

## 16.—Marital Status of the Population, by Age Groups and Sex, 1951

Age Group and Sex	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Under 15 years .....	M.	2,168,058	—	—	—	2,168,058
	F.	2,082,659	—	—	—	2,082,659
	T.	4,250,717	—	—	—	4,250,717
15 - 19 " .....	M.	526,909	5,255	15	1	532,180
	F.	484,056	41,633	83	20	525,792
	T.	1,010,965	46,888	98	21	1,057,972
20 - 24 " .....	M.	400,136	137,054	197	148	537,535
	F.	267,409	282,290	823	584	551,106
	T.	667,545	419,344	1,020	732	1,088,641
25 - 34 " .....	M.	294,318	766,504	2,409	2,138	1,065,369
	F.	192,921	901,073	9,496	5,090	1,108,580
	T.	487,239	1,667,577	11,905	7,228	2,173,949
35 - 44 " .....	M.	134,409	803,711	7,431	3,820	949,371
	F.	113,554	771,939	26,086	6,750	918,329
	T.	247,963	1,575,650	33,517	10,570	1,867,700
45 - 54 " .....	M.	93,992	613,008	17,637	3,532	728,169
	F.	76,738	539,854	58,437	4,137	679,166
	T.	170,730	1,152,862	76,074	7,669	1,407,335
55 - 64 " .....	M.	64,748	453,977	36,041	2,122	556,888
	F.	52,010	360,651	105,626	1,667	519,954
	T.	116,758	814,628	141,667	3,789	1,076,842
65 - 69 " .....	M.	27,706	170,043	29,641	686	228,076
	F.	19,717	115,574	69,783	347	205,421
	T.	47,423	285,617	99,424	1,033	433,497
70 years or over .....	M.	37,133	192,202	93,224	668	323,227
	F.	36,032	106,810	186,419	288	329,549
	T.	73,165	299,012	279,643	956	652,776
All Ages .....	M.	3,747,409	3,141,754	186,595	13,115	7,088,873
	F.	3,325,096	3,119,324	456,753	18,883	6,920,556
	T.	7,072,505	6,261,578	643,348	31,998	14,009,429

## Section 7.—Origins

A population composed of diverse racial stocks gives rise to political, economic and social problems quite different in nature from those of one with a small admixture of foreign elements, although, to the extent that certain racial stocks are more readily assimilated than others, the problems are mitigated. It is equally true that the different educational, moral, economic, religious and political backgrounds of a people of mixed origins lend variety and diversity to the national life.

The two basic stocks of the Canadian people are the French and the English: historically the French is much the older and, excepting at the time of the Census of 1921, has exceeded in numbers any one of the basic British stocks.

For purposes of the census, a person's origin or cultural group is traced through his father. For example, if a person's father is German and his mother Norwegian, the origin is entered as "German". Wherever possible the origin of a person is established by asking the language spoken by the person or by his paternal ancestor when he first came to Canada.

Table 17 shows the population of Canada for the census years 1931, 1941 and 1951 classified by detailed origins, while Table 18 presents the 1951 provincial distribution based on a classification of the numerically largest origins in Canada.