

## Section 5.—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 number of residents 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 6 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.

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

Province or Territory	Rural			Urban				
	Farm <sup>1</sup>	Non-farm	Total	1,000 to 9,999	10,000 to 29,999	30,000 to 99,999	100,000 or Over	Total <sup>2</sup>
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland .....	15,456	191,165	206,621	100,375	—	52,873	—	154,795
Prince Edward 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	86,906	76,430	50,779	—	215,011
Quebec .....	766,910	591,453	1,358,363	750,436	504,523	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
<b>Canada .....</b>	<b>2,827,732</b>	<b>2,553,444</b>	<b>5,381,176</b>	<b>2,290,674</b>	<b>1,492,137</b>	<b>1,466,848</b>	<b>3,362,521</b>	<b>8,628,253</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes 84,264 persons living on farms in localities classed as urban.

<sup>2</sup> Includes a few metropolitan area parts with fewer than 1,000 population.

## Section 6.—Population of Counties and Census Divisions

Population totals for counties and census divisions for census years 1901-51 are given in the 1952-53 Year Book, pp. 137-141. Further details, including populations of the subdivisions of counties, may be found in *Ninth Census of Canada 1951*, Vol. I.

## Section 7.—Population of Incorporated Urban Centres

The growth of Canadian cities with populations of over 30,000 from 1941 to 1951, together with the years of their incorporation as cities, is shown in Table 7. All incorporated cities, towns and villages having populations of 1,000 or over in 1951 are listed in Table 10.