



Cape Breton Island

Population Statistics

According to the 2016 Census, the population of Cape Breton Island declined by just under 4,000 (-2.9%) during the 2011-2016 period with each county experiencing decline. Population projections (*Turner Drake & Partners, February, 2018*) for the region (for the next 4 census periods) point to a likely accelerated rate of decline:

Population (cumulative decline)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2031</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2036</u>	<u>%</u>
Cape Breton County	95,406	-3.5%	91,510	-7.3%	86,744	-12.1%	81,145	-17.8%
Inverness County	16,420	-4.9%	15,482	-10.1%	14,395	-16.4%	13,137	-23.7%
Richmond County	8,527	-5.0%	8,020	-10.4%	7,433	-16.9%	6,791	-24.1%
Victoria County	6,987	-0.7%	6,811	-3.7%	6,499	-8.1%	6,070	-14.2%
CAPE BRETON	127,340	-3.6%	121,823	-7.7%	115,071	-12.8%	107,143	-18.8%

The rate of population change in Cape Breton varies by age group

	Population (cumulative change)							
	<u>2021</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2031</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2036</u>	<u>%</u>
0-19 years	23,754	-7.8%	22,277	-13.0%	20,469	-20.1%	18,680	-27.1%
20-39 years	23,662	-8.4%	21,587	-15.8%	19,306	-24.7%	17,259	-32.7%
40-64 years	44,484	-11.4%	39,141	-21.0%	35,222	-28.9%	32,866	-33.7%
65-84 years	31,554	12.7%	34,506	25.2%	35,160	27.6%	32,301	17.2%
85+ years	3,886	6.6%	4,312	18.8%	4,914	35.4%	6,037	66.3%