

**Housing Characteristics.**—A census of housing was not taken in 1956 so that the latest census information on housing characteristics is for the year 1951.

Table 27 shows that the increase in the number of dwellings during the 1941-51 decade was 11 p.c. higher than the increase in population, thus reducing the number of persons per dwelling from 4.3 to 4.0. Definition changes between 1941 and 1951 are partly responsible for the relatively larger increase in dwellings particularly of the apartment and flat type. Since owned dwellings increased by 49.1 p.c. and rented dwellings by only 4.2 p.c., it would appear that many people who were tenants in 1941 have since bought homes and that most new homes were built for owners rather than for tenant occupancy.

The 1941 Census of Housing was based on a 10 p.c. sample of dwellings situated within the nine provinces. For the 1951 Census the size of the sample was increased to 20 p.c. and the coverage included Newfoundland but, as in 1941, did not extend to the Yukon and Northwest Territories. For comparative purposes Newfoundland is omitted from the 1951 figures in Table 27. The number of occupied dwellings in Newfoundland in 1951 totalled 70,980 as against a 1945 figure of 62,293.

### 27.—Housing Characteristics, Census Years 1941 and 1951

(Excludes Newfoundland and the Territories)

Characteristics	1941		1951		Increase 1941-51	
	No.	P.C. of Total	No.	P.C. of Total	No.	P.C.
<b>Occupied Dwellings<sup>1</sup></b> .....	<b>2,575,744</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,338,315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>762,571</b>	<b>29.6</b>
Single detached.....	1,853,454	72.0	2,216,275	66.4	362,821	19.6
Apartments and flats.....	533,034	20.7	881,245	26.4	348,211	65.3
Single attached.....	189,256	7.3	240,795 <sup>2</sup>	7.2	51,539	27.2
Owned.....	1,459,357	56.7	2,175,415	65.2	716,058	49.1
Rented.....	1,116,387	43.3	1,162,900	34.8	46,513	4.2
Rooms per dwelling.....	5.5	...	5.3	...	...	...
Persons per dwelling.....	4.3	...	4.0	...	...	...
In need of major repair.....	695,736	27.0	450,625	13.5	-245,111	-35.2
Crowded dwellings <sup>3</sup> .....	148,418	18.4	175,995	16.0	27,577	18.6
<b>Dwellings with—</b>						
Electric lighting.....	1,780,667	69.1	2,929,450	87.8	1,148,783	64.5
Furnace heating.....	997,588	38.7	1,632,275	48.9	634,687	63.6
Running water.....	1,558,586	60.5	2,503,080	75.0	944,494	60.6
Flush toilet <sup>4</sup> .....	1,342,198	52.1	2,170,815	65.0	828,617	61.7
Bath or shower <sup>4</sup> .....	1,169,760	45.4	1,926,455	57.7	756,695	64.7
Electric or gas range.....	1,019,421	39.6	1,696,130	50.8	676,709	66.4
Electric or gas refrigeration.....	538,535	20.9	1,589,625	47.6	1,051,090	195.2
Electric vacuum cleaner.....	624,178	24.2	1,409,090	42.2	784,912	125.8
Telephone.....	1,037,298	40.3	2,013,640	60.3	976,342	94.1
Radio.....	2,002,889	77.8	3,086,695	92.5	1,083,806	54.1
Passenger automobile.....	944,591	36.7	1,435,925	43.0	491,334	52.0
<b>Owner-occupied non-farm dwellings reporting a mortgage</b> .....	<b>275,623</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>515,035</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>239,412</b>	<b>86.9</b>
<b>Monthly Rent of Tenant-Occupied Non-farm Dwellings—</b>						
Under \$30 <sup>5</sup> .....	738,294	75.1	501,540	45.5	-236,754	-32.1
\$30-\$59.....	221,189	22.5	437,815	39.8	216,626	97.9
\$60 or over.....	24,034	2.4	162,265	14.7	138,231	575.1

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of hotels, institutions, camps, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Includes auto-trailers, houseboats, tents and other miscellaneous types.

<sup>3</sup> For cities of 30,000 or over only.

<sup>4</sup> For exclusive use of household.

<sup>5</sup> Includes 'rent-free' dwellings.

The statistics of Table 27 reflect the higher level of prosperity at the latter decade in both urban and rural areas. In 1951 a higher percentage of homes had indoor plumbing, electricity and furnace heating, and had such conveniences as mechanical refrigerators,