

4.—Land Areas and Density of Population, by Province, Decennial Census Years 1921-51

Province or Territory	Land Area in Sq. Miles	Population, 1921		Population, 1931		Population, 1941		Population, 1951	
		Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland ¹	147,994	361,416	2.44
Prince Edward Island..	2,184	88,615	40.57	88,038	40.31	95,047	43.52	98,429	45.07
Nova Scotia.....	20,743	523,837	25.25	512,846	24.72	577,962	27.86	642,584	30.98
New Brunswick.....	27,473	387,876	14.12	408,219	14.86	457,401	16.65	515,697	18.77
Quebec.....	523,860	2,360,510	4.51	2,874,682	5.49	3,331,882	6.36	4,055,681	7.74
Ontario.....	348,141	2,933,662	8.43	3,431,683	9.86	3,787,655	10.88	4,597,542	13.21
Manitoba.....	219,723	610,118	2.78	700,139	3.19	729,744	3.32	776,541	3.53
Saskatchewan.....	220,182	757,510	3.44	921,785	4.19	895,992	4.07	831,728	3.78
Alberta.....	248,800	588,454	2.37	731,605	2.94	796,169	3.20	939,501	3.78
British Columbia.....	359,279	524,582	1.46	694,263	1.93	817,861	2.28	1,165,210	3.24
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories)....	2,118,379	8,775,164	4.45²	10,363,240	5.26²	11,489,713	5.83²	13,954,329	6.60²
Yukon Territory.....	205,346	4,157	0.02	4,230	0.02	4,914	0.02	9,096	0.04
Northwest Territories....	1,253,438	8,143	0.01	9,316	0.01	12,028	0.01	16,004	0.01
Canada.....	3,577,163³	8,787,949⁴	2.56³	10,376,786	3.03³	11,506,655	3.36³	14,009,429	3.92³

¹ Includes Labrador.² Calculated on the basis of 1,970,385 sq. miles which excludes the land

area of Newfoundland.

³ Includes Newfoundland.⁴ Total includes 485 members of the Royal Canadian Navy recorded separately in 1921.⁵ Calculated on the basis of 3,429,169 sq. miles which excludes the land area of Newfoundland.

Section 4.—Rural and Urban Population

Before 1951, the population residing within the boundaries of all incorporated cities, towns and villages of a province was classified by the Census as urban and the remainder as rural. Since the laws governing incorporation vary among provinces there was no uniform line of demarcation between the rural and urban population throughout Canada. In the 1951 Census, the aggregate size of population within a given area rather than provincial legal status was the main criterion for the rural-urban classification. The population residing in cities, towns and villages of 1,000 or over, whether incorporated or unincorporated, as well as the population of all parts of census metropolitan areas was defined as urban and that outside such localities as rural.

Table 5 presents the rural and urban population, by province or territory, for 1951. The rural is further classified by farm and non-farm residence and the urban by size of locality.

5.—Rural Population classified by Farm and Non-farm, and Urban Population classified by Size Group, by Province, Census 1951

Province or Territory	Rural			Urban				Total ²
	Farm ¹	Non-farm	Total	1,000 to 9,999	10,000 to 29,999	30,000 to 99,999	100,000 or Over	
				No.	No.	No.	No.	
Newfoundland....	15,456	191,165	206,621	100,375	—	52,873	—	154,795
P. E. Island.....	46,757	26,987	73,744	8,798	15,887	—	—	24,685
Nova Scotia.....	112,135	185,618	297,753	166,121	61,802	116,906	—	344,831
New Brunswick....	145,771	154,915	300,686	86,908	76,430	50,779	—	215,011
Quebec.....	766,910	591,453	1,358,363	750,436	501,523	247,548	1,185,536	2,697,318
Ontario.....	678,043	668,400	1,346,443	714,343	463,404	764,448	1,307,751	3,251,099
Manitoba.....	214,435	122,526	336,961	93,965	109,036	—	235,710	439,580
Saskatchewan.....	398,279	180,979	579,258	86,379	41,504	124,587	—	252,470
Alberta.....	339,955	149,871	489,826	120,700	39,311	—	288,691	449,675
British Columbia..	109,919	261,820	371,739	157,333	180,240	109,707	344,833	793,471
Yukon Territory....	44	6,458	6,502	2,594	—	—	—	2,594
N.W.T.....	28	13,252	13,280	2,724	—	—	—	2,724
Canada.....	2,827,732	2,553,444	5,381,176	2,290,674	1,492,137	1,466,848	3,362,521	8,628,253

¹ Excludes 84,264 persons living on farms in localities classed as urban. metropolitan area parts with fewer than 1,000 population.² Includes a few