

Subsection 4.—Marital Status Estimates

The estimated total population of Canada, excluding the Yukon and Northwest Territories, on June 1, 1958 was 17,015,000, of whom 11,365,700 or 66.8 p.c. were 15 years of age or over. The estimated total of males 15 years of age or over was 5,743,800, of whom 1,765,200 or 30.7 p.c. were single, 3,767,600 or 65.6 p.c. were married and 211,000 or 3.7 p.c. were widowed or divorced. The estimated total of females 15 years of age or over was 5,621,900, of whom 1,308,300 or 23.3 p.c. were single, 3,741,100 or 66.5 p.c. were married and 572,500 or 10.2 p.c. were widowed or divorced.

The trend towards earlier age at marriage during the war and postwar period was reflected in the sharp rise in the proportion married in the age group 15-24 years, where the percentage increased from 8.0 in 1941 to 15.6 in 1958 for males and from 21.5 in 1941 to 33.8 in 1958 for females.

Estimates of marital status also reflect the continuing excess of married males over married females, and the large number of widows as compared with widowers in the population, previously noted as a striking feature in the results of the 1956 Census. It is estimated that in 1958 the number of widows exceeded the number of widowers by 355,000.

24.—Estimated Population classified by Marital Status, Age Group and Sex, as at June 1, 1958

(Exclusive of the Yukon and Northwest Territories)

Age Group and Sex	Single	Married	Widowed or Divorced	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
0 — 14 years.....	M.	2,883,100	—	—	2,883,100
	F.	2,766,200	—	—	2,766,200
	T.	5,649,300	—	—	5,649,300
15 — 24 “	M.	1,046,200	193,100	400	1,239,700
	F.	799,200	407,900	700	1,207,800
	T.	1,845,400	601,000	1,100	2,447,500
25 — 34 “	M.	331,200	921,300	2,600	1,255,100
	F.	188,200	1,030,300	8,700	1,227,200
	T.	519,400	1,951,600	11,300	2,482,300
35 — 44 “	M.	142,900	970,000	11,200	1,124,100
	F.	110,000	972,300	34,600	1,116,900
	T.	252,900	1,942,300	45,800	2,241,000
45 — 54 “	M.	102,800	761,700	20,300	884,800
	F.	87,500	667,700	73,000	828,200
	T.	190,300	1,429,400	93,300	1,713,000
55 — 64 “	M.	71,400	499,500	35,600	606,500
	F.	59,400	392,300	139,200	590,900
	T.	130,800	891,800	174,800	1,197,400
65 years or over.....	M.	70,700	422,000	140,900	633,600
	F.	64,000	270,600	316,300	650,900
	T.	134,700	692,600	457,200	1,284,500
All Ages.....	M.	4,648,300	3,767,600	211,000	8,626,900
	F.	4,074,500	3,741,100	572,500	8,388,100
	T.	8,722,800	7,508,700	783,500	17,015,000