



## Census Division Migration, 1996-2014

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### Highlights

- Non-metro census divisions (CDs) have been losing population in the migration exchange for each year since 2006.
- The overall positive in-flow of migrants to non-metro CDs from other CDs in Ontario is more than offset by migrant departures to other provinces.
- Despite this net outflow, in 2014, 52% of non-metro CDs experienced positive net migration

### Why look at migration to and from non-metro?

Migration into and out of non-metro census divisions (CDs) is a key source of population growth (and population loss). Given birth rates below replacement and a low level of international newcomers, the attraction of migrants into non-metro CDs is a critical strategy for maintaining or growing local population.

### Findings

In most years, non-metro CDs attracted more migrants from other CDs in Ontario than they lost (Figure 1 and Table 1, line 7).

Non-metro CDs have been losing migrants to other provinces, on a net basis, since 2003 (Figure 1 and Table 1, line 3).

When the two components of internal migration are combined, non-metro CDs have been losing population in the migration exchange for each year since 2006 (Table 1, line 11). Thus, the overall positive in-flow of migrants to non-metro CDs from other CDs in Ontario is more than offset by migrant departures to other provinces.

Despite this collective net outflow, in 2014, 15 out of 29 non-metro CDs (52%) experienced positive net migration (due to the combined migration exchange with other provinces and other Ontario CDs) (Figure 2 and Table 1 line 23). Since 1996, one-third or more of non-metro CDs have attracted more individuals than they have lost due to migration.

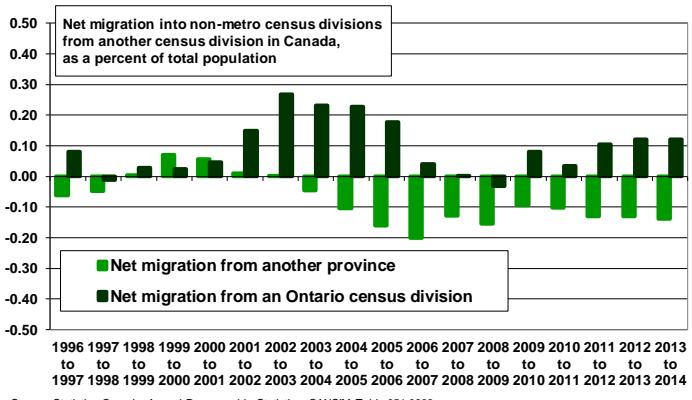
In 2014, two non-metro CDs (Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and Renfrew; Table 2, lines 15 and 16) attracted more migrants from other provinces, compared to the loss of migrants to other provinces.

In 2014, the top non-metro CDs in terms of the migration exchange with other Ontario CDs were Northumberland, Muskoka and Haliburton (Table 2,

lines 38, 39 and 40). This migration exchange contributed 0.9% or more to their 2014 population.

### Figure 1

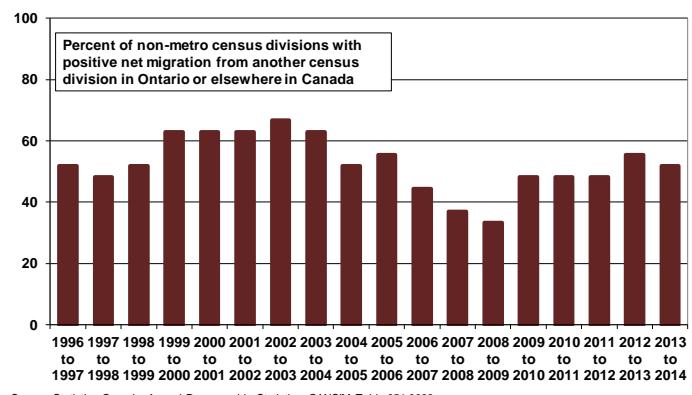
In 2014, non-metro census divisions gained 0.12% from other Ontario census divisions but lost 0.14% to other provinces



Source: Statistics Canada. Annual Demographic Statistics. CANSIM Table 051-0063..

### Figure 2

In 2014, 52% of non-metro census divisions gained population from net migration



Source: Statistics Canada. Annual Demographic Statistics. CANSIM Table 051-0063..

### Summary

Overall, Ontario's non-metro CDs have been losing population due to the migration. However, since 1996, between 33% and 67% of non-metro CDs have gained population from migration.

**Table 1**

	1996 to 1997	1997 to 1998	1998 to 1999	1999 to 2000	2000 to 2001	2001 to 2002	2002 to 2003	2003 to 2004	2004 to 2005	2005 to 2006	2006 to 2007	2007 to 2008	2008 to 2009	2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011	2011 to 2012	2012 to 2013	2013 to 2014
<b>Net migration with other provinces (number of migrants FROM another type of CD within Ontario minus number of migrants TO another province)</b>																		
1 Metro CDs																		
3,824	9,234	13,531	16,087	13,992	4,213	-151	-3,948	-4,735	-7,706	-6,982	-4,907	-4,965	1,224	1,121	-2,800	-4,708	-4,043	
2 Partially-non-metro CDs	-586	976	3,090	4,844	3,474	937	756	-2,046	-4,288	-6,517	-8,945	-7,212	-7,483	-3,977	-3,058	-5,138	-6,525	-7,130
3 Non-metro CDs	-1,261	-979	85	1,438	1,157	204	32	-941	-2,149	-3,278	-4,120	-2,631	-3,153	-1,900	-2,070	-2,673	-2,668	-2,807
4 All CDs	1,977	9,231	16,706	22,369	18,623	5,354	637	-6,935	-11,172	-17,501	-20,047	-14,750	-15,601	-4,662	-4,007	-10,611	-13,901	-13,980
<b>Net migration within Ontario (number of migrants FROM another type of CD within Ontario minus number of migrants TO another type of CD within Ontario)</b>																		
5 Metro CDs	-21,395	-18,864	-20,688	-23,900	-16,748	-24,987	-28,067	-28,719	-24,504	-18,177	-15,834	-14,577	-9,899	-18,913	-15,794	-21,107	-20,180	-20,181
6 Partially-non-metro CDs	19,784	19,098	20,125	23,397	15,797	21,945	22,606	24,007	19,826	14,544	15,024	14,543	10,544	17,245	15,077	18,965	17,705	17,707
7 Non-metro CDs	1,611	-234	563	503	951	3,042	5,461	4,712	4,678	3,633	810	34	-645	1,668	717	2,142	2,475	2,474
8 All CDs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net migration (with other provinces and with other Ontario CDs)</b>																		
9 Metro CDs	-17,571	-9,630	-7,157	-7,813	-2,756	-20,774	-28,218	-32,667	-29,239	-25,883	-22,816	-19,484	-14,864	-17,689	-14,673	-23,907	-24,888	-24,224
10 Partially-non-metro CDs	19,198	20,074	23,215	28,241	19,271	22,882	23,362	21,961	15,538	8,027	6,079	7,331	3,061	13,268	12,019	13,827	11,180	10,577
11 Non-metro CDs	350	-1,213	648	1,941	2,108	3,246	5,493	3,771	2,529	355	-3,310	-2,597	-3,798	-241	-1,353	-531	-193	-333
12 All CDs	1,977	9,231	16,706	22,369	18,623	5,354	637	-6,935	-11,172	-17,501	-20,047	-14,750	-15,601	-4,662	-4,007	-10,611	-13,901	-13,980
<b>Net migration as percent of population</b>																		
13 Metro CDs	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
14 Partially-non-metro CDs	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
15 Non-metro CDs	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
16 All CDs	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Number of CDs with positive net internal migration (with other provinces and with other CDs within Ontario)</b>																		
17 Metro CDs	4	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	6	6	5
18 Partially-non-metro CDs	11	11	11	12	11	13	11	12	10	8	9	10	7	12	12	12	10	10
19 Non-metro CDs	14	13	14	17	17	18	17	14	15	12	10	9	13	13	13	15	14	14
20 All CDs	29	29	31	34	33	35	34	34	29	29	26	25	20	30	30	31	31	29
<b>Percent of CDs with positive net internal migration (with other provinces and with other CDs within Ontario)</b>																		
21 Metro CDs	50	63	75	63	63	63	63	63	75	63	63	50	63	63	75	75	63	
22 Partially-non-metro CDs	79	79	79	86	79	93	79	86	71	57	64	71	50	86	86	71	71	
23 Non-metro CDs	52	48	52	63	63	67	63	52	56	44	37	33	48	48	48	56	52	
24 All CDs	59	59	63	69	67	71	69	59	59	53	51	41	61	63	63	63	59	

Source: Statistics Canada. Annual Demographic Statistics, CANSIM Table 051-0063.

**Table 2**

	1996 to 1997	1997 to 1998	1998 to 1999	1999 to 2000	2000 to 2001	2001 to 2002	2002 to 2003	2003 to 2004	2004 to 2005	2005 to 2006	2006 to 2007	2007 to 2008	2008 to 2009	2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011	2011 to 2012	2012 to 2013	2013 to 2014
<b>Net INTERprovincial migration as a percent of total population (showing largest three CDs and smallest three CDs in 2014)</b>																		
<b>Metro CDs</b>																		
1 Ottawa	0.11	0.36	0.58	0.80	0.71	0.23	-0.05	-0.16	-0.14	-0.03	0.15	0.25	0.25	0.27	0.13	0.09	0.04	0.10
2 Toronto	0.04	0.14	0.19	0.16	0.14	0.03	-0.02	-0.06	-0.05	-0.12	-0.13	-0.09	-0.08	0.06	0.07	0.02	-0.02	0.00
3 Halton	0.17	0.23	0.22	0.26	0.18	0.04	0.07	-0.02	-0.07	-0.08	-0.13	-0.04	-0.08	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.05	-0.04
4 ...																		
5 Hamilton	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.07	0.00	0.01	-0.08	-0.11	-0.19	-0.16	-0.16	-0.15	-0.07	-0.07	-0.11	-0.12	-0.13
6 Greater Sudbury	-0.25	-0.34	-0.26	-0.05	-0.10	-0.03	-0.06	-0.11	-0.03	-0.05	-0.02	-0.16	-0.23	-0.10	-0.15	-0.17	-0.19	-0.19
7 Peel	0.13	0.16	0.26	0.30	0.27	0.10	0.06	-0.02	-0.06	-0.16	-0.19	-0.20	-0.21	-0.11	-0.09	-0.19	-0.19	-0.21
<b>Partially-non-metro CDs</b>																		
8 Frontenac	0.03	-0.03	0.19	0.45	0.37	0.35	0.29	-0.05	-0.14	-0.10	0.08	0.22	0.13	0.18	0.19	0.00	0.14	0.22
9 Prescott & Russell	0.32	0.27	0.43	0.66	0.65	0.54	0.54	0.11	0.18	0.24	0.06	0.36	0.25	0.23	0.07	0.16	0.10	0.17
10 Lennox & Addington	-0.04	-0.10	0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.09	0.18	0.20	0.00	-0.18	-0.03	-0.04	-0.04	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.04	0.04
11 ...																		
12 Peterborough	-0.06	-0.08	0.06	0.08	0.01	0.03	0.02	-0.01	-0.10	-0.18	-0.26	-0.19	-0.23	-0.05	-0.13	-0.18	-0.25	-0.28
13 Elgin	-0.05	-0.06	0.03	0.05	-0.04	-0.03	0.00	0.03	-0.08	-0.15	-0.26	-0.19	-0.32	-0.13	-0.06	-0.23	-0.25	-0.29
14 Essex	0.03	0.11	0.12	0.18	0.12	-0.01	-0.03	-0.06	-0.16	-0.30	-0.49	-0.52	-0.28	-0.15	-0.23	-0.27	-0.30	
<b>Non-metro CDs</b>																		
15 Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry	0.21	0.32	0.28	0.46	0.59	0.42	0.41	0.08	-0.01	-0.03	0.04	-0.01	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.15	0.11	0.17
16 Renfrew	0.45	0.19	0.02	0.15	0.22	-0.07	0.05	0.08	-0.27	-0.05	-0.06	-0.02	0.01	-0.14	-0.11	-0.07	0.01	0.07
17 Haliburton	-0.14	0.00	-0.08	-0.07	0.03	0.03	-0.02	-0.21	-0.18	-0.24	-0.36	-0.12	-0.26	0.06	-0.04	-0.06	-0.02	-0.01
18 ...																		
19 Parry Sound	-0.12	-0.04	-0.06	0.11	0.02	0.06	-0.04	-0.09	-0.13	-0.14	-0.13	-0.09	-0.27	-0.15	-0.17	-0.22	-0.26	
20 Lambton	-0.11	-0.10	0.00	0.02	-0.09	0.03	0.02	0.03	-0.13	-0.12	-0.13	-0.05	-0.14	-0.08	-0.07	-0.29	-0.30	-0.35
21 Rainy River	-0.06	-0.49	-0.80	-0.34	-0.10	-0.46	-0.24	-0.29	-0.62	-0.63	-0.66	-0.39	-0.91	-0.12	-0.01	-0.61	-0.43	-0.49
<b>Metro CDs</b>																		
22 Halton	0.91	0.90	0.79	1.44	1.29	1.97	2.21	2.40	2.22	2.08	1.54	1.56	1.78	1.51	1.05	1.10	0.94	0.92
23 Brant	0.00	0.26	0.27	0.40	0.22	0.51</td												