

MANITOBA'S FUTURE POPULATION GROWTH

2009 TO 2028

A CONSERVATIVE VIEW

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INTRODUCTION

Projecting population growth and demographic change is not the same as forecasting.

Projections are based on what would occur if the stated component assumptions hold true. These assumptions are based on current demographic trends which will eventually change. As the process of change is cumulative, the reliability of the projections may decrease over time. For example, precisely projecting the number of international immigrants and the volumes of persons moving between provinces is a difficult process, as both components can be influenced by any number of external factors.

It should be noted that this set of projections is preliminary. It is intended to give only one possible scenario of population growth over the next twenty years.

Generally speaking more than one projection scenario is usually developed but in this case we have produced only one. The Manitoba Bureau of Statistics will be developing more scenarios in 2009 once further information is available. This information will include updated statistics on interprovincial and international migrants, as well as births and deaths.

COMPONENT ASSUMPTIONS

Overall the assumptions represent a conservative view of demographic growth.

These population projections are for the period 2008 to 2028. The projections in this report are based on the 2008 preliminary population estimate for Manitoba of 1,208,000 and demographic information on births, deaths, and migration.

The assumptions for fertility, life expectancy and international migration are from the Manitoba population projections developed in December 2006 (Manitoba Population Projections 2006 to 2026, MBS 2006-3). The interprovincial migration assumption has been adjusted to reflect more recent trends.

- (1) Manitoba's total fertility rate (TFR) will remain constant at 1.80 for the duration of the projection period in both scenarios.
- (2) Net international migration increases to 10,300 by 2009 and then increases by 1,000 every two years for the remainder of the projection period.

The government of Manitoba has set a target to increase immigration by 1,000 individuals annually and expects to reach 20,000 immigrants per year by 2016.

MBS decided to rest on the conservative side and increase the number of immigrants at half the rate of the proposed government target. As a result, MBS doesn't expect 20,000 immigrants per year until 2027.

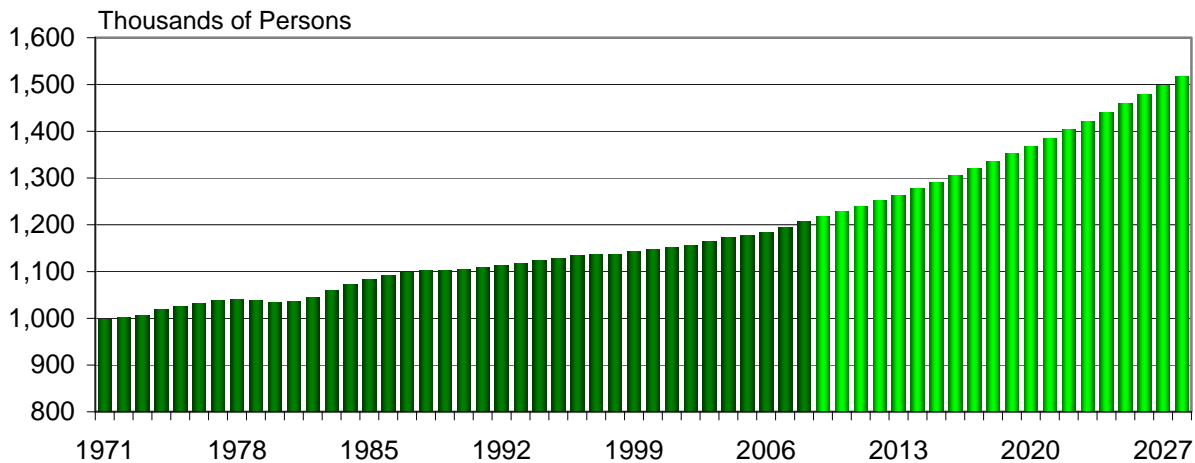
- (3) Net interprovincial migration is equal to -3,000 for the entire projection period.
- (4) The life expectancy at birth increases by 0.9 years for females and by 1.8 years for males.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MANITOBA POPULATION PROJECTIONS: 2008 TO 2028

According to these projections, Manitoba's population of 1,208,000 in 2008 will increase to 1,518,100 by July 1, 2028. This represents an average annual increase of 1.2% or 15,500 persons per year.

Over the next ten years the population is expected to rise by 128,000 persons for average annual growth of 1.1%. In the following ten years the population is projected to grow at a faster pace, from 1,336,000 in 2018 to 1,518,100 in 2028. This is an average annual increase of 1.3% or 18,200 persons per year.

**MANITOBA POPULATION AS OF JULY 1
1971 TO 2008 ESTIMATED AND 2009 TO 2028 PROJECTED**



Data Source: Manitoba Bureau of Statistics and Statistics Canada

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The Next 10 Years: 2008 to 2018

- The population is projected to increase by 10.6% over the next ten years, from 1,208,000 in 2008 to 1,336,000 in 2018.
- The population is projected to reach 1.3 million individuals sometime in February of 2016.
- On an annual average basis, the population is projected to grow by 1.1% per year between 2008 and 2018 which is approximately 12,800 persons per year.
- The older adult population is expected to grow more quickly than the other age groups. The number of people aged 65 and over is expected to grow by 21.7% between 2008 and 2018. This compares to increases of 6.5% and 9.5% for 0 to 14 year-olds and 15 to 64 year-olds, respectively.

The Next 20 Years: 2006 to 2028

- Manitoba's population is expected to be 1,518,000 by July 1, 2028 for total growth of 25.7%.
- The population is projected to reach 1.4 million individuals sometime in late April of 2022 and 1.5 million in mid-August of 2027.
- On an annual average basis, the population is projected to grow by 1.2% per year over the entire projection period.
- The older adult population expected to have the largest growth rate over the entire projection period. The number of people aged 65 and over is expected to grow by nearly 60%. This compares to growth rates of 22.1% for 0 to 14 year-olds and 19.9% for 15 to 64 year-olds.
- Children (0 to 14) will make strong gains in latter half of projection period. This population is expected to grow by 6.5% between 2008 and 2018. From 2018 to 2028 however, total growth is expected to be 22.2%.

Table 1: Projected Population of Manitoba by Large Age Group, as of July 1

Year	0 to 14	15 to 64	65 and Over	Total
2008¹	231,900	812,400	163,700	1,208,000
2013	233,300	854,200	176,500	1,264,000
2018	246,900	889,800	199,300	1,336,000
2023	265,200	927,800	228,300	1,421,200
2028	283,200	973,700	261,200	1,518,100
2008 to 2018				
Level Change	15,000	77,400	35,600	128,000
Percent Change	6.5%	9.5%	21.7%	10.6%
2008 to 2028				
Level Change	51,300	161,300	97,500	310,100
Percent Change	22.1%	19.9%	59.6%	25.7%

Data Source: Manitoba Bureau of Statistics and Statistics Canada

FURTHER INFORMATION

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¹ 2008 data are Statistics Canada estimates. Data for 2013, 2018, 2023 and 2028 are Manitoba Bureau of Statistics population projections.