

very heavy immigration of the early years of the century (1900-11) is indicated by the fact that, in 1901, 175.9 persons per 1,000 of the total population were in the age group 20-29 years and 131.3 persons per 1,000 in the group 30-39 years; a decade later, 190.7 per 1,000 were in the former group and 142.8 in the latter. Since immigration slowed down very decidedly after the outbreak of war in 1914, the influence of these earlier accretions to the population has crept through the upper age groups year by year until it has now reached those of the population in their 'fifties'.

Between 1931 and 1941 a more pronounced general ageing of the population is shown owing to practically non-existent immigration and a lower birth rate—factors that were emphasized during the depression years. In 1921, the number per 1,000 of total population between 40 and 59 years of age was 183; it was 201 in 1931 and 209 in 1941. Greater proportional increases, however, are shown by the group 60 years of age or over; this group represented 75 per 1,000 of the total population in 1921, 84 in 1931 and no less than 102 per 1,000 in 1941.

In 1951, there were 203.2 persons per 1,000 of total population between 40 and 59 years of age and 113.7 in the group 60 years of age or over. However, there were 222.7 persons per 1,000 of total population in the under 10 years of age group in 1951 as compared with 182.3 in 1941, 212.7 in 1931 and 240.0 in 1921.

Table 13 shows the population of Canada classified by five-year age groups and sex for the census years 1931, 1941 and 1951. The provincial distribution from the 1951 Census, by specified age groups, is shown in Table 14.

13.—Male and Female Populations by Age Group, Census Years 1931-51

Age Group	1931 ¹		1941		1951	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
0-4 years.....	543,299	531,293	533,903	517,951	879,063	843,046
5-9 ".....	572,648	560,296	529,092	516,728	713,873	693,952
10-14 ".....	543,067	531,173	556,304	544,573	575,122	555,661
15-19 ".....	525,536	514,474	565,212	554,823	532,180	525,792
20-24 ".....	463,978	447,584	517,956	514,470	537,535	551,106
25-29 ".....	410,220	376,407	488,340	478,650	552,812	578,403
30-34 ".....	368,346	340,792	431,591	412,255	512,557	530,177
35-39 ".....	359,318	329,474	396,453	363,101	503,571	495,562
40-44 ".....	347,989	298,416	348,616	327,929	445,800	422,767
45-49 ".....	321,749	263,770	332,503	302,643	387,708	356,971
50-54 ".....	267,526	221,408	315,866	275,838	340,461	322,195
55-59 ".....	199,296	167,910	275,234	231,658	292,584	278,126
60-64 ".....	157,019	137,722	218,557	183,594	264,324	241,828
65-69 ".....	120,770	110,467	162,517	145,207	228,076	205,421
70-74 ".....	88,630	83,040	111,152	105,949	160,398	154,074
75-79 ".....	50,046	48,624	67,200	68,495	94,130	94,261
80-84 ".....	23,891	25,300	34,083	37,431	45,963	50,828
85-89 ".....	8,670	10,469	12,621	15,015	17,539	22,060
90 years or over.....	2,543	3,626	3,336	4,809	5,197	7,726
Totals.....	5,374,541	5,002,245	5,900,536	5,606,119	7,088,873	6,920,556

¹ Persons whose ages were not stated have been pro-rated over the various age groups.