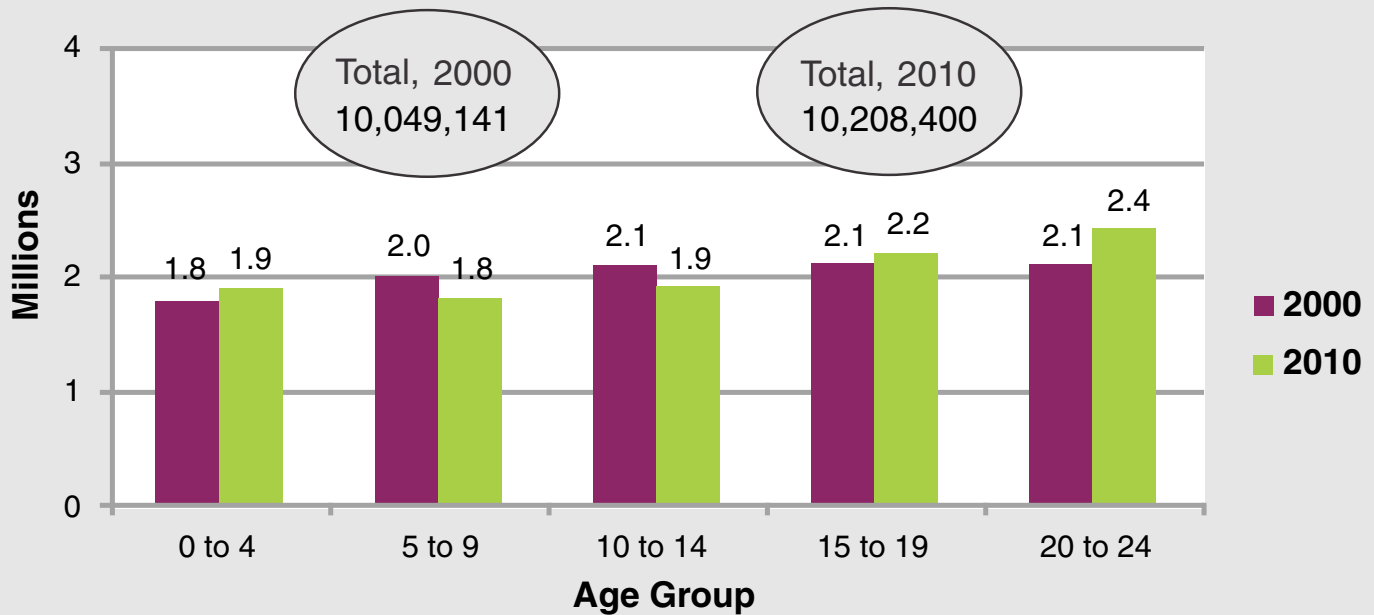




1.1.1 The Number of Children and Youth in Canada

Fig. 1.1.1 Number of children and youth from birth to 24 years, by age group, Canada, 2000 and 2010



Adapted from the Statistics Canada CANSIM database <http://cansim2.statcan.gc.ca>, table no. 051-0001 accessed on July 8, 2011

In 2010, 10,208,400 children and youth called Canada home. Of these, approximately 1.9 million were infants, toddlers and young children between the ages of birth and 4 years; 1.8 million were children aged 5 to 9 years; 1.9 million were older children and youth in early adolescence, between the ages of 10 and 14 years; 2.2 million were youth ages 15 through 19 years; and 2.4 million were young adults, ages 20 through 24 years.

Implications

The number of children and youth living in Canada continues to increase. All of these children require caring and nurturing families and communities, as well as resources and services, so that they can reach their full potential. The relative increase in youth and young adults aged 15 to 24 years highlights the need for ensuring continuity of care when youth move from child to adult social and health services.

