

Section 12.—The Blind and Deaf Population

Information was obtained in the 1951 Census for totally blind or deaf persons. Persons blind in one eye, for example, were not recorded as blind and partially deaf persons, such as those able to hear with the help of a mechanical aid, were not included. Table 36 shows the number and proportion of blind and deaf persons per 10,000 population in each province and territory, while Table 37 classifies the blind and deaf population of Canada by age groups. More detailed information on this subject is contained in Volume II of the 1951 Census.

36.—Number of Blind and Deaf Persons and Proportion per 10,000 Population, by Province, 1951

Province or Territory	Number			Number per 10,000 Population		
	Blind	Deaf	Blind and Deaf	Blind	Deaf	Blind and Deaf
Newfoundland.....	513	497	27	14.2	13.8	0.7
Prince Edward Island.....	104	88	4	10.6	8.9	0.4
Nova Scotia.....	943	747	43	14.7	11.6	0.7
New Brunswick.....	744	554	33	14.4	10.7	0.6
Quebec.....	3,734	5,139	199	9.2	12.7	0.5
Ontario.....	4,173	3,897	200	9.1	8.5	0.4
Manitoba.....	712	596	32	9.2	7.7	0.4
Saskatchewan.....	590	628	29	7.1	7.6	0.3
Alberta.....	613	556	21	6.5	5.9	0.2
British Columbia.....	972	907	68	8.3	7.8	0.6
Yukon Territory.....	8	4	—	8.8	4.4	—
Northwest Territories.....	18	3	—	11.2	1.9	—
Canada.....	13,124	13,616	656	9.4	9.7	0.5

37.—Blind and Deaf Persons, by Age Group, 1951

Age Group	Blind		Deaf		Blind and Deaf	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
0-4 years.....	123	0.9	193	1.4	9	1.4
5-9 ".....	186	1.4	680	5.0	14	2.1
10-14 ".....	271	2.1	875	6.4	14	2.1
15-19 ".....	302	2.3	740	5.4	13	2.0
20-24 ".....	302	2.3	671	4.9	11	1.7
25-34 ".....	809	6.2	1,301	9.6	20	3.0
35-44 ".....	1,022	7.8	1,347	9.9	30	4.6
45-54 ".....	1,301	9.9	1,330	9.8	40	6.1
55-64 ".....	2,076	15.8	1,545	11.3	68	10.4
65-69 ".....	1,490	11.4	1,059	7.8	56	8.5
70 or over.....	5,242	39.9	3,875	28.5	381	58.1
Totals, All Ages.....	13,124	100.0	13,616	100.0	656	100.0

Section 13.—Census of the Prairie Provinces

The Census and Statistics Act of 1905 and the Statistics Act of 1918 (replaced by the Statistics Act, 1948) provided for a census of population and agriculture for the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, to be taken in 1906 and every tenth year thereafter, in addition to the nation-wide decennial census.

The latest Prairie Province census was taken as of June 1, 1946, and the results are summarized in the Year Book 1948-49, pp. 162-171, and in the Year Book 1951, pp. 130-132. More detailed information may be obtained in the census volumes of the 1946 Census of the Prairie Provinces.