

# Workforce Focus

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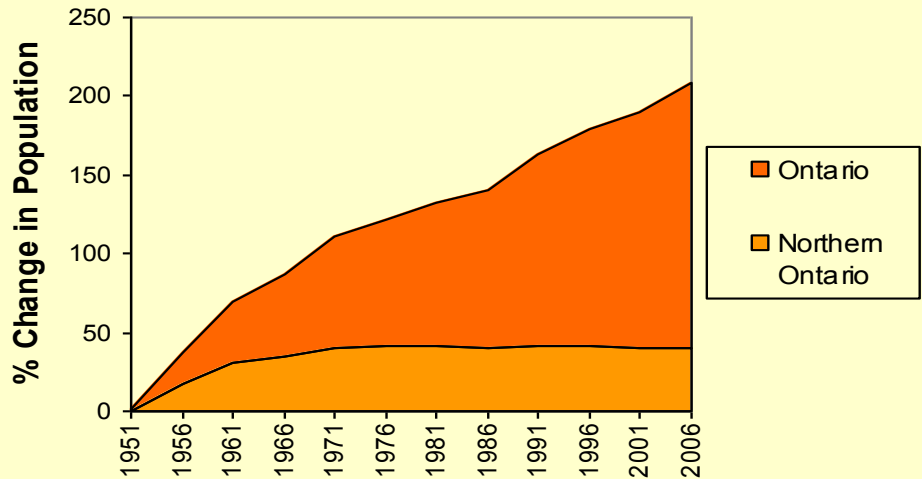
Population Profile

## Population Trends in Northern Ontario

- Northern Ontario comprises more than 88% of the land mass of Ontario but represents only 6.5% of the total population of the province.
- The population of Northern Ontario has stabilized. Statistically speaking, the population of Northern Ontario was virtually the same in 2006 as it was in 2001.
- High growth rates in First Nations communities in Northern Ontario show these communities continue to be the most dynamic in the region. Average growth rates for these communities increased to 16.5%.

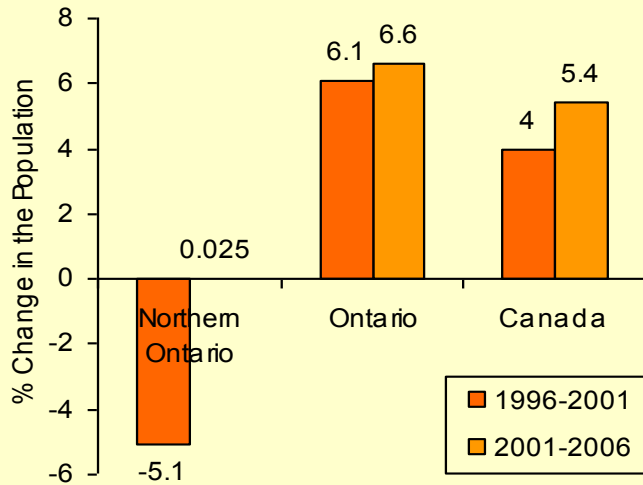
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Population Change Since 1951:  
Comparing Ontario with Northern Ontario



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Population Change 1996 to 2006



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Population Change of the Regions of Northern Ontario

Region	2006	2001	% Change
Northern Ontario	78,9930	789,729	0.02
Nipissing	84,688	82,910	2.1
Parry Sound	40,918	39,665	3.2
Manitoulin	13,090	12,679	3.2
Sudbury	21,392	22,894	-6.6
Greater Sudbury	157,909	155,268	1.7
Timiskaming	33,283	34,442	-3.4
Cochrane	84,169	85,247	-1.3
Algoma	117,461	119,108	-1.4
Thunder Bay	149,063	151,148	-1.4
Rainy River	21,564	22,109	-2.5
Kenora	66,393	64,259	4.2

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**Population Profile of the Sudbury & Manitoulin Workforce Partnerships Board**

Community	2006	2001	Change in Population	% Change in Population
Assiginak	914	931	-17	-1.8
Barrie Island	47	50	-3	-6
Billings	539	551	-12	-2.2
Burpee and Mills	329	362	-33	-9.1
Central Manitoulin	1,944	1,907	37	1.9
Cockburn Island	10	0	10	
Gordon	412	473	-61	-12.9
Gore Bay	924	898	26	2.9
Killarney	454	428	26	2.9
M'Chigeeng	766	729	37	6.1
Manitoulin, Unorganized, Mainland	5	0	5	
Manitoulin, Unorganized, West Part	222	204	18	8.8
Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands	2,711	2,531	180	7.1
Sheguiandah	160	121	39	32.2
Sheshegwaning	107	88	19	21.6
Tehkummah	382	367	15	4.1
Whitefish River	379	268	111	41.4
Wikwemikong Unceded	2,387	2,427	-40	-1.6
Zhibaahaasing 19A	52	34	18	52.9
Baldwin	554	624	-70	-11.2
Duck Lake	82	107	-25	-23.4
Espanola	5,314	5,449	-135	-2.5
French River	2,659	2,810	-151	-5.4
Markstay-Warren	2,475	2,627	-152	-5.8
Nairn & Hyman	493	420	73	17.4
Sables-Spanish Rivers	3,237	3,245	-8	-0.2
St. Charles	1,159	1,245	-86	-6.9
Sudbury, Unorganized, North Part	2,415	2,910	-495	-17
Atikameksheng (Whitefish Lake)	349	333	16	4.8
Greater Sudbury	157,857	155,219	2638	1.7
Wahnapeitei	52	49	3	6.1
Entire Board Area	189,736	187,717	2019	1.1

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From 1996 to 2001, our board area experienced a population decline of 5.5%. Most of this decline came from the Sudbury urban area which declined 6.1%. The overall population of Manitoulin Island remained virtually unchanged from 1996 to 2001 due to growth in the First Nations communities. Overall the District of Sudbury had a population of decline of just over 4%.

From 2001 to 2006, our board had the biggest turnaround in population change in Northern Ontario. The area grew by 1.1%. Most of this growth was the result of increases in the Census Metropolitan Area of Greater Sudbury which grew by 1.7%. Communities in the District of Manitoulin grew by an average of 3.2%, most of the growth coming from the district's First Nations communities. The District of Sudbury was the region of Northern Ontario that had the largest decline in population, at 6.6%.

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