

Despite World War I with its accompanying population losses through casualties, emigration and the wartime influenza epidemic, Canada's population increased by 21.9 p.c. in the 1911-21 decade. This was the largest gain shown by any modern country in the period with the exception of Australia where an increase of 22.0 p.c. was recorded.

The Census of 1951 showed the population of Canada to be 14,009,429, representing an increase of 2,502,774 or 21.8 p.c. over the 1941 figure of 11,506,655. Newfoundland's entry into Confederation accounted for 361,416 of this increase. Excluding Newfoundland, the population in 1951 totalled 13,648,013, an increase of 2,141,358 or 18.6 p.c. over the 1941 population of the nine provinces and the territories. This numerical increase was the largest on record and the percentage increase was exceeded only in the 1901-11 and 1911-21 decades. The population increase in the 1941-51 decade is all the more remarkable when consideration is given to the fact that immigration was greatly restricted during the war years. With the resumption of immigration in the post-war years, however, Canada gained about 424,000 in population through immigrant arrivals over the decade. The period was characterized also by high birth rates, and the natural increase was just under 2,000,000 for the ten-year period.

1.—Numerical and Percentage Distribution of Population, by Province, Decennial Census Years 1871-1951

NOTE.—The populations of the Prairie Provinces in 1906, 1916, 1926, 1936 and 1946 are shown in the 1951 Year Book, p. 131. Intercensal estimated populations from 1867-1904 will be found in the 1936 Year Book, p. 141; from 1905-30 in the 1946 edition, p. 127; from 1932-40 in the 1952-53 edition, p. 143; and from 1942-53 in Table 9, p. 129, of the present edition.

Province or Territory	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931	1941	1951
NUMERICAL DISTRIBUTION									
Nfld.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	361,416
P.E.I.....	94,021	108,891	109,078	103,259	93,728	88,615	88,038	95,047	98,429
N.S.....	387,800	440,572	450,396	459,574	492,338	523,837	512,846	577,962	642,584
N.B.....	285,594	321,233	321,263	331,120	351,889	387,876	408,219	457,401	515,697
Que.....	1,191,516	1,359,027	1,488,535	1,648,898	2,005,776	2,360,510	2,874,662	3,331,882	4,055,681
Ont.....	1,620,851	1,926,922	2,114,321	2,182,947	2,527,292	2,933,662	3,431,833	3,787,655	4,597,542
Man.....	25,228	62,260	152,506	255,211	461,394	610,118	700,139	729,744	776,541
Sask.....	...	...	...	91,279	492,432	757,510	921,785	895,992	831,728
Alta.....	...	...	...	73,022	374,295	588,454	731,605	796,169	939,501
B.C.....	36,247	49,459	98,173	178,657	392,480	524,582	694,263	817,861	1,165,210
Yukon.....	...	...	...	27,219	8,512	4,157	4,230	4,914	9,096
N.W.T.....	48,000	56,446	98,967	20,129	6,507	8,143	9,316	12,028	16,004
Canada....	3,689,257	4,324,810	4,833,239	5,371,315	7,206,643	8,787,949	10,376,786	11,506,655	14,009,429
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION									
Nfld.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.58
P.E.I.....	2.55	2.52	2.25	1.92	1.30	1.01	0.85	0.83	0.70
N.S.....	10.51	10.19	9.32	8.56	6.83	5.96	4.94	5.02	4.59
N.B.....	7.74	7.43	6.65	6.16	4.88	4.41	3.94	3.97	3.68
Que.....	32.30	31.42	30.80	30.70	27.83	26.86	27.70	28.96	28.95
Ont.....	43.94	44.56	43.74	40.64	35.07	33.39	33.07	32.92	32.82
Man.....	0.68	1.44	3.16	4.75	6.40	6.94	6.75	6.34	5.54
Sask.....	...	...	...	1.70	6.84	8.62	8.88	7.79	5.94
Alta.....	...	...	...	1.36	5.19	6.70	7.05	6.92	6.71
B.C.....	0.98	1.14	2.03	3.33	5.45	5.97	6.69	7.11	8.32
Yukon.....	...	...	...	0.51	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.06
N.W.T.....	1.30	1.30	2.05	0.37	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.11
Canada....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

¹ Populations of Newfoundland (which was not part of Canada until 1949) were: 1871, 152,500 (estimated); 1881, 186,500 (estimated); 1891, 202,040; 1901, 222,984; 1911, 242,619; 1921, 263,033; 1931, 281,500 (estimated); 1941, 303,300 (estimated); and 1945, 321,819.

² Includes 485 members of the Royal Canadian Navy recorded separately in 1921.