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City of Winnipeg Population

The City of Winnipeg’s population in 2019 was 763,900. From 2018 to 2019 Winnipeg grew by 10,500 people, or 1.4 per cent. Based on the latest population forecast from the Conference Board of Canada, Winnipeg is expected to grow by 55,300 people over the next five years, reaching 819,200 by 2024. This amounts to an average annual growth of 11,060 people, or 1.4 per cent. Looking forward and compared to other major Canadian cities, Winnipeg is expected to grow at a pace that is consistent with the overall average.

City of Winnipeg Population - 1991 to 2024f

Source:
Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0142-01, Population Estimates, July 1, by census subdivision, 2016 boundaries
Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook 1 Data – Winter 2020
City of Winnipeg Economic Research

Please find the detailed population forecast at the following link:
https://winnipeg.ca/cao/pdfs/population.pdf
A Decade of Population Growth from 2009 to 2019

Between 2009 and 2019 the City of Winnipeg’s population grew by 100,419 people, or 15 per cent. Based on archived census records, it is estimated this amount reflects the second largest decade of population growth – just behind the post-war 1949-1959 baby-boom era at 105,000. The following graph illustrates the City’s estimated population since 1879 with the population at the end of each decade labelled (in thousands).

City of Winnipeg Population Estimates - 1879 to 2019

While Winnipeg has exhibited strong population growth over the last decade, this trend has occurred across other major cities in Canada as well. The graph below shows the total population growth across major Canadian municipalities from 2009 to 2019 and the percentage growth in population is displayed above each bar. Winnipeg’s population grew more than many other municipalities such as the City of Vancouver, City of Saskatoon, Halifax Regional Municipality, and City of Hamilton, but other municipalities such as the City of Toronto, City of Calgary, City of Edmonton, and City of Ottawa have grown more.

Pop. Growth Across Major Canadian Municipalities - 2009 to 2019

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0142-01, Population Estimates, July 1, by census subdivision, 2016 boundaries
Please note that these population growth figures represent population growth across city municipalities, not Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA).