

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 dwellings ³	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	87.9
\$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.

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 1951 Census of Canada. No later official information will be available until the 1961 Census.

Section 2.—Intercensal Surveys

Subsection 1.—Population Estimates and Movement

Intercensal estimates of the population have many uses. They are necessary to the calculation of costs of certain economic and social legislation. Business, educational and welfare organizations utilize population estimates in planning future development. They constitute a base for vital statistics rates, per capita figures of production and trade, and other analyses. They have proved useful for estimates of labour force and other population characteristics of data collected in sample surveys.

Estimates are constructed for the total population of Canada and for each province and become available about the date to which they apply—June 1 of each year. Population estimates by provinces are also available on a quarterly basis. The estimates of