

International, national and regional unions had together a membership of more than 1,381,000, distributed among 161 organizations ranging in size from eight members to the 80,000-member United Steelworkers of America. The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America retained its position as the second largest union in Canada with nearly 70,000 members, followed by the 60,000-member International Union, United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America. The National Union of Public Employees, with a membership of nearly 43,000, was the largest national union in Canada in 1959, surpassing the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers, which was in first place in 1958.

The grand total of nearly 1,460,000 members reported by labour organizations in 1959 to the Canadian Department of Labour amounted to approximately 33 p.c. of the estimated total number of non-agricultural paid workers in Canada.

33.—Union Membership in Canada, 1930-59

Year	Members	Year	Members	Year	Members
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1930	322	1940	362	1951 ¹	1,029
1931	311	1941	462	1952	1,146
1932	283	1942	578	1953	1,220
1933	286	1943	665	1954	1,268
1934	281	1944	724	1955	1,268
1935	281	1945	711	1956	1,352
1936	323	1946	832	1957	1,386
1937	383	1947	912	1958	1,454
1938	382	1948	978	1959	1,459 ²
1939	359	1949 ²	1,006		

¹ Figures for years up to and including 1949 are as at Dec. 31; figures from 1951 are as at Jan. 1. ² Newfoundland is included from 1949. ³ Adjustment in coverage resulted in net addition of approximately 23,000 members for the first time.

34.—Union Membership, by Type of Union and Affiliation, as at Jan. 1, 1959

Type and Affiliation	Unions	Locals	Membership
	No.	No.	No.
International Unions	110	4,303	1,055,690
American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations/Canadian Labour Congress.....	84	3,854	897,110
Canadian Labour Congress only.....	6	118	59,079
American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations only.....	12	57	18,699
Unaffiliated Railway Brotherhoods.....	2	127	9,808
Other unaffiliated unions.....	6	147	70,994
National and Regional Unions	51	2,007	325,892
Canadian Labour Congress.....	20	1,345	162,604
Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labour.....	13	399	89,693
Unaffiliated unions.....	18	263	73,595
Totals, International, National and Regional Unions	161	6,310	1,381,582
Directly Chartered Local Unions	348	348	42,362
Canadian Labour Congress.....	288	288	34,963
Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labour.....	60	60	7,399
Independent Local Organizations	105	105	34,632
Grand Totals	614	6,763	1,458,576