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## Changes from 2001 to 2006

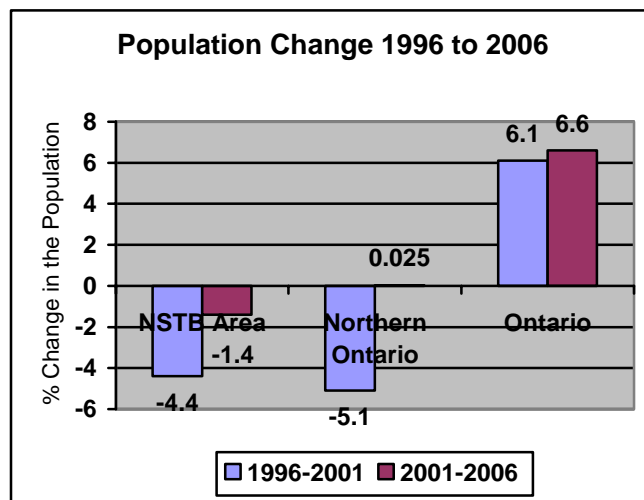
From 2001 to 2006, our board area experienced a population decrease of 1.4 percent. This was a bigger decrease than Northern Ontario as a whole.

Growth occurred primarily in Aboriginal communities.

The City of Thunder Bay showed a slight growth of 0.1 percent from 2001 to 2006.

Forest-dependent communities in the region experienced some of the largest population declines.

Some suburb communities around Thunder Bay experienced population growth.



## Population Profile of Northern Ontario Regions

Districts	2001	2006	% Change in Population
Northern Ontario	789,729	789,930	0.02%
Muskoka	53,106	57,563	8.4%
Nipissing	82,910	84,688	2.1%
Parry Sound	39,665	40,918	3.2%
Manitoulin	12,679	13,090	3.2%
Sudbury	22,894	21,392	-6.6%
Greater Sudbury	155,268	157,909	1.7%
Timiskaming	34,442	33,283	-3.4%
Cochrane (Adjusted)	85,247	84,169	-1.3%
Algoma (Adjusted)	119,108	117,461	-1.2%
Thunder Bay	151,148	149,063	-1.4%
Rainy River	22,109	21,564	-2.5%
Kenora (Adjusted)	64,259	66,393	4.2%

## Population Trends in Northern Ontario

- Northern Ontario comprises more than 88 percent of the land mass of Ontario but represents only 6.5 percent of the total provincial population.
- Northern Ontario's population has stabilized. Statistically speaking, the population of Northern Ontario was virtually the same in 2006 as 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 percent.
- From 2001 to 2006, most mining communities had higher growth rates than forest-dependent communities.

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## Changes from 1996 to 2001

From 1996 to 2001, this area showed a decline in population of 4.4 percent.

Most of the decline came in the City of Thunder Bay that declined by 4.1 percent.

Other communities with notable declines were Schreiber that declined by 19 percent as a result of a mine closure, and Terrace Bay that declined by 16.1 percent. Greenstone also experienced a large population decline.

Population growth was seen in 14 Aboriginal communities and three suburb communities of the City of Thunder Bay.

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## Population Profile of communities in the NSTB Area

Community	2001	2006	# Population Change	% Population Change
Aroland 83	346	325	-21	-6.1%
Conmee	748	740	-8	-1.1%
Dorion	442	379	-63	-14.3%
Fort William 52	599	909	310	51.8%
Gillies	522	544	22	4.2%
Ginoogaming First Nation	231	175	-56	-24.2%
Greenstone (2)	5,662	4,906	-756	-13.3%
Gull River 55	252	206	-46	-18.3%
Lac des Mille Lacs 22A1	0	21	21	
Lake Helen 53A	274	283	9	3.3%
Long Lake 58	382	417	35	9.2%
Manitouwadge	2,949	2,300	-649	-22%
Marathon	4,416	3,863	-553	-12.5%
Neebing	2,049	2,184	135	6.6%
Nipigon	1,964	1,752	-212	-10.8%
O'Connor	724	720	-4	-0.6%
Ojibway Nation of Saugeen	82	98	16	19.5%
Oliver Paipoonge	5,862	5,757	-105	-1.8%
Osnaburgh 63A	187	153	-34	-18.2%
Pays Plat 51	65	79	14	21.5%
Pic Mobert North	167	137	-30	-18.0%
Pic Mobert South	140	104	-36	-25.7%
Pic River 50	346	383	37	10.7%
Red Rock	1,233	1,063	-170	-13.8%
Rocky Bay 1	197	154	-43	-21.8%
Schreiber	1,448	901	-547	-37.8%
Seine River 22A2	0	0	0	
Shuniah	2,466	2,913	447	18.1%
Terrace Bay	1,950	1,625	-325	-16.7%
Thunder Bay	109,016	109,140	124	0.1%
Thunder Bay, Unorganized	6,223	6,585	362	5.8%
Whitesand (1)	206	247	41	19.9%
Fort Hope 64	1,001	1,144	143	14.3%
Summer Beaver	276	362	86	31.2%
Webequie	600	614	14	2.3%
Lansdowne House	270	0	-270	-100.0%