

Households and Families.—The number of households in the nine provinces at the 1941 Census was 2,706,089 and the average size of all households was 4.3 persons per household. Private families in Canada totalled 2,525,299, the average number of persons per family being 3.9. The average size of households and of families was largest in Quebec and smallest in British Columbia.

Definitions of Household and Family.—In the Census a household is defined as "a person or a group of persons living in one housekeeping community. The persons may or may not be related by ties of kinship, but if they live together with common house-keeping arrangements, they constitute a household". Persons on Active Service were included as members of their family households whether actually living at home or not at the date of the Census.

The family membership is restricted to persons having the husband-wife or parent-child relationship and thus is not always comparable with the group of persons composing the household. The latter often consists of two or more families and very frequently includes persons related to the head, such as uncle, niece, grandmother, etc., but who are not members of his immediate family.

23.—Numbers of Buildings, Dwellings, Households and Families, and Average Numbers of Persons per Dwelling, per Household and per Family, by Provinces, 1941.

Province	Popu- lation	Build- ings ¹	Dwellings		House- holds	Families	Persons per Dwel- ling	Persons per House- hold	Persons per Family
			Occu- pied ²	Vacant					
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
P.E. Island.....	95,047	19,719	20,236	753	20,432	19,590	4.70	4.65	4.19
Nova Scotia.....	577,962	114,451	124,396	3,840	128,641	123,561	4.65	4.49	4.04
New Brunswick....	457,401	83,429	92,703	2,922	94,599	93,479	4.93	4.84	4.32
Quebec.....	3,331,882	436,012	650,838	14,321	663,426	647,946	5.12	5.02	4.53
Ontario.....	3,787,655	779,751	916,122	21,464	969,267	909,210	4.13	3.91	3.56
Manitoba.....	729,744	149,206	164,985	2,342	176,942	166,249	4.42	4.12	3.83
Saskatchewan.....	895,992	206,291	209,820	6,465	214,939	190,137	4.27	4.17	4.13
Alberta.....	796,169	185,585	195,574	4,040	201,796	175,744	4.07	3.95	3.91
British Columbia...	817,861	207,120	223,295	5,861	236,047	199,383	3.66	3.46	3.36
Totals.....	11,489,713	2,181,564	2,597,969	62,098	2,706,089	2,525,299	4.42	4.25	3.94

¹Buildings used for habitation only.

²Includes dwellings with tenure not stated.

Similar data on buildings, dwellings, households and families for urban centres of 30,000 population or over at the 1941 Census are given in Table 24.

24.—Numbers of Buildings, Dwellings, Households and Families and Average Numbers of Persons per Dwelling, per Household and per Family, for Urban Centres of 30,000 Population or Over, 1941.

Urban Centre	Popu- lation	Build- ings ¹	Dwellings		House- holds	Fam- ilies	Persons per Dwel- ling	Persons per House- hold	Persons per Family
			Occu- pied ²	Vacant					
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Brantford.....	31,948	6,921	8,191	40	8,543	8,152	3.90	3.74	3.37
Calgary.....	88,904	16,860	21,758	88	25,387	22,738	4.09	3.50	3.30
Edmonton.....	93,817	18,718	23,087	367	24,700	22,619	4.06	3.80	3.52
Fort William.....	30,585	5,633	6,360	10	6,763	6,881	4.81	4.52	3.67
Halifax.....	70,488	9,172	13,520	57	15,089	15,235	5.21	4.67	3.69
Hamilton.....	166,337	31,566	39,915	378	43,076	42,412	4.17	3.86	3.38

¹Buildings used for habitation only.

²Does not include dwellings with tenure not stated.