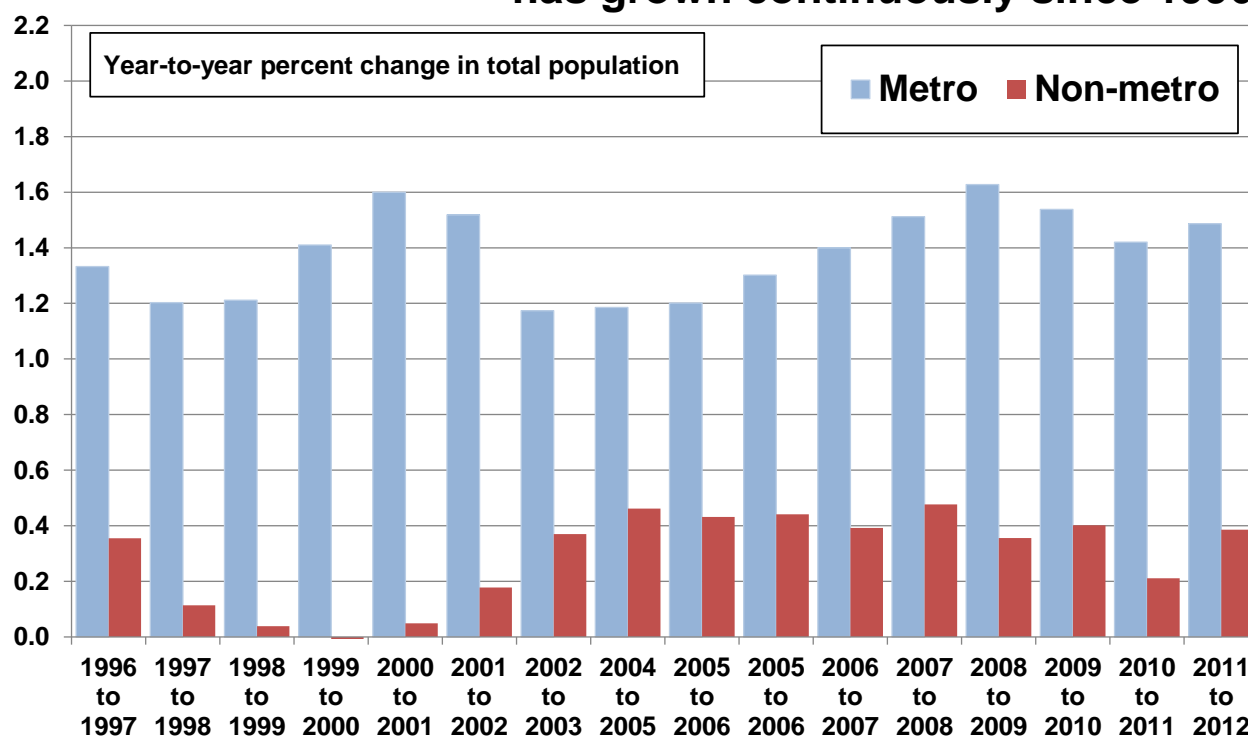


# FCM Rural FactSheet #3 Non-metro population growth

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## Canada's non-metro population has grown continuously since 1996



\* Reclassification is not an issue in this time series. These data have been tabulated within the 2006 boundaries of metro and non-metro. Source: Statistics Canada. **Annual Demographic Statistics**. CANSIM Table 051-0001 and 051-0046.

- Canada's non-metro population has grown in each year since 1996.
- Non-metro is growing more slowly because some non-metro residents move to metro and because more immigrants chose to live in metro areas than in non-metro areas.
- Bottom line – non-metro is not declining – it is growing!
- **Metro** refers to residents of Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs). CMAs have 50,000 or more in the built-up core (100,000 or more prior to 2006) and includes all neighbouring towns and municipalities where 50 percent or more of the workforce commutes to the built-up core.
- **Non-metro** refers to the residents outside CMAs.
  - Census Agglomerations (CAs) in 2006 and 2011 have a built-up core of 10,000 or more with a total population of less than 100,000 and includes all neighbouring towns and municipalities where 50 percent or more of the workforce commutes to the built-up core (prior to 2006, a few CAs had a total population over 100,000 if they had less than 100,000 in the built-up core – due to the different definition of a CMA prior to 2006).
  - Metropolitan Influenced Zones (MIZ) are assigned on the basis of the share of the workforce that commutes to any CMA or CA (Strong MIZ: 30 to 49 percent; Moderate MIZ: 5 to 29 percent; Weak MIZ: 1 to 5 percent; No MIZ: no commuters).

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