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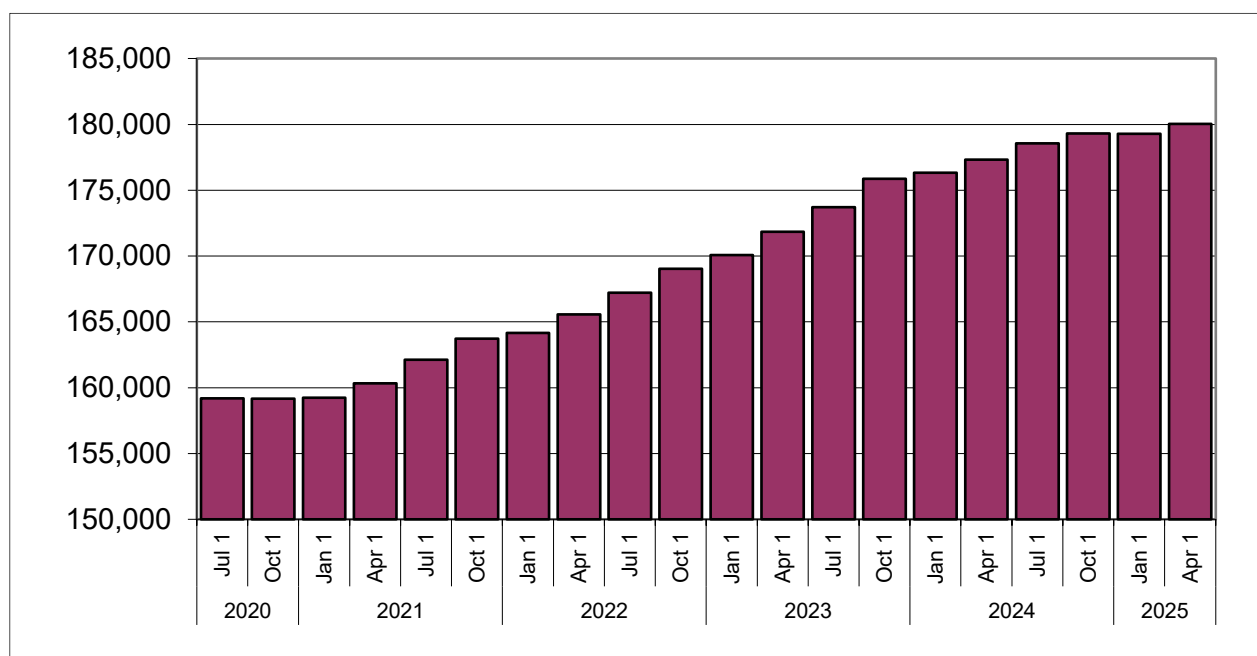
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND POPULATION REPORT FIRST QUARTER 2025

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OVERVIEW

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



On June 18, 2025 Statistics Canada published its provincial population estimates for the first quarter of 2025. The data shows Prince Edward Island's population was estimated to be 180,029 as of April 1, 2025. This represents a yearly increase of 2,711 people or a 1.5 percent annual growth rate. This is the fifth highest year-over-year growth rate among provinces and territories, behind Alberta (2.9%), Nunavut (1.8%), Saskatchewan (1.7%), and Yukon (1.6%). PEI's year-over-year population growth has slowed in each of the past six quarters, after reaching an all-time high of 4.0 percent during the third quarter of 2023.

Canada's population increased by 510,417 people year-over-year to reach 41,548,787 as of April 1, 2025, an increase of 1.2 percent over one year ago.

The quarterly estimates since January 1, 2023 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 (%)
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
Apr. 1, 2025	41,548,787	0.0	180,029	0.4

All jurisdictions saw a year-over-year population increase April 1, 2025 compared to April 1, 2024. Population estimates for April 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 March 31, 2025 are also included.

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

	Apr 1, 2024	Apr 1, 2025	Growth	Level
CAN	41,038,370	41,548,787	1.2%	510,417
NL	543,141	545,464	0.4%	2,323
PEI	177,318	180,029	1.5%	2,711
NS	1,071,498	1,080,418	0.8%	8,920
NB	849,168	859,839	1.3%	10,671
QC	9,003,338	9,110,616	1.2%	107,278
ON	16,033,583	16,176,977	0.9%	143,394
MB	1,485,955	1,507,330	1.4%	21,375
SK	1,233,068	1,253,569	1.7%	20,501
AB	4,842,523	4,980,659	2.9%	138,136
BC	5,666,888	5,719,961	0.9%	53,073
YK	46,353	47,111	1.6%	758
NWT	44,686	45,242	1.2%	556
NU	40,851	41,572	1.8%	721

COMPONENTS OF GROWTH

The total increase in PEI's population during the first quarter of 2025 (January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025) was 749 people.

Natural Increase

There were 383 births and 450 deaths on Prince Edward Island from January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025, resulting in natural growth (births minus deaths) of -67. Deaths have outpaced births in each quarter since the third quarter of 2021.

International Migration

During first quarter 2025, 815 international immigrants came to the province. At a rate of 4.5 per thousand¹, the province had the second highest quarterly immigration rate in the country, behind Yukon at 5.1 per thousand. The immigration rate for Canada was 2.5 per thousand.

Total net international migration was estimated to be +318 people during the first quarter of 2025. This consisted of the aforementioned 815 international immigrants plus 609 non-permanent residents (NPRs)² and 19 returning Canadians entering the province, while 1,074 NPRs and 51 international emigrants left the province. Net international migration for PEI over the last 12-month period (April 2024 to March 2025) was 2,676. This compares to 5,451 over the previous 12-month period.

It was estimated that 609 non-permanent residents came to PEI during the first quarter of 2025, while 1,074 NPRs left the province for a net change of -465, or -6.3 percent. As of April 1, 2025, there were 10,685 NPRs on PEI consisting of 5,659 work permit holders, 3,640 study permit holders, 884 with both work and study permits, 372 other permit holders, and 130 asylum claimants. The number of study permit holders has declined 13.1 percent since April 1, 2024, while the number of work permit holders dropped 2.5 percent over the same period.

Inter-provincial Migration

A total of 1,327 inter-provincial migrants came to PEI during the first quarter of 2025, while 829 people left the province for other areas of Canada, for a net interprovincial gain of 498. This compares to a net gain of 69 people over the same period in 2024. As shown in Table 3, the primary source of PEI's inter-provincial in-migrants during this period was from Ontario, followed by Quebec and New Brunswick. The main destinations of out-migrants from Prince Edward Island were Ontario, New Brunswick, and Alberta. Ontario gained the most from inter-provincial migration, with 32.3 percent of all interprovincial migrants from other provinces destined for Ontario.

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

² 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.

**TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTER-PROVINCIAL MIGRANTS,
JANUARY 1, 2025 TO MARCH 31, 2025**

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	15	317	68	79	541	47	51	384	163	0	6	10
P.E.I.	45	0	89	151	67	251	0	16	138	72	0	0	0
N.S.	165	125	0	592	239	1,689	83	96	684	315	0	32	57
N.B.	142	128	782	0	739	1,145	124	66	499	228	0	36	19
Que.	88	291	162	328	0	4,682	137	64	705	559	48	18	18
Ont.	763	565	2,113	1,659	3,573	0	1,791	1,285	7,342	4,429	84	72	101
Man.	49	63	40	131	238	1,110	0	489	1,213	824	19	5	65
Sask.	22	0	53	41	79	1,087	537	0	2,743	731	0	20	12
Alta.	323	100	523	466	380	3,768	696	2,165	0	5,334	120	208	76
B.C.	96	18	373	321	610	3,969	800	902	7,217	0	101	87	61
Y.T.	0	6	0	15	21	106	12	27	146	164	0	52	0
N.W.T.	66	10	48	31	19	18	29	12	226	47	23	0	28
Nvt.	0	6	8	4	56	174	96	0	38	53	4	29	0
	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	Nvt.
IN	1,759	1,327	4,508	3,807	6,100	18,540	4,352	5,173	21,335	12,919	399	565	447
OUT	1,681	829	4,077	3,908	7,100	23,777	4,246	5,325	14,159	14,555	549	557	468
NET	78	498	431	-101	-1,000	-5,237	106	-152	7,176	-1,636	-150	8	-21

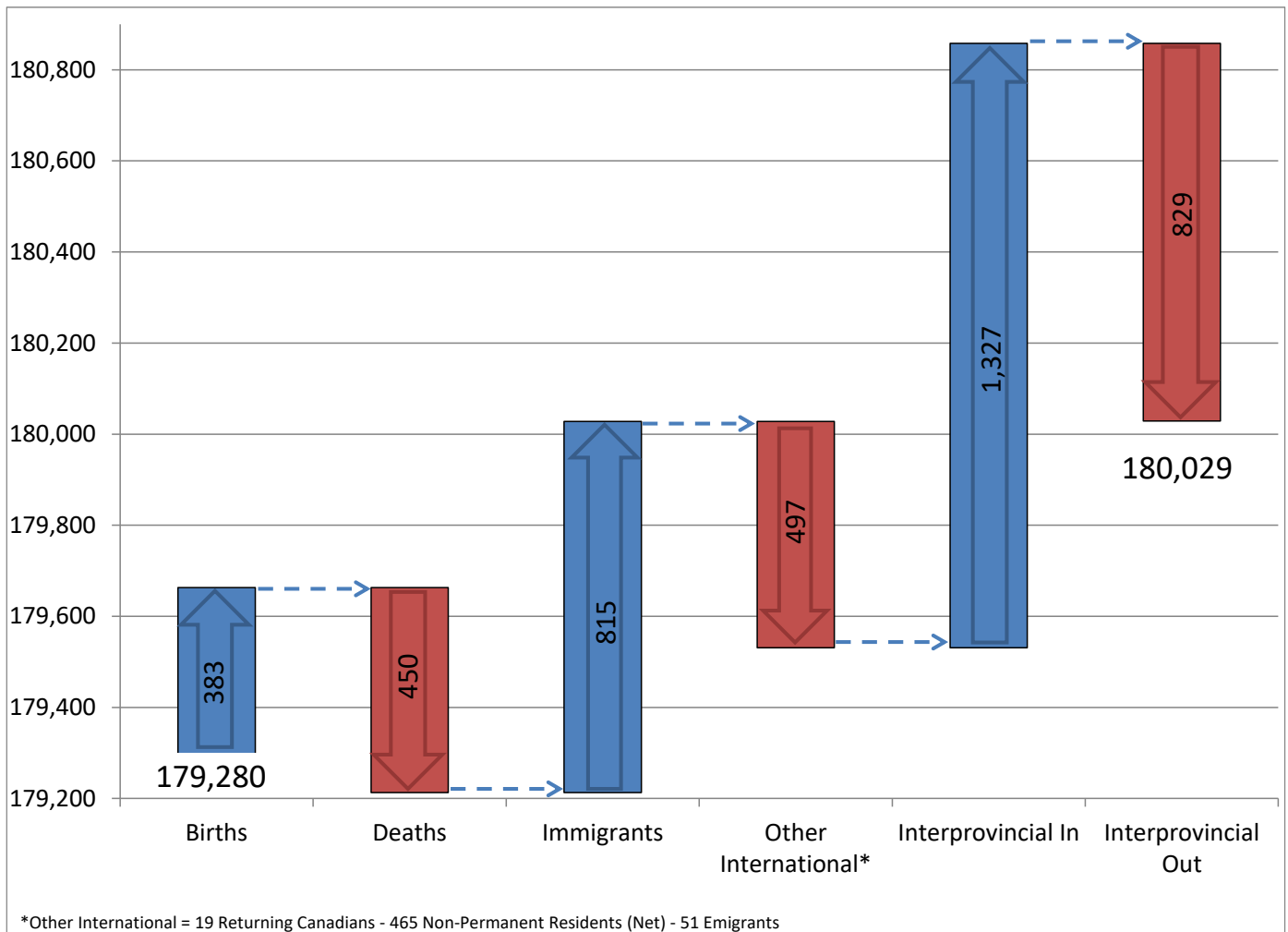
Prince Edward Island quarterly components of growth from October 1, 2022 to April 1, 2025 can be seen in table 4.

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

Quarter	Population	(+) Births	(-) Deaths	(+) Immigrants	(+) Other International*	(+) Interprovincial In-Migration	(-) Interprovincial Out-Migration
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	383	450	815	-497	1,327	829
Apr 1, 2025	180,029						

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

DIAGRAM 2: PEI COMPONENTS OF GROWTH, JANUARY 1, 2025 – MARCH 31, 2025



Sources:

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

Table 17-10-0040-01, International migration components, Canada, provinces and territories, quarterly (persons)

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)

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

Table 17-10-0121-01 Estimates of the number of non-permanent residents by type, quarterly