

Section 12.—Countries of Birth

The census collects information on the country of birth of immigrant arrivals in Canada and province of birth of Canadian born. For persons born outside of Canada the country of birth, as constituted at the date of the census, is recorded. Table 17 gives the total population by countries of birth for the census years 1931, 1941 and 1951.

17.—Countries of Birth of the Population, Census Years 1931, 1941 and 1951

NOTE.—Figures for the Decennial Censuses 1871-1921 are given in the 1948-49 Year Book, p. 158.

Country of Birth	1931	1941	1951	Country of Birth	1931	1941	1951
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
Canada	8,069,261	9,487,808	11,949,518	Europe—concl.			
United Kingdom	1,138,942 ¹	960,125 ¹	912,432	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics ²	133,869	124,402	188,292
Other Commonwealth	45,888	43,644	20,567	Scandinavian countries ³	90,042	72,473	64,522
Europe	714,462	653,705	801,618	Central European countries ⁴	317,350	309,360	305,192
Belgium	17,033	14,773	17,251	Other Europe	11,002	9,810	38,143
Finland	30,354	24,387	22,035	Asia	60,608	44,443	37,145
France	16,756	13,795	15,650	United States	344,574	312,473	282,010
Germany	39,163	28,479	42,693	Other countries	3,051	3,512	6,089
Greece	5,579	5,871	8,594				
Italy	42,578	40,432	57,789				
Netherlands	10,736	9,923	41,457				
				Totals	10,376,786	11,506,655⁵	14,009,429

¹ Includes the 26 counties of Ireland in 1931 and 1941. ² Includes Lithuania and Ukraine. ³ Includes Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. ⁴ Includes Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Poland and Roumania. ⁵ Includes "birthplace not stated".

Section 13.—Languages and Mother Tongues

Official language is not to be confused with mother tongue. Mother tongue is the language a person first spoke in childhood and still understands; official language (a term used herein for census purposes) refers only to the English and French languages. The numbers of persons speaking one, both or neither of the official languages are given in Table 18, classified by province.

18.—Population Speaking One, Both or Neither of the Official Languages by Province, Census 1951

NOTE.—Infants are classed as speaking the language of the home.

Province or Territory	Population Speaking—			
	English Only	French Only	English and French	Neither English nor French
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland	356,377	153	3,990	896
Prince Edward Island	88,743	914	8,745	27
Nova Scotia	595,257	7,462	39,524	341
New Brunswick	318,560	100,712	96,095	330
Quebec	462,813	2,534,242	1,038,130	20,496
Ontario	4,115,584	78,974	359,965	43,019
Manitoba	685,914	7,869	58,441	24,317
Saskatchewan	767,248	4,656	40,789	19,035
Alberta	868,696	5,922	40,785	24,098
British Columbia	1,112,937	727	39,433	12,113
Yukon Territory	8,337	10	519	230
Northwest Territories	6,929	171	1,031	7,873
Canada	9,387,395	2,741,812	1,727,447	152,775