

been an actual decline in the rural population of Manitoba and Alberta since 1941, and in that of Saskatchewan since 1936. This movement is partly a development of the Second World War.

12.—Rural and Urban Populations of the Prairie Provinces, 1946, compared with Census Years 1906-46

Year	MANITOBA			SASKATCHEWAN			ALBERTA		
	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1906.....	227,598	138,090	365,688	209,301	48,462	257,763	127,320	57,875	185,195
1911.....	261,029	200,365	461,394	361,037	131,395	492,432	236,633	137,662	374,295
1916.....	312,846	241,014	553,860	471,538	176,297	647,835	307,693	188,749	496,442
1921.....	348,502	261,616	610,118	538,552	218,958	757,510	365,550	222,904	588,454
1926.....	360,198	278,858	639,056	578,206	242,532	820,738	373,751	233,848	607,599
1931.....	384,170	315,969	700,139	630,880	290,905	921,785	453,097	278,508	731,605
1936.....	400,289	310,927	711,216	651,274	280,273	931,547	486,335	286,447	772,782
1941.....	407,871	321,873	729,744	600,846	295,146	895,992	489,583	306,586	796,169
1946.....	389,592	337,331	726,923	515,928	316,760	832,688	448,934	354,396	803,330

A comparison of Table 13 with corresponding tables based on earlier censuses reveals that the proportion of the population in the older age groups has increased while the proportion in the younger age groups has decreased. This applies to all three provinces as the following percentages indicate. Population under 25 years of age in Manitoba declined from 51.4 p.c. of the total in 1931 to 44.0 p.c. in 1946; in Saskatchewan from 55.3 p.c. to 47.7 p.c.; and in Alberta from 51.7 p.c. to 46.3 p.c. Population 65 years of age or over in Manitoba increased from 4.5 p.c. of the total in 1931 to 7.3 p.c. in 1946; in Saskatchewan from 3.3 p.c. to 6.5 p.c.; and in Alberta from 3.5 p.c. to 6.3 p.c.

13.—Male and Female Populations of the Prairie Provinces by Five-Year Age Groups, 1946

Age Group	MANITOBA			SASKATCHEWAN			ALBERTA		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 5 years.....	36,577	34,585	71,162	43,295	41,013	84,308	43,623	41,673	85,296
5 - 9 ".....	30,896	29,859	60,755	39,725	38,413	78,138	37,175	36,292	73,467
10 - 14 ".....	30,426	29,258	59,684	39,904	38,739	78,643	36,435	35,471	71,906
15 - 19 ".....	31,194	31,399	62,593	41,322	39,622	80,944	36,148	35,768	71,916
20 - 24 ".....	31,842	33,495	65,337	39,220	35,601	74,821	34,428	35,023	69,451
25 - 29 ".....	30,340	30,718	61,058	35,031	32,666	67,697	33,060	33,084	66,144
30 - 34 ".....	28,601	28,653	57,254	31,362	29,236	60,598	30,746	29,765	60,511
35 - 39 ".....	25,572	24,885	50,457	28,231	25,470	53,701	29,060	25,989	55,049
40 - 44 ".....	21,885	20,262	42,147	24,124	20,491	44,615	26,555	21,233	47,788
45 - 49 ".....	20,171	18,992	39,163	22,010	19,364	41,374	24,081	19,141	43,222
50 - 54 ".....	19,328	18,104	37,432	22,078	17,888	39,966	21,689	16,834	38,523
55 - 59 ".....	19,658	16,333	35,991	23,313	16,409	39,722	22,214	15,524	37,738
60 - 64 ".....	17,227	13,516	30,743	20,609	13,227	33,836	19,462	12,436	31,898
65 - 69 ".....	12,906	10,035	22,941	14,888	9,759	24,647	13,671	9,253	22,924
70 - 74 ".....	8,178	6,529	14,707	8,849	6,090	14,939	8,248	5,870	14,118
75 - 79 ".....	4,682	3,939	8,621	4,876	3,496	8,372	4,479	3,342	7,821
80 - 84 ".....	2,245	2,160	4,405	2,204	1,892	4,096	1,966	1,697	3,663
85 - 89 ".....	943	989	1,932	896	877	1,773	762	729	1,491
90 - 94 ".....	218	221	439	192	219	411	164	183	347
95 - 99 ".....	35	48	83	32	47	79	29	23	52
100 years or over.....	11	8	19	6	2	8	2	3	5
Totals.....	372,935	353,988	726,923	442,167	390,521	832,688	423,997	379,333	803,330