

The immigration from non-English-speaking countries during the first three decades of the twentieth century led to a great growth of the religious bodies that have as their home the Continent of Europe. Thus the Lutherans, who were only 1.09 p.c. of the population in 1871, rose to 3.80 p.c. in 1931. The Jews, again, who were only 0.03 p.c. in 1871, were 1.50 p.c. in 1931. The adherents of the Greek Orthodox Church, who in earlier years were not distinguished from Greek Catholics (the two together being only 0.29 p.c. in 1901) were 0.99 p.c. in 1931.

Of the total population in 1931 (10,376,786), 0.15 p.c. did not state their religion while 0.52 p.c., belonging to small sects, were classed as "various" and 0.20 p.c. as of "no religion". Of the non-Christian sects, 1.50 p.c. were Jews, 0.23 p.c. were Confucians, 0.15 p.c. were Buddhists, and 0.05 p.c. were pagans. Further analyses showing the percentages of specified religions at each census, 1871-1931, and the numbers accredited to each specified religion, by provinces, are given at pp. 127-129 of the 1934-35 Year Book. In 1931, for the first time in the history of the Dominion Census, the religions of the people were cross-classified according to racial origin. The results, for Canada as a whole, are shown at pp. 116-117 of the 1936 Year Book.

14.—Religions of the People of Canada, Census Years, 1871-1931

NOTE.—Dashes in this table indicate that data were not reported under the respective headings.

Religion	1871 ¹	1881	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931
Adventist.....	6,179	7,211	6,354	8,058	10,406	14,179	16,026
Anglican.....	494,049	574,818	646,059	681,494	1,043,017	1,407,780	1,635,615
Baptist ²	239,343 ³	296,525 ³	303,839 ³	318,005	382,720	421,730	443,341
Brethren.....	2,305	8,831	11,637	8,014	9,278	11,580	13,472
Buddhist.....	—	—	—	10,407	10,012	11,281	15,784
Christian.....	—	—	—	7,484	17,421	17,142	11,527
Christian Science.....	—	—	—	2,619	5,073	13,826	18,436
Church of Christ, Disciples.....	—	20,193	12,763	17,164	14,554	13,107	15,811
Confucian.....	—	—	—	5,115	14,562	27,114	24,087
Congregationalist.....	21,829	26,900	28,157	28,293	34,054	30,730	694 ⁴
Doukhorbor.....	—	—	—	8,775	10,493	12,648	14,913
Evangelical Association.....	—	—	—	10,193	10,595	13,905	22,213
Friends (Quaker).....	7,345	6,553	4,650	4,100	4,027	3,149	2,424
Greek Church.....	—	—	—	15,630	88,507	169,832	102,389 ⁵
Greek Orthodox.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,436
Holiness Movement.....	—	—	—	2,775	3,856	3,245	13,552
International Bible Students.....	—	—	—	99	925	6,678	155,614
Jewish.....	1,115	2,393	6,414	16,401	74,564	125,197	394,194
Lutheran.....	37,935	46,350	63,982	92,524	229,864	286,458	88,736
Mennonite (incl. Hutterite).....	—	—	—	31,797	44,625	58,797	22,005
Methodist.....	567,091	742,981	847,765	916,886	1,079,993	1,159,246	21,071
Mormon.....	—	—	—	6,891	15,971	19,622	5,008
No religion.....	5,146	2,634	—	4,810	26,027	21,739	26,301
Pagan.....	1,886	4,478	—	15,107	11,840	6,778	6,983
Pentecostal.....	—	—	—	—	513	7,003	870,728 ⁴
Plymouth Brethren.....	—	—	—	3,040	3,438	6,482	23,296
Presbyterian.....	544,998	676,165	755,326	842,531	1,116,071	1,409,406	4,285,388 ⁷
Protestant.....	10,146	6,519	12,253	11,612	30,265	30,753	30,716
Roman Catholic.....	1,492,029	1,791,982	1,992,017	2,229,600	2,833,041	3,389,626	4,445
Salvation Army.....	—	—	13,949	10,308	18,834	24,733	2,017,375 ⁴
Unitarian.....	2,275	2,126	1,777	1,934	3,224	4,926	54,164
United Church.....	—	—	—	—	—	8,728 ⁶	16,042
All other.....	35,035	21,382	46,030	16,427	26,383	31,270	
Not given.....	17,055	86,769	80,267	43,222	32,490	19,259	
Totals.....	3,485,761	4,324,810	4,833,239	5,371,315	7,206,643	8,787,949	10,376,786

¹ The figures for 1871 cover the four original provinces of Canada only.

² Including Tunkers.

³ Mennonites were included with Baptists prior to 1901.

⁴ Practically all Methodists and Congregationalists and a large number of Presbyterians united to form the United Church of Canada in 1925, although a relatively small number reported themselves as "United Church" in 1921, chiefly in Western Canada where the movement towards union began.

⁵ In earlier censuses only small numbers were involved, and Greek Catholics and Greek Orthodox were included under the general term "Greek Church". A rapid increase of both Greek Catholics and Greek Orthodox has been shown for recent censuses and, since the former owe obedience to the Pope in matters of faith, they have been included with the Roman Catholics for 1931.

⁶ Included with "All other" religions for 1891.

⁷ Including 186,654 Greek Catholics (see footnote 5).