

Dependency ratio (2011 Census and administrative data) by age group for July 1st, for Canada, provinces, territories, health regions (2015 boundaries) and peer groups ¹²

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Geography ^{3 4 5}	Age group	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Canada	Dependency ratio ^{6 7}	62.1	61.5	60.9	60.4	59.9	59.7	59.5	59.5	59.5	59.4	59.5	59.9	60.4	60.8	61.4	62.0
	Youth, under 20 years, as a proportion of total population (%)	25.7	25.4	25.0	24.7	24.4	24.2	23.9	23.7	23.4	23.2	22.9	22.6	22.3	22.1	21.9	21.8
	Seniors, 65 years and over, as a proportion of total population (%)	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.0	13.2	13.4	13.6	13.9	14.1	14.4	14.9	15.3	15.7	16.1	16.5
Quebec	Dependency ratio ^{6 7}	58.7	58.2	57.9	57.6	57.4	57.6	58.0	58.6	59.0	59.2	59.4	59.9	60.6	61.3	62.2	63.1
	Youth, under 20 years, as a proportion of total population (%)	24.0	23.7	23.4	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.5	22.4	22.2	21.9	21.6	21.3	21.1	20.9	20.8	20.6
	Seniors, 65 years and over, as a proportion of total population (%)	13.0	13.1	13.3	13.4	13.6	13.9	14.2	14.6	14.9	15.3	15.7	16.2	16.6	17.1	17.6	18.1
Nunavik region	Dependency ratio ^{6 7}	105.3	105.9	103.0	102.1	100.7	99.0	97.9	94.2	92.7	90.7	89.6	88.2	85.9	85.7	83.7	84.2
	Youth, under 20 years, as a proportion of total population (%)	48.2	48.4	47.6	47.5	47.3	46.7	46.4	45.4	45.0	44.4	44.0	43.4	42.7	42.4	41.6	41.5
	Seniors, 65 years and over, as a proportion of total population (%)	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.2

Footnotes:

1. Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division. The table 17-10-0089-01 was an update of table 17-10-0077-01. It is now archived due to a change in geography. More recent data are in table 17-10-0120-01.
2. Postcensal population estimates are based on the latest census adjusted for census net undercoverage and also based on administrative sources on births, deaths and migration. Intercensal population estimates are based on postcensal estimates and data adjusted for net undercoverage of the censuses preceding and following the considered year. Population estimates are final intercensal from 2001 to 2010, final postcensal for 2011, updated postcensal for 2012 to 2014, and preliminary postcensal for 2015. Population estimates for health regions are derived from the subprovincial population estimates which are produced by the Demography Division using the components method.
3. Health region population estimates are produced by the Demography Division, except for the Quebec and British Columbia estimates, which have been prepared by l'Institut de la statistique du Québec and BC Stats, respectively, for the whole period.
4. Health regions are administrative areas defined by provincial ministries of health according to provincial legislation. The health regions presented in this table are based on boundaries and names in effect as of 2015. For complete Canadian coverage, each northern territory represents a health region.
5. Peer groups are aggregations of health regions that share similar socio-economic and demographic characteristics, based on data from the 2011 Census of Population and 2011 National Household Survey. These are useful in the analysis of health regions, where important differences may be detected by comparing health regions within a peer group. The nine peer groups are identified by the letters A through I, which are appended to the health region 4-digit code. Caution should be taken when comparing data for the Peer Groups over time due to changes in the Peer Groups. In an analysis involving the peer groups, only one level of geography in Ontario should be used. For more information on the peer groups classification, consult Statistics Canada's publication Health Regions: Boundaries and Correspondence with Census Geography" (catalogue number 82-402-X)."
6. The ratio of the combined population aged between 0 to 19 years old and the population aged of 65 years and over to the population aged between 20 to 64 years old.
7. This ratio is usually presented as the number of dependents for every 100 people in the working age population.