

Subsection 3.—Dwelling and Family Estimates

Annually since 1953 a sample survey on dwellings and household facilities and equipment has been conducted in conjunction with the monthly labour force survey. More than 35,000 households chosen by random sampling methods in about 120 different areas are interviewed. Results of the 1958 survey are presented in Table 22.

22.—Dwelling Characteristics, Sample Survey, May 1958

Characteristics	No.	P.C. of Total	Characteristics	No.	P.C. of Total
Occupied Dwellings ¹	4,173,000	100.0	Dwellings with—concluded		
Single detached.....	2,830,000	67.8	Furnace heating.....	2,544,000	61.0
Apartments, flats.....	1,049,000	25.1	Running water.....	3,551,000	85.1
Single attached.....	294,000	7.1	Flush toilet ²	3,223,000	77.2
Owned.....	2,801,000	67.1	Bath or shower ²	2,976,000	71.3
Rented.....	1,372,000	32.9	Electric or gas range.....	2,981,000	71.4
Rooms per dwelling.....	5.3	...	Electric or gas refrigeration.....	3,599,000	86.2
Persons per dwelling.....	3.9	...	Electric vacuum cleaner.....	2,543,000	60.9
Dwellings with—			Telephone.....	3,284,000	78.7
Electric lighting.....	4,015,000	96.2	Radio.....	4,003,000	95.9
			Passenger automobile.....	2,644,000	63.4

¹ Excludes households in the Yukon and Northwest Territories; households of Indians on reserves; such collective-type households as those living in hotels, large lodging houses, institutions, clubs and camps. ² For exclusive use of household.

Estimates of the number of families in Canada and the provinces are also prepared annually. The estimates for 1957 were based on the estimated population in 1957 and on family data secured from the May 1957 sample survey of the labour force.

The estimated number of families in Canada in June 1957 was 3,849,000, an increase of 143,000 or 3.9 p.c. since the 1956 Census. The average number of persons per family showed no change from the 3.8 persons reported by the 1956 Census and only a slight increase from the 3.7 persons reported by the 1951 Census. The number of children in families increased 293,000 in the year between June 1956 and June 1957 and showed an average annual increase of 218,000 children since June 1951. It is interesting to note that since 1951 there has been an increase in the percentage of families having 3 children or more at home and a decrease in the percentage of families having fewer than 3 children or no children.

23.—Estimates of Family Characteristics, 1957 compared with Censuses of 1951 and 1956

(Excludes the Yukon and Northwest Territories)

Characteristic	Census 1951	Census 1956	Estimate 1957	Increase 1951-56	Increase 1956-57
Population..... No.	13,984,329	16,049,288	16,558,000	2,064,959	508,712
Families..... "	3,282,445	3,705,607	3,849,000	423,162	143,393
Persons per family..... "	3.7	3.8	3.8	0.1	..
Children in families..... "	5,534,372	6,549,733	6,843,000	1,015,361	293,267
Families with—					
No children at home..... p.c.	32.3	31.3	30.8
1 - 2 children..... "	43.3	..	41.8
3 - 4 children..... "	16.7	..	19.2
5 or more children..... "	7.7	..	8.2