

Subsection 4.—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 160 different areas are interviewed. Results of the 1960 survey are presented in Table 20.

20.—Dwelling Characteristics, Sample Survey, May 1960

Characteristic	No.	P.C. of Total	Characteristic	No.	P.C. of Total
Occupied Dwellings ¹'000	4,404	100.0	Dwellings with—concluded		
Single detached.....“	2,906	66.0	Running water.....'000	3,940	89.5
Apartments, flats.....“	1,214	27.6	Flush toilet.....“	3,737	84.9
Single attached.....“	284	6.4	Bath or shower ²“	3,375	76.6
Owned.....“	2,978	67.6	Electric or gas range.....“	3,408	77.4
Rented.....“	1,426	32.4	Electric or gas refrigeration.....“	4,010	91.1
Rooms per dwelling.....No.	5.4	...	Electric washing machine.....“	3,822	86.8
Persons per dwelling.....“	3.9	...	Electric vacuum cleaner.....“	2,974	67.5
Dwellings with—			Telephone.....“	3,667	83.3
Furnace heating.....'000	2,921	66.3	Radio.....“	4,236	96.2
			Television set.....“	3,550	80.6
			Passenger automobile.....“	2,931	66.6

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 1959 were based on family data secured from the May 1959 sample survey of the labour force and population estimates for 1959.

The estimated number of families in Canada in June 1959 was 4,038,000, an increase of 332,000 or 9.0 p.c. since the 1956 Census. The average number of persons per family was 3.9 compared with 3.8 in 1956 and 3.7 in 1951. The number of children in families increased by 930,000 in the years between June 1956 and June 1959 and showed an average annual increase of 243,000 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.

21.—Estimates of Family Characteristics, June 1959 compared with Censuses of 1951 and 1956

(Exclusive of the Yukon and Northwest Territories)

Characteristic	Census 1951	Census 1956	Estimate 1959	Increase 1951-56	Increase 1956-59
Population.....No.	13,984,329	16,049,288	17,408,000	2,064,959	1,358,712
Families.....“	3,282,445	3,705,607	4,038,000	423,162	332,393
Persons per family.....“	3.7	3.8	3.9	0.1	0.1
Children in families.....“	5,534,372	6,549,733	7,480,000	1,015,361	930,267
Families with—					
No children at home.....p.c.	32.3	31.3	29.4
1-2 children.....“	43.3	..	41.5
3-4 children.....“	16.7	..	20.6
5 or more children.....“	7.7	..	8.5