

# Saskatchewan Population Report

2011 Census of Canada

## **2011 CENSUS POPULATION**

Saskatchewan's Census population for 2011 was 1,033,381, according to Statistics Canada. This represents an increase of 65,224 persons (6.7 percent) from the 2006 Census population of 968,157.

Table 1 shows the Census population estimates and growth rates for Saskatchewan for the past 50 years.

**Table 1: Census Population, 1961 - 2011**

| Date | Saskatchewan      |             |
|------|-------------------|-------------|
|      | Census Population | Growth Rate |
| 1961 | 925,181           | 5.1%        |
| 1966 | 955,344           | 3.3%        |
| 1971 | 926,245           | -3.0%       |
| 1976 | 921,325           | -0.5%       |
| 1981 | 968,300           | 5.1%        |
| 1986 | 1,009,615         | 4.3%        |
| 1991 | 988,930           | -2.0%       |
| 1996 | 990,240           | 0.1%        |
| 2001 | 978,933           | -1.1%       |
| 2006 | 968,157           | -1.1%       |
| 2011 | 1,033,381         | 6.7%        |

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

## **CENSUS POPULATION BY TYPE OF COMMUNITY**

Unlike the 2006 Census where several cities posted lower population counts, all Saskatchewan cities (excluding the Saskatchewan part of Flin Flon) posted population gains in the 2011 Census. At the aggregate level, Saskatchewan cities grew 8.4 percent from 543,088 persons in 2006 to 588,823 persons in 2011.

Town populations rose 8.0 percent (11,224 persons) from 139,981 persons in 2006 to 151,205 persons in 2011.

Indian Reserves also increased significantly in population between 2006 and 2011. Reserve population rose by 7,562 persons (15.7 percent) to 55,743 in 2011 from 48,181 in 2006.

Villages accounted for 44,089 persons in 2011. This is an increase of 1,961 persons (4.7 percent) from the 2006 village population of 42,128.

Rural Municipality population fell by 1,582 to 174,585 persons in 2011 from 176,167 persons in 2006. This represents a decrease of 0.9 percent.

Resort villages saw population decrease from 4,497 persons in 2006 to 4,092 persons in 2011, but northern hamlets and villages saw population increase by 3.2 percent between 2006 and 2011.

Unorganized and crown colony populations rose 332 persons between 2006 and 2011 from 1,539 persons to 1,871 persons.

All data in this report are based on the 2011 Census of 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.

The following table provides Saskatchewan Census population counts for Saskatchewan geographies for 2006 and 2011. For more information please contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca).