

Section 13.—Countries of Birth

The decennial 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 census years 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	912,482	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	Totals	10,376,786	11,506,655⁵	14,009,429
Netherlands.....	10,736	9,923	41,457				

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

Section 14.—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 as at the date of the 1951 Census 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