,956,326	9,111,629	1.7%	155,303
ON	15,944,379	16,182,641	1.5%	238,262
MB	1,475,046	1,504,023	2.0%	28,977
SK	1,226,848	1,250,909	2.0%	24,061
AB	4,791,876	4,960,097	3.5%	168,221
BC	5,627,961	5,722,318	1.7%	94,357
YK	45,936	47,126	2.6%	1,190
NWT	44,499	45,074	1.3%	575
NU	40,794	41,414	1.5%	620

COMPONENTS OF GROWTH

The total change in PEI's population during the fourth quarter of 2025 (October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024) was -21 people.

Natural Increase

There were 357 births and 450 deaths on Prince Edward Island from October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, resulting in natural growth (births minus deaths) of -93. Deaths have outnumbered births in each quarter since the third quarter of 2021.

International Migration

During fourth quarter of 2024, a total of 505 international immigrants came to the province, the least since the fourth quarter of 2022. At a rate of 2.8 per thousand¹, the province had the sixth highest quarterly immigration rate in the country. The immigration rate for Canada was 2.5 per thousand.

Net international migration was estimated to be 270 people during the fourth quarter of 2024. This consisted of the aforementioned 505 international immigrants plus 760 non-permanent residents (NPRs) and 25 returning Canadians entering the province, while 979 NPRs and 41 international emigrants left the province. Net international migration for PEI over the 2024 calendar year was 3,370. This compares to 5,591 in 2023, a decline of 39.7 percent.

It was estimated that 760 non-permanent residents came to PEI during the fourth quarter of 2024, while 979 NPRs left the province, for a net change of -219. As of January 1, 2025, there were 11,150 NPRs on PEI consisting of 5,942 work permit holders, 3,855 study permit holders, 832 with both work and study permits, 398 other permit holders, and 123 asylum claimants. 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.

In February 2024, the Government of PEI announced changes to immigration to refocus on in-demand labour and reducing the number of nominations to slow overall population growth in the province².

Inter-provincial Migration

A total of 440 inter-provincial migrants came to PEI during the fourth quarter of 2024, while 638 people left the province for other areas of Canada, for a net interprovincial loss of 198. This compares to a net loss of 190 people over the same period in 2023. As shown in Table 3, the primary source of PEI's inter-provincial in-migrants during this period was from Alberta, followed by Ontario and Nova Scotia. The main destinations of out-migrants from Prince Edward Island were Ontario, Alberta, and Quebec. Alberta gained the most from inter-provincial migration, with 33.4 percent of all interprovincial migrants from other provinces destined for Alberta.

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

² [Province launches PEI's population framework and introduces measures to slow down population growth | Government of Prince Edward Island](#)

**TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTER-PROVINCIAL MIGRANTS,
OCTOBER 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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	29	69	61	6	231	6	12	315	74	0	0	29
P.E.I.	0	0	53	56	117	169	0	82	121	40	0	0	0
N.S.	72	42	0	428	136	874	39	34	500	293	14	0	0
N.B.	13	18	456	0	486	593	66	7	285	109	0	0	6
Que.	23	23	120	219	0	3,121	49	50	570	419	0	9	28
Ont.	370	136	1,444	952	1,965	0	963	418	4,335	2,694	33	72	34
Man.	14	0	29	28	109	646	0	236	817	631	9	0	6
Sask.	4	6	44	27	46	734	253	0	1,374	743	21	0	0
Alta.	258	149	249	164	334	2,618	201	815	0	2,858	6	110	20
B.C.	54	37	296	302	463	2,216	368	444	4,521	0	86	29	36
Y.T.	0	0	0	29	0	56	0	0	18	96	0	0	0
N.W.T.	14	0	0	13	5	12	0	0	210	13	0	0	10
Nvt.	0	0	16	12	0	27	28	0	8	0	0	14	0
	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	Nvt.
IN	822	440	2,776	2,291	3,667	11,297	1,973	2,098	13,074	7,970	169	234	169
OUT	832	638	2,432	2,039	4,631	13,416	2,525	3,252	7,782	8,852	199	277	105
NET	-10	-198	344	252	-964	-2,119	-552	-1,154	5,292	-882	-30	-43	64

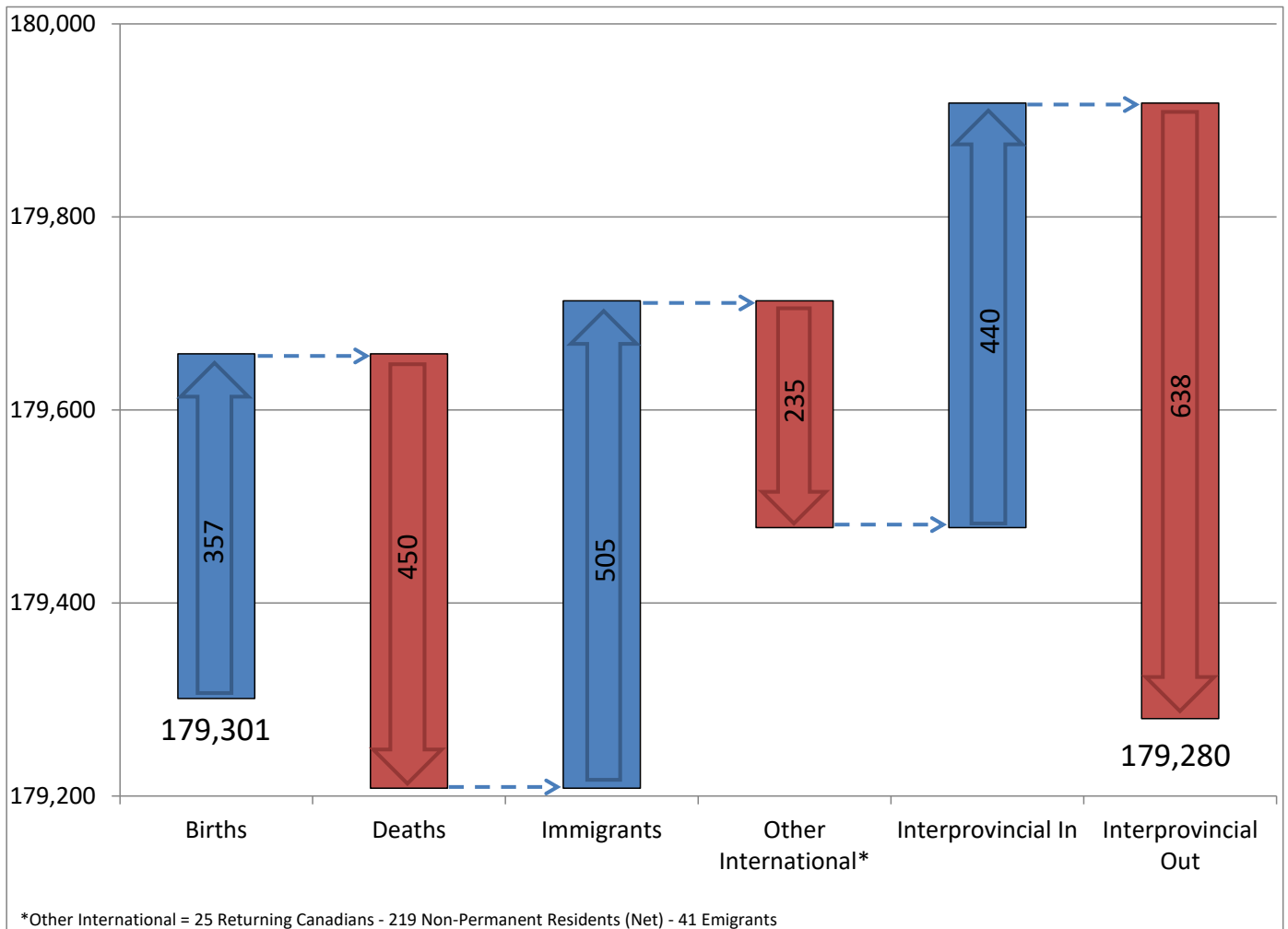
Prince Edward Island quarterly components of growth from July 1, 2022 to January 1, 2025 can be seen in table 4.

**TABLE 4: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND QUARTERLY
POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF GROWTH
JULY 1, 2022 – JANUARY 1, 2025**

Quarter	Population	(+) Births	(-) Deaths	(+) Immigrants	(+) Other International*	(+) Interprovincial In-Migration	(-) Interprovincial Out-Migration
Jul 1, 2022	167,213	331	410	835	1,219	922	1,078
Oct 1, 2022	169,032	320	429	313	425	1,220	804
Jan 1, 2023	170,077	338	429	1,274	-122	1,838	1,120
Apr 1, 2023	171,856	292	375	694	753	1,918	1,425
Jul 1, 2023	173,713	365	422	826	1,427	1,088	1,126
Oct 1, 2023	175,871	341	443	824	-85	643	833
Jan 1, 2024	176,318	363	444	1,330	-318	1,203	1,134
Apr 1, 2024	177,318	310	388	1,169	-100	1,644	1,403
Jul 1, 2024	178,550	387	434	977	42	825	1,046
Oct 1, 2024	179,301	357	450	505	-235	440	638
Jan 1, 2025	179,280						

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

DIAGRAM 2: PEI COMPONENTS OF GROWTH, OCTOBER 1, 2024 – DECEMBER 31, 2024



Sources:

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Table 17-10-0059-01, Estimates of the components of natural increase, Canada, provinces and territories, quarterly (number)