

In 1943 there were 3,996 incorporated municipalities in Canada, as compared with 4,014 in 1942. This reduction is accounted for principally by amalgamations in Alberta in the course of establishing "larger municipal units". Some of the other provinces are also considering this plan as a means towards the development of more financially and economically sound units of self-government. The number of each different class or type of municipality, by provinces, for 1943 is shown in Table 36.

It should be noted that the counties in Ontario and Quebec, which are incorporated municipalities, are comprised of local towns or villages and rural municipalities situated therein, which provide the necessary funds for the services falling within the scope of county administration. There are also 'counties' in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, but these are basically the same as rural municipalities in the other provinces. In Saskatchewan and Alberta, there are areas very similar to rural municipalities except that they enjoy a lesser degree of local services and are not self-governing. These are called "Improvement Districts" The Provincial Governments administer the services provided in these areas and also levy and collect the necessary taxes.

36.—Municipalities in Canada, Classified by Provinces, 1943, with Totals for 1940-42

NOTE.—See text immediately preceding this table for interpretation of the statistics.

Province	Cities	Towns	Villages	Total Urban	Rural	Total Local Municipalities	Counties	Total Incorporated Municipalities
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	1	7	Nil	8	Nil	8	Nil	8
Nova Scotia.....	2	43	"	45	24	69	"	69
New Brunswick.....	3	20	2	25	15	40	"	40
Quebec.....	26	112	314	452	1,059	1,511	76	1,587
Ontario.....	27	148	156	331	571	902	38	940
Manitoba.....	4	31	23	58	116 ¹	174	Nil	174
Saskatchewan.....	8	82	390	480	302	782	"	782
Alberta.....	7	51	145	203	110	313	"	313
British Columbia.....	33	Nil	22	55	28	83	"	83
Totals, 1943.....	111	494	1,052	1,657	2,225	3,882	114	3,996
1942.....	111	495	1,049	1,655	2,245	3,900	114	4,014
1941.....	111	493	1,046	1,650	2,254	3,904	114	4,013
1940.....	111	497	1,039	1,647	2,248	3,895	114	4,009

¹ Includes 5 units of self-government officially known as "suburban municipalities"

On the basis of the 1941 Census, over 10,689,000 or 93 p.c. of the population of the nine provinces was in incorporated municipalities. Table 37, showing the comparable situation for each province, gives an indication of the development of self-government from the standpoint of the local population. The 800,000 persons excluded from the population in incorporated municipalities on this basis are comprised of those in Indian Reserves and in areas that have not yet reached the stage of development where self-government is felt necessary or desirable.