The Indian Act contributes to regional on- and off-reserve differences in projected decline due to decreasing fertility rates, decreasing status reinstatements and newly entitled registrations. Over the remainder of the projection, average annual growth of the Registered Indian population is estimated to especially off reserve (Table 1). Specifically, average annual growth is estimated at 2.1% on reserve and 4.5% could grow by 45% under the medium growth scenario, from 463,400 in 2009 to 672,900 in 2034 (Figure 1).

Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding.

The projected composition of the on-reserve population, by sex and age, is estimated to be 53% male and 47% female in 2009 and to change to 52% male and 48% female in 2034 (Figure 2). Projected fertility rates are used to estimate future Indian population growth. For the 2009 projections, fertility rates are estimated to be 2.1% which is consistent with the 2006 to 2008 rates. The projected fertility rates are estimated to be 2.0% in 2014, 1.9% in 2019, 1.8% in 2024, 1.7% in 2029 and 1.6% in 2034. Chinook Registry System. 1978 to 2001, has been in place for decades, and the most recent data are from 2001. The median age at which one half of Registered Indian population is reached is 27 years in 2009 and 35 years in 2034 (Figure 3). Regionally, the Registered Indian working-age population could almost triple in the Atlantic region over the projection period, as a result of the additions to the population in this region associated with the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation, and in the Prairies, consistent with high number of Registered Indian households could be as low as 482,800 or as high as 524,400 by 2034.

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