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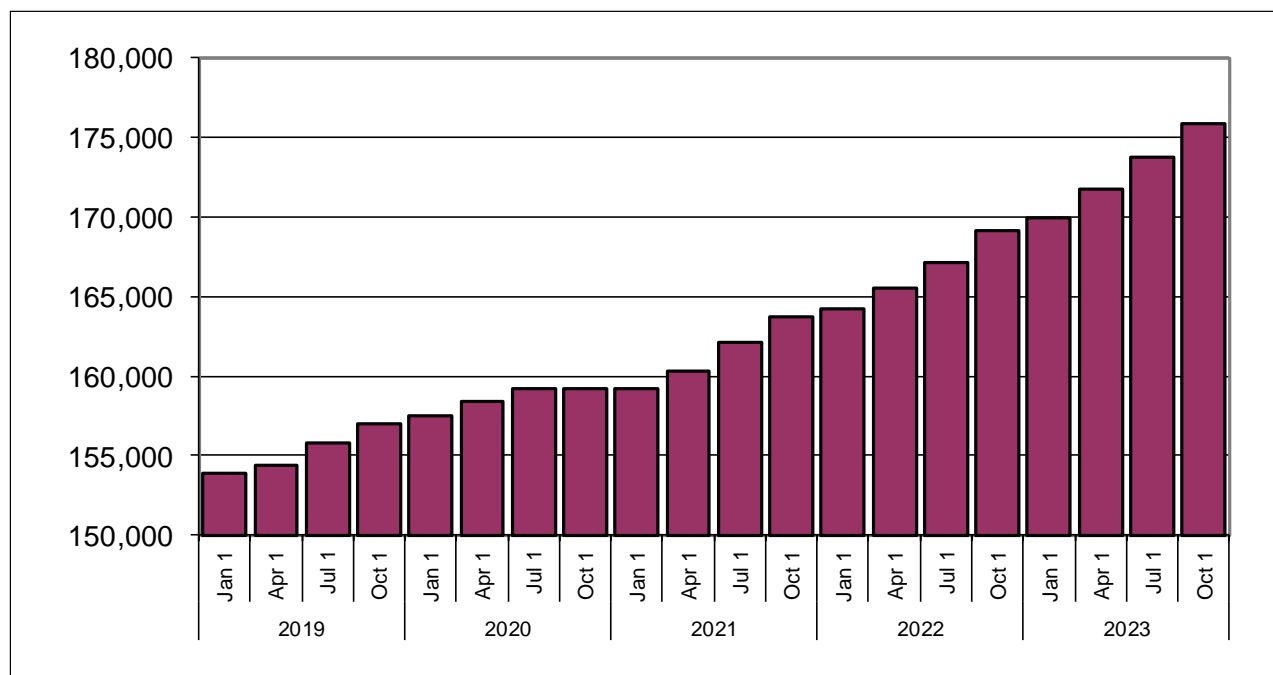
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND POPULATION REPORT THIRD QUARTER 2023

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OVERVIEW

DIAGRAM 1: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND POPULATION, QUARTERLY, 2019 - 2023



On December 19, 2023 Statistics Canada published its provincial population estimates for the third quarter of 2023. The data shows Prince Edward Island's population is estimated to be 175,853 as of October 1, 2023. This represents a yearly increase of 6,707 persons, the highest year-over-year increase on current record. The year-over-year growth rate was 4.0 per cent, the second highest growth rate among provinces and territories, behind Alberta at 4.3 per cent growth. This compares to a rate of 3.2 per cent for Canada as a whole.

The quarterly estimates since July 1, 2021 and growth rates for Canada and Prince Edward Island can be seen in Table 1.

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

	Canada		Prince Edward Island	
Quarter	Population	Growth rate (%)	Population	Growth rate (%)
Jul. 1, 2021	38,239,864	0.3	162,133	1.1
Oct. 1, 2021	38,451,454	0.6	163,775	1.0
Jan. 1, 2022	38,567,576	0.3	164,195	0.3
Apr. 1, 2022	38,683,567	0.3	165,524	0.8
Jul. 1, 2022	38,939,056	0.7	167,188	1.0
Oct. 1, 2022	39,276,140	0.9	169,146	1.2
Jan. 1, 2023	39,498,018	0.6	169,935	0.5
Apr. 1, 2023	39,739,633	0.6	171,790	1.1
Jul. 1, 2023	40,097,761	0.9	173,787	1.2
Oct. 1, 2023	40,528,396	1.1	175,853	1.2

All jurisdictions recorded population increases October 1, 2023 compared to October 1, 2022. Population estimates for October 1, 2022 and 2023 for all provinces and territories are shown in Table 2 below. The population growth rates and level change for the twelve-month period ending September 30, 2023 are also included.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES & TERRITORIES, OCTOBER 1, 2022 and 2023 & ANNUAL GROWTH RATES

	Oct 1, 2022	Oct 1, 2023	Growth	Level
CAN	39,276,140	40,528,396	3.2%	1,252,256
NL	533,444	540,418	1.3%	6,974
PEI	169,146	175,853	4.0%	6,707
NS	1,035,666	1,066,416	3.0%	30,750
NB	817,766	842,725	3.1%	24,959
QC	8,730,868	8,948,540	2.5%	217,672
ON	15,283,961	15,801,768	3.4%	517,807
MB	1,423,596	1,465,440	2.9%	41,844
SK	1,187,607	1,218,976	2.6%	31,369
AB	4,561,350	4,756,408	4.3%	195,058
BC	5,403,528	5,581,127	3.3%	177,599
YK	44,113	45,148	2.3%	1,035
NWT	44,664	44,760	0.2%	96
NU	40,431	40,817	1.0%	386

COMPONENTS OF GROWTH

The total increase in PEI's population from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 was 2,066 people.

Natural Increase

There were 349 births and 362 deaths on Prince Edward Island from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023, resulting in natural growth (births minus deaths) of -13.

International Migration

The third quarter of 2023 saw 825 immigrants come to PEI. On a year-over-year basis, this is a 1.2 per cent decline (as compared to the third quarter of 2022). At a rate of 4.7 per thousand¹, the province had the second highest quarterly immigration rate in the country, behind Saskatchewan at 5.0 per thousand. The immigration rate for Canada was 2.7 per thousand.

Net international migration for PEI was estimated to be 2,228 persons during the third quarter of 2023. This consisted of the 825 international immigrants, 1,384 non-permanent residents (net), and 98 returning Canadians entering the province, while 79 international emigrants left the province. Net international migration for PEI over the last 12-month period (October 2022 to September 2023) was 5,405. This compares to 4,158 over the previous 12-month period.

Net non-permanent residents (NPRs)² was 1,384 for the third quarter of 2023, following 860 for the second quarter. This brings the total number of NPRs in PEI to 11,337, consisting of 5,978 work permit holders, 4,204 study permit holders, 809 both work and study, 323 other permit holders, and 23 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.

Inter-provincial Migration

A total of 1,059 inter-provincial migrants came to PEI during the third quarter of 2023, while 1,208 people left the province for other areas of Canada, for a net interprovincial loss of 149 people. This compares to a net loss of 30 persons over the same period in 2022. As shown in Table 3, the primary source of PEI's inter-provincial in-migrants during this period was from Ontario, followed by British Columbia and Alberta. The main destinations of out-migrants from Prince Edward Island were Alberta, Ontario, and Nova Scotia. 37.4 per cent of all interprovincial migrants from other provinces were destined for Alberta.

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,
JULY 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

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	0	223	127	58	722	49	41	626	150	0	0	8
P.E.I.	25	0	147	120	32	388	0	7	417	72	0	0	0
N.S.	200	112	0	474	490	1,785	28	37	979	501	0	34	12
N.B.	129	55	446	0	1,134	1,394	39	6	838	168	0	8	30
Que.	104	73	332	570	0	5,129	106	155	1,715	778	9	32	22
Ont.	759	552	2,230	2,063	4,060	0	1,334	1,121	9,710	4,224	64	36	144
Man.	26	6	149	117	432	1,847	0	356	1,944	958	12	11	0
Sask.	21	19	67	41	95	1,329	316	0	2,971	1,005	5	3	6
Alta.	399	114	572	429	618	3,448	628	1,392	0	4,320	40	60	15
B.C.	82	119	442	257	871	3,988	777	774	9,589	0	224	27	36
Y.T.	0	0	9	25	33	91	5	11	70	285	0	29	0
N.W.T.	8	9	0	30	62	124	28	30	240	83	24	0	15
Nvt.	19	0	19	15	48	100	73	30	30	8	4	4	0
	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	Nvt.
IN	1,772	1,059	4,636	4,268	7,933	20,345	3,383	3,960	29,129	12,552	382	244	288
OUT	2,004	1,208	4,652	4,247	9,025	26,297	5,858	5,878	12,035	17,186	558	653	350
NET	-232	-149	-16	21	-1,092	-5,952	-2,475	-1,918	17,094	-4,634	-176	-409	-62

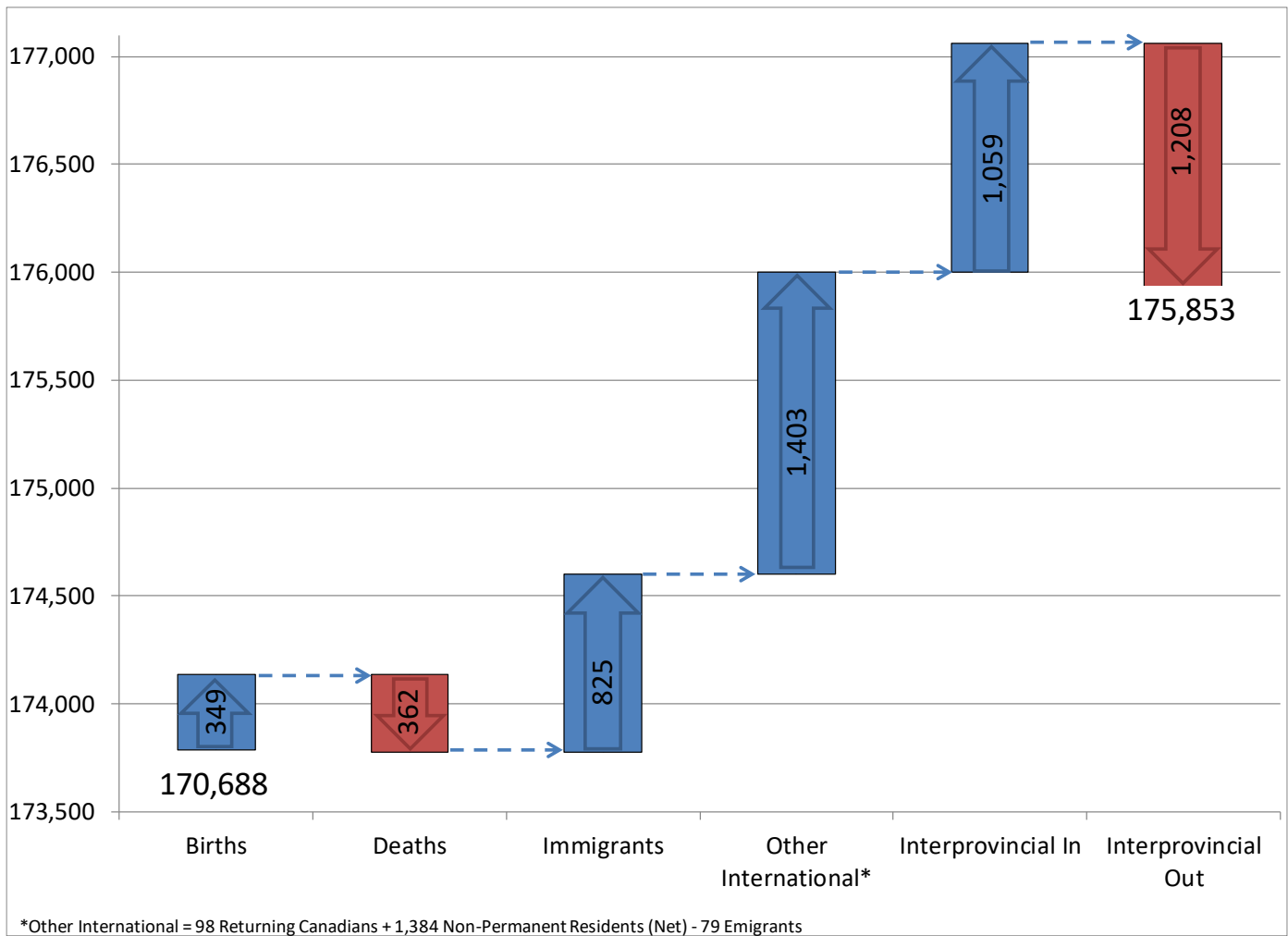
Prince Edward Island quarterly components of growth from April 1, 2021 to October 1, 2023 can be seen in table 4.

**TABLE 4: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND QUARTERLY
POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF GROWTH
APRIL 1, 2021 – OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Quarter	Population	(+) Births	(-) Deaths	(+) Immigrants	(+) Other International*	(+) Interprovincial In-Migration	(-) Interprovincial Out-Migration
Apr 1, 2021	160,334	375	386	328	590	1,949	1,001
Jul 1, 2021	162,133	366	338	1,068	226	1,314	994
Oct 1, 2021	163,775	352	383	851	-634	939	705
Jan 1, 2022	164,195	323	366	652	-14	1,421	687
Apr 1, 2022	165,524	352	401	868	425	2,031	1,611
Jul 1, 2022	167,188	331	353	835	1,175	1,036	1,066
Oct 1, 2022	169,146	320	398	313	130	1,236	812
Jan 1, 2023	169,935	343	381	1,274	-94	1,818	1,105
Apr 1, 2023	171,790	379	416	694	860	1,906	1,426
Jul 1, 2023	173,787	349	362	825	1,403	1,059	1,208
Oct 1, 2023	175,853						

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

DIAGRAM 2: PEI COMPONENTS OF GROWTH, JULY 1, 2023 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



Sources:

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Table 17-10-0009-01, Estimates of population, Canada, provinces and territories, quarterly (persons)

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Table 17-10-0020-01, Interprovincial migrants, Canada, provinces and territories, quarterly (persons)

Table 17-10-0045-01, Estimates of interprovincial migrants by province or territory of origin and destination, quarterly (persons)

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