

In 1945 there were 3,966 incorporated municipalities in Canada, as compared with 3,954 in 1944. The number of each different class or type of municipality, by provinces, for 1945 is shown in Table 35.

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. A 1943 Amendment to the Ontario Municipal Act provides for the erection of Improvement Districts governed by a board of trustees appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. The Local Government Districts Act, 1944, of Manitoba, authorizes the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to incorporate unorganized or disorganized territory and appoint administrators and a general supervisor.

35.—Municipalities in Canada, Classified by Provinces, 1945, with Totals for 1942-44

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	19	2	24	15	39	"	39
Quebec.....	26	113	316	455	1,066	1,521	76	1,597
Ontario.....	28	147	156	331	569	900	38	938
Manitoba.....	4	31	23	58	115 ¹	173	Nil	173
Saskatchewan.....	8	83	393	484	303	787	"	787
Alberta.....	7	51	146	204	60	264	"	264
British Columbia.....	34	Nil	29	63	28	91	"	91
Totals, 1945.....	113	494	1,065	1,672	2,180	3,852	114	3,966
1944.....	112	494	1,057	1,663	2,177	3,840	114	3,954
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

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 36, 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 on Indian Reserves and in areas that have not yet reached the stage of development where self-government is felt necessary or desirable.