

In the 1945 edition of the Year Book a calculation was presented* using the ration-card count of 1944 by counties to estimate rural-urban movement. Tables 2 and 3 show these results as well as a similar series for the periods Apr. 1, 1944, to Sept. 1, 1946, and June 1, 1946, to June 1, 1947. The average exodus of about 30,000 persons a year from farm counties to urban places, which was shown during the 1930's, increased to over 80,000 a year in 1941-44. Since 1944, however, no significant rural-urban movement appeared.

2.—Rural and Urban Movement of Population, 1911-46

(Exclusive of Yukon and the Northwest Territories)

Item	Metro- politan	Other Urban	Farm	Rural Non-Farm	Canada
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Population—					
June, 1911.....	1,768	2,339	2,663	422	7,192
June, 1921.....	2,401	2,749	3,143	482	8,775
June, 1931.....	3,232	3,152	3,444	535	10,363
June, 1941.....	3,621	3,564	3,679	626	11,490
March, 1944.....	3,966	3,785	3,553	623	11,927
September, 1946.....	4,059	3,898	3,708	669	12,334
Natural Increase—					
1931-41.....	256	379	526	62	1,223
1941-44.....	110	156	158	22	446
1944-46.....	91	137	149	21	398
Internal Migration—					
1931-41.....	133	33	-291	29	-96
1941-44.....	235	65	-284	-25	-9
1944-46.....	2	-24	6	25	9

3.—Interprovincial Migration, 1931-47

(Exclusive of Yukon and the Northwest Territories)

Province	June 1, 1931 to June 1, 1941	June ¹ , 1941 to Apr. 1, 1944	Apr. 1, 1944 to Sept. 1, 1946	June 1, 1946 to June 1, 1947
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Prince Edward Island.....	-3	-7	¹	-2
Nova Scotia.....	+8	+8	-18	-2
New Brunswick.....	-10	-19	+3	-2
Quebec.....	-3	-13	-10	+1
Ontario.....	+78	+59	+79	+21
Manitoba.....	-48	-25	-21	+2
Saskatchewan.....	-158	-86	-38	-6
Alberta.....	-42	-15	-42	+1
British Columbia.....	+82	+89	+56	+26
Canada.....	-96	-9	+9	+39

¹ Less than 500.

Section 3.—Intercensal Estimates of Population and Current Analyses

Intercensal estimates of the population serve many uses. They constitute a base for vital statistics rates, per capita figures of production and trade, and other analyses. More recently, they have proved useful for estimates of labour force and other population characteristics on data collected in sample surveys.

Estimates are constructed in the first place for the total population of Canada and each province. It is a requirement that these be made available about the date to which they apply, June 1 of each year. As final figures on the components of

* A review of the rural-urban movement of population in 1941-44, the migration between the nine provinces of Canada during the decade 1931-41, and the estimated net civilian immigration by provinces, 1941-44, appears at pp.120-122 of the 1945 Year Book.