

A Departmental census of Indian population is taken every five years; the numbers recorded at the censuses of 1949, 1954 and 1959 are given in Table 2. The 1960 figures are taken from band membership lists kept for administrative purposes by the Indian Affairs Branch.

2.—Indian Population, by Province, Departmental Censuses 1949, 1954 and 1959, and at Dec. 31, 1960¹

Province	1949	1954	1959	1960 ¹	Province or Territory	1949	1954	1959	1960 ¹
	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.
P. E. Island.....	273	272	341	343	Alberta.....	13,805	15,715	19,287	20,053
Nova Scotia.....	2,641	3,002	3,561	3,630	British Columbia...	27,936	31,086	36,229	37,375
New Brunswick.....	2,139	2,629	3,183	3,280	Yukon Territory....	1,443	1,568	1,868	1,923
Quebec.....	15,970	17,574	20,453	21,154	Northwest Territories.....	3,772	4,023	4,598	4,758
Ontario.....	34,571	37,255	42,668	43,767	Canada.....	136,407	151,558	179,126	185,169
Manitoba.....	17,549	19,684	23,658	24,608					
Saskatchewan.....	16,308	18,750	23,280	24,278					

¹ Figures from Indian Affairs Branch records.

The 1959 Indian population in each province is classified by age group and sex in Table 3. The rapid growth of that population in recent years is indicated by the fact that in 1959 more than 56 p.c. of the Indians were under 21 years of age compared with 42 p.c. of the population of Canada as a whole. Religious denominations of the Indian population are given in Table 4.

3.—Indian Population classified by Age Group and Sex, by Province, Departmental Census 1959

Province or Territory	0-5 Years		6-15 Years		16-20 Years		21-64 Years	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	36	28	32	36	23	17	80	66
Nova Scotia.....	329	291	462	460	177	162	763	645
New Brunswick.....	363	335	414	404	144	146	673	549
Quebec.....	1,805	1,851	2,314	2,293	918	945	4,764	4,280
Ontario.....	4,057	3,992	5,224	5,108	1,989	2,049	9,220	8,147
Manitoba.....	2,765	2,709	3,195	3,121	1,148	1,127	4,633	3,916
Saskatchewan.....	2,888	2,867	3,063	3,080	1,071	1,098	4,334	3,956
Alberta.....	2,386	2,313	2,563	2,661	901	980	3,537	3,110
British Columbia.....	3,955	3,994	4,866	4,740	1,808	1,840	7,235	6,214
Yukon Territory.....	215	191	215	258	83	89	380	332
Northwest Territories.....	428	485	566	527	203	223	1,002	869
Totals.....	19,227	19,056	22,914	22,688	8,465	8,676	36,621	32,084
	65-69 Years		70 + Years		Not Stated		All Ages	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	2	2	5	5	2	7	180	161
Nova Scotia.....	34	23	57	45	47	66	1,869	1,692
New Brunswick.....	23	17	41	33	16	25	1,674	1,509
Quebec.....	242	159	354	345	47	136	10,444	10,009
Ontario.....	403	343	788	699	213	436	21,894	20,774
Manitoba.....	179	149	317	320	15	64	12,252	11,406
Saskatchewan.....	194	136	290	254	6	43	11,846	11,434
Alberta.....	170	90	243	216	43	74	9,843	9,444
British Columbia.....	293	226	542	460	10	46	18,709	17,520
Yukon Territory.....	8	21	37	37	—	2	938	930
Northwest Territories.....	57	36	77	86	16	23	2,349	2,249
Totals.....	1,605	1,202	2,751	2,500	415	922	91,998	87,128