

British Columbia.—Less than 0.5 p.c. of the area of British Columbia is organized into municipalities. Additional small areas have sufficient population to require administration of local activities by the Provincial Government. There are 35 cities, 49 villages and 28 districts. The latter are chiefly rural municipalities, except for those adjacent to the principal cities of Victoria and Vancouver, which are largely urban in character. It should be emphasized, however, that the application of the name 'city' is somewhat different from the commonly accepted meaning in that several of them have populations of less than 1,000 and perhaps one-half or more would not normally be incorporated as cities in another province.

Yukon and Northwest Territories.—There are two cities and one town in the Yukon Territory and two local administrative districts in the Northwest Territories, all of which provide some municipal services to their local areas. These are not shown in Table 12.

12.—Municipalities, by Official Designation,¹ and by Statistical Classification,² by Province, 1952

(Number in existence as at Mar. 31, 1953, for Newfoundland; Dec. 31, 1952, for remainder)

Item	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Official Designation¹											
Cities.....	1	1	2	4	35	29	4	8	7	35	126
Towns.....	32 ³	7	40	19	131	151	33	91	72	—	576
Villages.....	—	4	—	3	331	156	39	388	137	49	1,103
Totals, Urban.....	33	8	42	26	497	336	76	487	216	84	1,805
Rural ⁵	4	—	24	15	1,109	588 ⁶	114 ⁷	298 ⁸	57 ⁹	28	2,237
Totals, Local Municipalities.....	37	8	66	41 ¹⁰	1,606	924	190	785	273	112	4,042
Quebec and Ontario counties....	...	...	...	...	76	38	...	...	...	...	114
Totals, Incorporated Municipalities.....	37	8	66	41	1,682	962	190	785	273	112	4,156
Statistical Classification²											
Municipalities in Metropolitan Areas— ¹¹											
Urban.....	1	—	2	2	54	24	5	—	6	6	100
Rural.....	—	—	1	2	25	17	9	—	4	11	89
Totals, Metropolitan Areas.....	1	—	3	4	79	41	14	—	10	17	169
Other Urban.....	32	8	40	24	440	313	71	487	210	78	1,703
Other Rural—											
Semi-urban.....	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	11
Other.....	4	—	23	13	1,087	559	105	298	53	17	2,159
Totals, Other Rural.....	4	—	23	13	1,087	570	105	298	53	17	2,170
Totals, Urban and Rural.....	37	8	66	41	1,606	924	190	785	273	112	4,042
Quebec and Ontario counties....	...	...	...	...	76	38	...	...	...	...	114
Totals, Incorporated Municipalities.....	37	8	66	41	1,682	962	190	785	273	112	4,156

¹ This section of the table groups the municipalities according to their official nomenclature which is roughly indicative of size and nature. See footnote 5. ² This section of the table groups the municipalities under the classification devised by the Dominion-Provincial Conferences on Municipal Statistics, the Classification being designed to bring municipalities into comparable groups for statistical presentation. ³ Includes two local government communities. ⁴ See text on p. 70. ⁵ Rural municipalities are designated by different names in the different provinces. ⁶ Includes 16 local improvement districts. ⁷ Includes 5 units of self-government known as "Suburban Municipalities". Does not include local government districts. ⁸ Excludes 20 improvement districts. ⁹ Includes 3 county municipalities. Excludes 55 improvement districts. ¹⁰ Excludes 37 local improvement districts. ¹¹ Municipalities shown wholly or partly in metropolitan areas by the 1951 Census of Canada.