

Section 4.—Intercensal Estimates and Movement of Population

Intercensal estimates of the population have many uses. They constitute a base for vital statistics rates, per capita figures of production and trade, and other analyses. More recently they have proved useful for estimates of labour force and other population characteristics of data collected in sample surveys.

Estimates are constructed for the total population of Canada and for each province and become available about the date to which they apply, June 1 of each year. The estimates of population begin with the preceding census counts, to which are added the births of the intervening census year or years and from which the deaths are subtracted; immigrants are added and emigrants subtracted. The next succeeding census serves as a check on the accuracy of the annual estimates. On emigration no precise information is available. The Bureau receives yearly from the United States the number of persons who gave Canada as country of last permanent residence before entering the United States as immigrants; and from the United Kingdom's Board of Trade the number of emigrants from Canada taking up permanent residence in the United Kingdom. These data, however, are not available from other countries.

Since estimates for successive years are independently calculated from the latest census, the best estimate of the balance of population change is not obtained by subtracting the figure for one year from that for the year following. Much interest attaches to the year-to-year balance and the following statement is presented, which gives all available data on that point.

Year	Calendar Year Data ¹				Estimated Population as at June 1 ¹
	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Immi- gration	
1941.....	255,317	114,639	140,678	9,329	11,490,000
1942.....	272,313	112,978	159,335	7,576	11,637,000
1943.....	283,580	118,635	164,945	8,504	11,778,000
1944.....	284,220	116,052	168,168	12,801	11,929,000
1945.....	288,730	113,414	175,316	22,722	12,055,000
1946.....	330,732	114,931	215,801	71,719	12,268,000
1947.....	359,094	117,725	241,369	64,127	12,527,000
1948.....	347,307	119,384	227,923	125,414	12,799,000
1949.....	366,139	124,047	242,092	95,217	13,423,000
1950.....	371,071	123,789	247,282	73,912	13,688,000
1951.....	380,101	125,454	254,647	194,391	13,984,000
1952.....	402,527	125,950	276,577	164,498	14,434,000
1953.....	416,825	127,381	289,444	168,868	14,820,000
1954.....	435,142	124,520	310,622	154,227	15,260,000
1955.....	441,681	128,154	313,527	109,946	15,669,000
1956.....	449,473	131,585	317,888	164,857	16,049,000

¹ Exclusive of the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Newfoundland included from 1949