

2.—Percentage Distribution of Canadian Population, by Provinces and Territories, 1871 to 1931

Province or Territory	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island.....	2.55	2.52	2.25	1.92	1.30	1.01	0.85
Nova Scotia.....	10.51	10.19	9.32	8.56	6.83	5.96	4.94
New Brunswick.....	7.74	7.43	6.65	6.16	4.88	4.41	3.94
Quebec.....	32.30	31.42	30.80	30.70	27.83 ¹	26.86 ²	27.70
Ontario.....	43.94	44.56	43.74	40.64	35.07 ¹	33.39	33.07
Manitoba.....	0.68	1.44	3.16	4.75	6.40 ¹	6.94	6.75
Saskatchewan.....	-	-	-	1.70	6.84	8.62	8.88
Alberta.....	-	-	-	1.36	5.19 ³	6.70	7.05
British Columbia.....	0.98	1.14	2.03	3.33	5.45	5.97	6.69
Yukon.....	-	-	-	0.51	0.12	0.05	0.04
Northwest Territories ⁴	1.30	1.30	2.05	0.37	0.09 ^{1,3}	0.09	0.09
Canada.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00²	100.00

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3.—Population of Canada, by Provinces and Territories, in 1871, and Percentage Change, by Decades, from 1871 to 1931

Province or Territory	Popula- tion in 1871	Percentage Change for Each Decade						Per- centage Change in 60 Years
		1871 to 1881	1881 to 1891	1891 to 1901	1901 to 1911	1911 to 1921	1921 to 1931	
		p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	
Prince Edward Island.....	No. 94,021	15.82	0.17	-5.33	-9.23	-5.46	-0.65	-6.36
Nova Scotia.....	387,800	13.61	2.23	2.04	7.13	6.40	-2.10	32.24
New Brunswick.....	285,594	12.48	0.01	3.07	6.27	10.23	5.24	42.94
Quebec.....	1,191,516	14.06	9.53	10.77	21.64	17.69 ¹	21.76	141.23
Ontario.....	1,620,851	18.88	9.73	3.25	15.77	16.08	16.98	111.72
Manitoba.....	25,228	146.79	144.95	67.34	80.79	32.23	14.75	2,675.25
Saskatchewan.....	-	-	-	-	439.48	53.83	21.69	-
Alberta.....	-	-	-	-	412.58	57.22	24.33	-
British Columbia.....	36,247	36.45	98.49	81.98	119.68	33.66	32.35	1,815.37
Yukon.....	-	-	-	-	-68.73	-51.16	1.76	-
Northwest Territories ²	48,000	17.60	75.33	-79.66	-67.67	22.76	21.72	-79.74
Canada.....	3,689,257	17.23	11.76	11.13	34.17	21.94¹	18.08	181.27

¹ Revised in accordance with the Labrador Award of the Privy Council, Mar. 1, 1927. The total for Canada includes 485 members of the Royal Canadian Navy who were recorded separately in 1921.

² The decreases shown in the population of the Northwest Territories since 1891 are due to the separation therefrom of vast areas to form Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Yukon and to extend the boundaries of Quebec, Ontario, and Manitoba.

Centres of Population.*—The centre of population for the Dominion of Canada was carefully worked out for each census from 1851 to 1931, inclusive, and showed a definite north-westward movement up to 1911, westward for the next decade, and northward for 1931. For the censuses of 1851 to 1881 the location was

* The centres of population are the centres of gravity (not the intersections of median lines). The units of area in which the moments (i.e., population multiplied by distance from a fixed point) were calculated, were the permanent counties or census divisions, of which there are about 220, the same units being used so far as possible for all censuses from 1851 to 1931. The geographical centre of the unit area was assumed to be the centre of population of that unit except in the cases of the thinly settled northern areas and of counties with very large cities, where special adjustments were made.