

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 135 different areas are interviewed. Results of the 1959 survey are presented in Table 22.

22.—Dwelling Characteristics, Sample Survey, May 1959

Characteristic	No.	P.C. of Total	Characteristic	No.	P.C. of Total
Occupied Dwellings ¹'000	4,303	100.0	Dwellings with—concluded		
Single detached.....“	2,894	67.2	Furnace heating.....'000	2,735	63.6
Apartments, flats.....“	1,131	26.3	Running water.....“	3,739	86.9
Single attached.....“	278	6.5	Flush toilet ²“	3,424	79.6
Owned.....“	2,913	67.7	Bath or shower ²“	3,178	73.9
Rented.....“	1,390	32.3	Electric or gas range.....“	3,213	74.7
Rooms per dwelling.....No.	5.3	...	Electric or gas refrigeration.....“	3,833	89.1
Persons per dwelling.....“	3.9	...	Electric washing machine.....“	3,688	85.7
Dwellings with—			Electric vacuum cleaner.....“	2,726	63.4
Electric lighting.....'000	4,164	96.8	Telephone.....“	3,478	80.8
			Radio.....“	4,134	96.1
			Television set.....“	3,206	74.5
			Passenger automobile.....“	2,802	65.1

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 1958 were based on family data secured from the May 1958 sample survey of the labour force and population estimates for 1958.

The estimated number of families in Canada in June 1958 was 3,953,000, an increase of 247,000 or 6.7 p.c. since the 1956 Census. The average number of persons per family showed no change from the 3.8 reported by the 1956 Census and only a slight increase from the 3.7 reported by the 1951 Census. The number of children in families increased by 643,000 in the years between June 1956 and June 1958 and showed an average annual increase of 237,000 since June 1951. It is interesting to note that since 1951 there has been an increase in the percentage of families having three children or more at home and a decrease in the percentage of families having fewer than three children, or no children.

23.—Estimates of Family Characteristics, June 1958 compared with Censuses of 1951 and 1956

(Exclusive of the Yukon and Northwest Territories)

Characteristic	Census 1951	Census 1956	Estimate 1958	Increase 1951-56	Increase 1956-58
Population.....No.	13,984,329	16,049,288	17,015,000	2,064,959	965,712
Families.....“	3,282,445	3,705,607	3,953,000	423,162	247,393
Persons per family.....“	3.7	3.8	3.8	0.1	—
Children in families.....“	5,534,372	6,549,733	7,193,000	1,015,361	643,267
Families with—					
No children at home.....p.c.	32.3	31.3	30.0
1-2 children.....“	43.3	..	41.6
3-4 children.....“	16.7	..	20.0
5 or more children.....“	7.7	..	8.4