

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 29 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 fewer 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 24.

24.—Municipalities, by Official Designation¹ and by Statistical Classification² by Province as at Dec. 31, 1954

Item	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
	OFFICIAL DESIGNATION ¹										
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Urban municipalities.....	44	20	42	26	510	340	76	486	229	84	1,857
Cities.....	1	1	2	5	36	29	4	8	8	35	129
Towns.....	43 ³	7	40	18	139	152	34	99	75	...	607
Villages.....	...	12 ⁴	...	3	335	159	38	379	146	49	1,121
Rural municipalities ⁵	4	...	24	15	1,130	588 ⁶	114 ⁷	296 ⁸	48 ⁹	29	2,248
Ontario and Quebec counties	...	...	...	...	76	397 ¹⁰	...	...	...	...	115
Totals, Incorporated Municipalities.....	48	20	66	41¹¹	1,716	967	190	782	277	113	4,220
	STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION ²										
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Municipalities in Metropolitan Areas ¹²	1	...	3	5	79	41	14	...	10	17	170
Urban.....	1	...	2	3	54	24	5	...	6	6	101
Rural.....	...	...	1	2	25	17	9	...	4	11	69
Other urban municipalities..	43	20	40	23	456	316	71	486	223	78	1,756
Other rural municipalities..	4	...	23	13	1,105	571	105	296	44	18	2,179
Semi-urban.....	...	...	...	...	...	45 ¹³	...	...	...	...	43
Other.....	4	...	23	13	1,105	528	105	296	44	18	2,136
Quebec and Ontario counties	...	...	...	...	76	39 ¹⁰	...	...	...	...	115
Totals, Incorporated Municipalities.....	48	20	66	41	1,716	967	190	782	277	113	4,220

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 presentations. ³ Includes 11 local government communities. ⁴ See text on p. 97. ⁵ Rural municipalities are designated by different names in the different provinces. ⁶ Includes 15 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 7 county municipalities and changes resulting from establishment of coterminous boundaries (see p. 97). ¹⁰ Excludes 54 improvement districts. ¹¹ Includes Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto. ¹² Excludes 50 local improvement districts. ¹³ Municipalities shown wholly or partly in metropolitan areas by 1951 Census but does not include Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, which is shown with counties. ¹⁴ Classed as suburban and semi-urban by provincial authorities.