

An amendment to the Citizenship Regulations in June 1955 authorizes the Department to issue miniature Certificates of Canadian Citizenship. These are considered the most convenient form of citizenship identity as they bear the holder's photograph and specimen signature. They are available to all Canadian citizens.

Section 2.—Canadian Citizenship Statistics

Citizenship of the Total Population.—Results of the 1951 Census show that 96.9 p.c. of the people of Canada were Canadian citizens; that 0.7 p.c. were citizens of other Commonwealth countries; 1.7 p.c. of European countries; 0.1 p.c. of Asiatic countries; 0.5 p.c. of the United States; and 0.1 p.c. of other countries. Table 1 shows the 1951 population classified by country of allegiance and origin. According to this table 98.0 p.c. of the persons of British Isles origins and 99.7 p.c. of those of French origin owed allegiance to Canada. Corresponding percentages for other European and Asiatic origins were 89.3 p.c. and 78.7 p.c., respectively.

1.—Population by Country of Allegiance and Origin 1951

Origin	Country of Allegiance					Total
	Canada	Other Commonwealth Countries	United States	European Countries	Other Countries ¹	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
British Isles ²	6,577,849	95,567	34,229	1,524	516	6,709,685
French.....	4,304,972	763	8,370	4,896	166	4,319,167
Other European.....	2,279,704	6,609	22,025	229,311	16,073	2,553,722
German.....	586,597	631	8,203	21,739	2,825	619,995
Italian.....	126,767	1,640	878	22,712	248	152,245
Jewish.....	161,968	1,475	2,811	12,305	3,111	181,670
Netherlands.....	227,552	312	2,327	33,032	1,044	264,267
Polish.....	179,960	661	845	36,890	1,489	219,845
Russian.....	83,643	181	459	6,451	545	91,279
Scandinavian ³	268,904	311	4,218	9,426	165	283,024
Ukrainian.....	366,160	225	305	25,069	3,284	395,043
Other.....	278,153	1,173	1,979	61,687	3,362	346,354
Asiatic.....	57,325	417	220	104	14,761	72,827
Native Indian and Eskimo.....	165,359	45	169	17	17	165,607
Other and not stated.....	182,730	670	3,987	638	396	188,421
Totals, All Origins.....	13,567,939	104,071	69,000	236,490	31,929	14,009,429

¹ Includes persons reported as "stateless".

² Includes English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh and Manx.

³ Includes Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

Citizenship Certificates Issued.—In 1954, 26,977 Canadian Citizenship Certificates were issued, 26,548 in English and 429 in French. Corresponding figures for 1953 were 22,593 certificates, 22,102 in English and 491 in French.

During 1954 the Canadian Citizenship Registration Branch recorded 2,675 certificates of registration of births abroad, 15,941 declarations of intention, 314 declarations of retention of Canadian citizenship, and 6 petitions for resumption of Canadian citizenship. Certificates issued free to persons who had had active military service numbered 360. Corresponding figures for 1953 were 2,402 registrations of births abroad, 24,757 declarations of intention, 141 declarations of retention of Canadian citizenship, 44 petitions for resumption, and 672 certificates issued free to persons who had had active military service.