



Demographic Dependency Ratio, July 1, 2023

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In 2023, Yukon’s dependency ratio was 44.8, meaning there were 44.8 “dependents” for every 100 “working age” people. Yukon’s 2023 dependency ratio increased by 0.1 compared to 2022 (44.7) and by 2.8 compared to 2019 (42.0).

In 2023, Canada’s dependency ratio was 52.2. This was a decrease of 0.4 compared to 2022 (52.6) and an increase of 1.7 compared to 2019 (50.5).

Yukon’s 2023 dependency ratio (44.8) was 7.4 points below the national average (52.2) and was the second lowest of all provinces and territories following the Northwest Territories (42.3).

Demographic dependency ratio¹, as of July 1, Canada, Provinces and Territories

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Canada	50.5	51.4	52.3	52.6	52.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	54.0	55.7	57.3	58.3	59.0
Prince Edward Island	54.6	54.6	55.0	55.0	54.1
Nova Scotia	53.4	54.4	55.4	55.8	55.6
New Brunswick	55.5	57.0	58.1	58.9	59.1
Quebec	54.0	55.2	56.4	57.3	57.3
Ontario	49.1	49.7	50.5	50.5	49.9
Manitoba	52.7	53.7	54.2	54.5	53.9
Saskatchewan	54.9	56.2	57.3	57.8	57.6
Alberta	47.3	48.2	49.2	49.7	49.4
British Columbia	48.6	49.5	50.4	50.4	49.9
Yukon	42.0	43.5	44.5	44.7	44.8
Northwest Territories	41.0	42.0	42.7	42.6	42.3
Nunavut	55.9	56.0	56.6	56.0	54.9

¹ The dependency ratio refers to the combined proportion of the population belonging to the 0- to 14-year age group and the 65 years and over age group to the population in the 15- to 64-year age group. For example, in 2023, for every 100 people in the 15- to 64-year age group in Canada, there were 52.2 people belonging to the 0- to 14-year age group or 65 years and over age group.

Notes:

- 1) These estimates are based on Statistics Canada’s postcensal population estimates adjusted for net undercoverage.
- 2) Demographic dependency ratio is an indicator useful for the analysis of population age structure. The age group used as the denominator is that of the labour force (15- to 64-year age group) so as to make historical and geographical comparisons easier. However, people belonging to the labour force population, as well as people not part of it, can be included in either the denominator or numerator for this indicator.