

Section 2.—Highways, Roads and Streets

Highways and Roads.—The populated sections of Canada are well supplied with highways and roads. Access to outlying settlements is provided to some extent by roads built by logging, pulp and paper, and mining companies, although these are not generally available for public travel. At the same time, great areas of Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairie Provinces, British Columbia and the Territories are very sparsely settled and are virtually without roads of any kind.

At the end of 1960, the mileage of highways and rural roads in Canada was 421,448, a decrease of 1,587 miles from the 423,035 reported in 1959. The main reasons for the decrease were the exclusion in 1960 of some mining roads not open to public traffic and the elimination of some unused road allowance. The total of 421,448 miles includes all roads under provincial jurisdiction, federal roads, and local roads under municipal jurisdiction other than the milages in metropolitan areas and urban centres of more than 1,000 population. The latter are given separately under the heading of "Urban Streets", p. 785.

1.—Highway and Rural Road Mileage classified by Type and by Province, 1959 and 1960

NOTE.—Excludes urban streets but includes milages under jurisdiction of rural and small urban municipalities; excludes milages of all roads on Indian reservations except those of flexible pavement.

Year and Classification	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles
1959												
Surfaced.....	3,851	2,335	12,435	13,198	41,354	68,310	23,139	33,566	46,332	22,239	1,853	268,712
Rigid pavement	—	14	7	4	510 ^r	1,481 ^r	196 ^r	—	6	15	—	2,233 ^r
Flexible pavement.....	278	642	2,835	3,322	11,588 ^r	12,955 ^r	2,160 ^r	2,222	3,500	4,232	8	43,742 ^r
Gravel.....	3,573	1,679	9,593	9,872	29,256	53,874	20,783	31,344	42,876	18,042	1,845	222,737
Earth.....	3,022	915	2,939	—	11,234	4,511	16,271	85,368	21,265	8,536	262	154,323
Totals, 1959..	6,873	3,250	15,374	13,198	52,588	72,821	39,410	118,934	67,647	30,825	2,115	423,035
1960												
Surfaced.....	3,968	2,406	13,059	13,424	43,096	69,968	23,526	36,716	49,607	18,085	2,042	275,897
Rigid pavement	—	14	7	3	284	1,392	221	—	7	46	3	1,977
Flexible pavement. ...	380	754	3,182	3,390	12,520	14,779	2,234	2,525	3,774	5,097	5	48,640
Gravel.....	3,588	1,638	9,870	10,031	30,292	53,797	21,071	34,191	45,826	12,942	2,034	225,280
Earth.....	3,020	832	2,589	—	10,708	4,618	12,087	83,344	19,453	8,644	256	145,551
Totals, 1960..	6,988	3,238	15,648	13,424	53,804	74,586	35,613	120,060	69,060	26,729	2,298	421,448

Total expenditures on highways and rural roads in the year ended Mar. 31, 1961 was \$794,873,201, an amount 4.1 p.c. lower than that for the previous fiscal year; construction expenditures decreased by 4.0 p.c. and maintenance costs were 1.1 p.c. lower. Table 2 shows expenditure by province and the federal-provincial-municipal distribution of such expenditure for the years ended Mar. 31, 1957-61.