

Dwellings.—Since a census of housing was not taken in 1956, the latest census information on dwellings is for the year 1951. Table 18 indicates the changes that took place in certain dwelling characteristics during the decade 1941 to 1951.

18.—Dwelling 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.
Occupied Dwellings¹	2,575,744	100.0	3,338,315	100.0	762,571	29.6
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 ²	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 dwellings³	148,418	18.4	175,995	16.0	27,577	18.6
Dwellings with—						
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 ⁴	1,342,198	52.1	2,170,815	65.0	828,617	61.7
Bath or shower ⁴	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
Owner-occupied non-farm dwellings reporting a mortgage	275,623	31.2	515,035	32.3	239,412	86.9
Monthly Rent of Tenant-Occupied Non-farm Dwellings—						
Under \$30 ⁵	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

¹ Exclusive of hotels, institutions, camps, etc. ² Includes auto-trailers, houseboats, tents and other miscellaneous types. ³ For cities of 30,000 or over only. ⁴ For exclusive use of household. ⁵ Includes 'rent-free' dwellings.

Statistics relating to household conveniences in 1951 generally reflect an increasing level of prosperity in both urban and rural areas within the 1941-51 period. In 1951 over 60 p.c. more homes had indoor plumbing, electricity and furnace heating than in 1941. There was also a substantial increase in the number of homes equipped with such conveniences as mechanical refrigerators, electric vacuum cleaners, telephones, radios and passenger automobiles. While much of this advance may be attributed to general prosperity, part of the trend is accounted for by increasing urbanization of the Canadian population and the availability of modern conveniences to rural areas. (For later sample-survey figures on household conveniences, see p. 165.)

Subsection 10.—Blind and Deaf Population

A table showing the number of totally blind and totally deaf persons in Canada at the time of the 1951 Census is given in the 1957-58 Year Book at p. 145. Further details on the blind and deaf population may be found in Vol. II of the *Ninth Census of Canada 1951*.