

12.—Marital Status of the Population, by Age Group and Sex, Census 1956

Age Group and Sex		Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 15 years	M.	2,663,819	—	—	—	2,663,819
	F.	2,561,391	—	—	—	2,561,391
	T.	5,225,210	—	—	—	5,225,210
15 - 19	M.	580,203	6,382	39	11	586,635
	F.	527,136	48,384	99	47	575,666
	T.	1,107,339	54,766	138	58	1,162,301
20 - 24	M.	409,245	157,574	186	174	567,179
	F.	248,766	311,640	858	667	561,931
	T.	658,011	469,214	1,044	841	1,129,110
25 - 34	M.	318,489	885,563	2,092	2,227	1,208,371
	F.	179,181	1,013,756	8,119	4,995	1,206,051
	T.	497,670	1,899,319	10,211	7,222	2,414,422
35 - 44	M.	140,684	926,988	6,751	3,955	1,078,378
	F.	110,532	914,906	28,368	7,600	1,061,406
	T.	251,216	1,841,894	35,119	11,555	2,139,784
45 - 54	M.	102,230	714,831	16,533	4,068	837,662
	F.	84,348	622,030	62,389	5,436	774,203
	T.	186,578	1,336,861	78,922	9,504	1,611,865
55 - 64	M.	70,075	480,954	33,951	2,645	587,625
	F.	57,006	392,000	115,309	2,221	566,536
	T.	127,081	872,954	149,260	4,866	1,154,161
65 - 69	M.	27,491	180,721	28,427	912	237,551
	F.	21,638	126,693	77,765	466	226,562
	T.	49,129	307,414	106,192	1,378	464,113
70 years or over	M.	43,344	233,628	106,743	944	384,659
	F.	40,561	130,623	223,582	400	395,166
	T.	83,905	364,251	330,325	1,344	779,825
All Ages	M.	4,355,580	3,586,641	194,722	14,936	8,151,879
	F.	3,830,559	3,560,032	516,489	21,832	7,928,912
	T.	8,186,139	7,146,673	711,211	36,768	16,080,791

Subsection 6.—Origins and Birthplaces

Origins.—A population composed of diverse racial stocks gives rise to political, economic and social problems quite different in nature from those of one with a small admixture of foreign elements although, to the extent that certain racial stocks are more readily assimilated than others, the problems are mitigated. It is equally true that the different educational, moral, economic, religious and political backgrounds of a people of mixed origins lend variety and diversity to the national life.

The two basic stocks of the Canadian people are the French and the English; historically the French is much the older and, excepting at the time of the 1921 Census, has always exceeded in numbers any one of the basic British stocks.

For purposes of the census, a person's origin or cultural group is traced through his father. For example if a person's father is German and his mother Norwegian the origin is entered as "German". Wherever possible the origin of a person is established by asking the language spoken by the person or by his paternal ancestor when he first came to Canada.

Census of 1951 data are the latest available on origins of the population.