

8.—Incorporated Cities, Towns and Villages having Populations of 1,000 or Over in 1956, by Province, with Comparable Data for 1951—concluded

Province and Incorporated Centre	1951	1956	Province or Territory and Incorporated Centre	1951	1956
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Alberta—concluded			British Columbia—concluded		
St. Albert.....	1,129	1,320	Lake Cowichan.....	1,628	1,949
St. Paul.....	1,407	2,229	Langley.....	1	2,131
Stettler.....	2,442	3,359	Lillooet.....	469	1,083
Stony Plain.....	878	1,098	Merritt.....	1,251	1,790
Sylvan Lake.....	985	1,114	Mission City.....	2,668	3,010
Taber.....	3,042	3,688	Nanaimo.....	7,196	12,705
Three Hills.....	1,026	1,095	Nelson.....	6,772	7,226
Vegreville.....	2,223	2,574	New Westminster.....	28,639	31,665
Vermilion.....	1,982	2,196	North Kamloops.....	1,979	4,398
Yulcan.....	1,040	1,204	North Vancouver.....	15,687	19,951
Wainwright.....	1,996	2,653	Oliver.....	1,000	1,147
Westlock.....	1,111	1,136	Parksville.....	882	1,112
Wetaskiwin.....	3,824	4,476	Penticton.....	10,548	11,894
			Port Alberni.....	7,845	10,373
			Port Coquitlam.....	3,232	4,632
British Columbia—			Port Moody.....	2,246	2,713
Alberni.....	3,323	3,947	Prince George.....	4,703	10,563
Armstrong.....	1,126	1,197	Prince Rupert.....	8,546	10,498
Burns Lake.....	801	1,016	Princeton.....	1	2,245
Campbell River.....	1,986	3,069	Quesnel.....	1,587	4,384
Castlegar.....	1,329	1,705	Revelstoke.....	2,917	3,469
Chilliwack.....	5,663	7,297	Rosland.....	4,604	4,344
Comox.....	714	1,191	Salmon Arm.....	1,201	1,344
Courtenay.....	2,553	3,025	Sidney.....	1	1,371
Cranbrook.....	3,621	4,562	Smithers.....	1,204	1,962
Creston.....	1,626	1,844	Squamish.....	589	1,292
Cumberland.....	971	1,039	Terrace.....	961	1,473
Dawson Creek.....	3,589	7,531	Trail.....	11,430	11,395
Duncan.....	2,784	3,247	Vancouver.....	344,833	365,844
Fernie.....	2,551	2,808	Vanderhoof.....	644	1,085
Fort St. John.....	884	1,908	Vernon.....	7,822	8,998
Grand Forks.....	1,646	1,995	*Victoria.....	51,331	54,584
Hope.....	1,668	2,226	Warfield.....	1	2,051
Kamloops.....	8,099	9,096	Williams Lake.....	913	1,790
Kelowna.....	8,517	9,181			
Kimberley.....	5,933	5,774	Yukon Territory—		
Kinnaird.....	947	1,305	*Whitehorse.....	2,594	2,570
Ladysmith.....	2,094	2,107			

¹ Not incorporated in 1951. ² Towns of Corner Brook E., Corner Brook W. and Curling amalgamated to form part of Corner Brook city Jan. 1, 1956. ³ Rural district in 1951. ⁴ Rural municipality of St. Léonard de Port Maurice in 1951. ⁵ Rural municipality in 1951. ⁶ Previous to 1953 called Lac Ste. Louis. ⁷ Rural municipality of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies in 1951. ⁸ Rural municipality of St. Joseph in 1951. ⁹ Previous to June 16, 1951 called Beauport E. ¹⁰ Improvement district in 1951.

Subsection 4.—Sex and Age Distribution

Sex.—The sex distribution of the Canadian people has been characterized since early colonial times by a preponderance of males although this condition has been greatly modified in more recent years. In 1666 during the early years of settlement by French immigrants 63.3 p.c. of the population were males. In 1784, when British immigration to Canada was commencing, there were 54,064 males and 50,759 females and by the middle of the nineteenth century there were 449,967 males to 440,294 females in Lower Canada and 499,067 males to 452,937 females in the more newly settled Upper Canada.

Since Confederation the newer sections of Canada—the west and the northwest—have shown the greatest excess of males. From 1871 to 1941, for Canada as a whole, the proportion of males never dropped below 51 p.c. of the total population whereas for Western Canada it varied between 53 p.c. and 59 p.c. By 1951, however, the proportion of males to the total population had dropped to 50.6 p.c. for Canada as a whole and in 1956 was 50.7 p.c.