

Subsection 9.—Households, Families and Dwellings*

Households and Families.—Only the principal statistics on households and families recorded at the Census of 1956 are given here—additional summary figures are given in the 1957–58 Year Book at pp. 141–143 and detailed information may be found in 1956 Census Reports 1–13 to 1–20 inclusive.

The total number and average size of households and families for census years 1951 and 1956 are shown in Table 16 for provinces and for cities of 30,000 population or over. These figures show a consistent trend towards larger families in 1956 as compared with 1951, although the average size of household remained relatively stable over the five-year period.

* Census definitions are briefly as follows: **DWELLING.**—A *Dwelling* is defined as a structurally separate set of living premises with private entrance from outside the building, or from a common hallway or stairway inside. A *Single Detached Dwelling* is a house containing one dwelling unit and completely separated from any other building. *Apartments and Flats* include dwelling units in apartment blocks, in duplexes or triplexes, and in structurally converted houses, and living quarters in business premises, schools, etc. In determining the number of *Rooms* in a dwelling, only those suitable for living purposes are included. A *Crowded Dwelling* is defined as one in which the number of persons exceeds the number of rooms occupied.

HOUSEHOLD.—A *Household* is a person or group of persons occupying one dwelling unit, the number of households thus equalling the number of occupied dwellings.

FAMILY.—A *Family* is a husband and wife (with or without children) or a parent with an unmarried child (or children) living together in the same dwelling. Unmarried sons and daughters under 25 years of age and living with their parents are classed as children as well as wards and guardianship children under 21 years of age.

16.—Households and Families, and Persons per Household and Family, by Province and City of 30,000 Population or Over, Census Years 1951 and 1956

Province and City	Households		Families		Persons per Household		Persons per Family	
	1951 ¹	1956 ¹	1951	1956	1951 ¹	1956 ¹	1951	1956
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland	70,980	78,808	74,858	82,128	5.0	5.1	4.4	4.6
St. John's.....	10,572	11,219	11,427	12,163	4.8	4.9	4.0	4.1
Prince Edward Island ...	22,454	22,682	21,381	21,153	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1
Nova Scotia	149,555	162,854	145,127	154,243	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.9
Halifax.....	18,709	21,194	19,016	20,509	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.5
Sydney.....	6,324	6,914	7,080	7,092	4.8	4.5	3.9	4.0
New Brunswick	114,007	120,475	111,639	116,623	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.2
Moncton.....	6,595	8,447	6,424	8,286	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.7
Saint John.....	13,178	13,336	12,224	12,230	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.6
Quebec	858,784	1,001,264	856,041	970,414	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.2
Hull.....	9,324	11,167	9,916	11,240	4.6	4.3	4.0	4.0
Jacques Cartier.....	4,779	6,927	4,908	7,011	4.7	4.8	4.3	4.5
Lachine.....	6,385	8,557	6,751	8,588	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.6
Montreal.....	247,482	285,501	246,389	267,934	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.5
Quebec.....	34,970	38,556	33,830	35,996	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.0
St. Laurent.....	4,976	9,304	5,039	9,148	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.8
Sherbrooke.....	11,543	13,646	11,084	12,595	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.1
Trois Rivières.....	9,528	10,912	9,466	10,464	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.2
Verdun.....	19,806	21,009	20,123	20,293	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.4
Ontario	1,181,126	1,392,491	1,162,772	1,342,572	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.5
Brantford.....	10,373	14,642	9,774	13,494	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.4
Fort William.....	9,297	10,118	9,015	9,926	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.5
Guelph.....	7,104	9,284	7,084	8,597	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.4
Hamilton.....	55,337	63,815	55,764	62,329	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.3
Kingston.....	8,708	12,499	8,485	11,352	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.4
Kitchener.....	11,571	16,074	11,832	15,539	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.4
London.....	26,384	28,962	24,679	25,277	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.3
Oshawa.....	11,225	13,330	11,170	13,355	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.4
Ottawa.....	48,968	56,059	48,811	52,760	3.9	3.8	3.4	3.5
Peterborough.....	10,018	11,632	9,807	10,671	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.5
Port Arthur.....	8,426	9,979	8,082	9,442	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5
St. Catharines.....	10,383	10,971	10,051	10,257	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.3
Sarnia.....	9,380	11,917	8,953	10,980	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.6
Sault Ste. Marie.....	7,856	9,169	8,124	9,127	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.6
Sudbury.....	9,452	11,526	9,978	11,092	4.4	3.9	3.7	3.6
Toronto.....	157,174	157,137	177,984	169,971	4.2	4.1	3.0	3.1
Windsor.....	31,813	33,280	30,855	30,786	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.4

¹ Exclusive of institutions, hotels, camps, etc.