

Section 11.—School Attendance.

The census statistics of school attendance for the population between the ages of 5 and 19 years are presented for 1911, 1921 and 1931 in Tables 35 and 36 for Canada as a whole. In comparing the statistics of school attendance for the census of 1931 with those of 1921 and 1911, it is necessary to take into account the fact that in 1931 and 1921, the question as to school attendance covered the nine months ended May 31, while in 1911 the question covered the calendar year 1910. For this reason the figures are not quite comparable, although the general trends as shown by the percentages of Table 36 are probably not materially affected.

In 1931 the population of school age, 5-19 years, numbered 3,246,391 or 31·3 p.c. of the total population, as compared with 31·4 p.c. in 1921 and 30·0 p.c. in 1911. The proportion of the total group 5-19 years actually in attendance at school shows progress. In 1911 only 52·88 p.c. of the population of this age were in attendance at school; the proportion rose to 61·33 p.c. in 1921 and 65·59 p.c. in 1931. The proportion of males between these ages attending school increased from 52·15 p.c. in 1911 to 60·80 p.c. in 1921 and 65·12 p.c. in 1931; that of females from 53·63 p.c. in 1911 to 61·86 p.c. in 1921 and 66·08 p.c. in 1931.

The tables show the school attendance and percentage of school attendance respectively of the population 5-19 years of age for the census years 1911, 1921 and 1931.

35.—School Attendance of the Total Population¹ 5-19 Years of Age Inclusive, by Sexes, for all Canada, 1911, 1921 and 1931.

Schedule.	Both Sexes.			Males.			Females.		
	1911.	1921.	1931.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1911.	1921.	1931.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
5-9 years—Totals	783,252	1,045,494	1,132,749	395,045	528,663	572,507	388,207	520,031	560,242
At school.....	459,682	696,614	777,235	232,581	345,494	391,322	227,101	341,120	385,913
Not at school..	323,570	362,080	355,514	162,464	183,169	181,185	161,106	178,911	174,329
10-19 years—Totals	1,389,685	1,714,867	2,113,612	706,155	864,617	1,068,180	674,530	856,350	1,045,462
At school.....	684,599	1,008,177	1,353,217	341,745	501,520	677,059	342,854	506,657	675,158
Not at school..	696,086	706,690	761,425	364,410	362,997	391,121	331,676	349,693	370,304
5-19 years—Totals	2,163,937	2,760,361	3,246,391	1,101,200	1,393,280	1,640,687	1,062,737	1,376,381	1,605,704
At school.....	1,144,281	1,694,791	2,129,452	574,326	847,014	1,068,381	569,953	847,777	1,061,071
1 month.....	—	—	1,024	—	—	492	—	—	532
1-3 months ² ..	42,514	72,543	45,652	21,904	36,595	22,078	20,610	35,948	22,974
4-6 " ...	131,343	133,417	67,987	68,468	68,077	34,521	62,875	65,340	33,466
7-9 " ...	970,424	1,438,831	2,014,789	483,954	742,342	1,010,690	486,470	746,499	1,004,099
Not at school..	1,019,656	1,068,770	1,116,939	526,874	546,166	572,306	492,782	522,604	544,633

¹Including population 5-19 years of age of Yukon and Northwest Territories. ²2-3 months in 1931.