

All public libraries in Canada are experiencing increased demands for their services, especially from children of five to 14 years of age who, representing 20 p.c. of the population, borrowed 46 p.c. of all the books circulated in 1957. Stocks of books, pamphlets and periodicals are increasing, and new buildings, extensions and remodellings are being planned, although expansion is limited by a shortage of professional librarians.

DBS surveys of libraries for the year 1958 covered provincial public library services, regional and co-operative libraries and public libraries in centres with over 10,000 population. The data thus secured was supplemented by information from provincial officials on libraries in smaller centres. Table 1 represents estimates for all public libraries in Canada.

1.—Summary Statistics for All Public Libraries, 1958

Province and Service	Population in Area Served (Census 1956) ¹	Libraries	Stocks of Books, Periodicals and Pamphlets	Circulation	Current Operating Payments	Full-Time Staff
	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	No.
Newfoundland—						
Provincial.....	415,000	1	269,037	..	131,465	29
Prince Edward Island—						
Provincial.....	100,000	1	102,030	195,625	40,212	7
Municipal.....	16,707	1	23,307	53,114	15,937	4
Nova Scotia—						
Regional.....	351,589	5	236,890	1,364,344	306,168	56
Municipal.....	55,810	3	26,474	89,033	7,269	3
New Brunswick—						
Provincial.....		1	19,960	49,495	..	7
Regional.....	40,000	1	29,360	108,494	25,482	5
Municipal.....	144,425	3	117,126	370,108	103,372	19
Quebec—						
Provincial.....	100,000	3	281,841	128,204	130,401	30
Municipal and Association.....	1,945,964	45	1,439,599	2,789,277	1,038,786	188
Ontario—						
Provincial.....	408,488	1	70,500	75,000	52,400	7
Co-operative and Regional.....	1,055,634	15	321,766	2,049,937	280,603	36
Municipal and Association.....	4,040,811	489	6,355,396	23,552,156	6,732,051	1,111
Manitoba—						
Provincial.....	270,000	1	30,000	90,000	45,075	8
Regional.....	5,400	2	5,569	11,730	16,294	2
Municipal and Association.....	416,079	10	305,922	1,735,933	508,973	82
Saskatchewan—						
Provincial.....	508,029	1	100,300	128,822	106,012	22
Regional.....	51,007	1	51,674	123,396	76,115	5
Municipal and Association.....	329,629	75	407,671	1,530,295	533,433	83
Alberta—						
Provincial.....	500,000	1	49,659	152,410	55,057	12
Regional.....	24,000	2	41,882	121,322	22,559	3
Municipal and Association.....	638,578	145	716,484	2,740,365	834,798	151
British Columbia—						
Provincial.....	260,000	1	170,975	233,289	152,083	29
Regional.....	346,369	3	306,566	1,910,091	343,425	42
Municipal and Association.....	836,890	48	946,324	5,711,147	1,773,733	317
Yukon and Northwest Territories— ²						
Association.....	9,376	7	22,840	15,466	2,820	—
Totals, Provincial.....	2,561,517	11	1,094,302	1,052,845	712,705	151
Totals, Regional and Co-operative...	1,873,999	29	993,707	5,689,314	1,070,646	149
Totals, Municipal and Association...	8,434,269	826	10,361,143	38,586,894	11,551,172	1,958
Grand Totals, 1958.....	12,853,078³	866	12,449,152	45,329,053	13,334,523	2,258
Grand Totals, 1957.....	12,423,981	870	11,328,188	41,939,109	12,359,540	2,067

¹ For total population in each province, see p. 174.

² 1956 figures.

³ Excludes duplication.