

4.—Land Area and Density of Population, by Province, Census Years 1951, 1956 and 1961

Province or Territory	Land Area	Population 1951		Population 1956		Population 1961	
		Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile
	sq. miles	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland (incl. Labrador).....	143,045	361,416	2.53	415,074	2.90	457,853	3.20
Prince Edward Island.....	2,184	98,429	45.07	99,285	45.46	104,629	47.91
Nova Scotia.....	20,402	642,584	31.50	694,717	34.05	737,007	36.12
New Brunswick.....	27,835	515,697	18.53	554,616	19.93	597,936	21.48
Quebec.....	523,860	4,065,681	7.74	4,628,378	8.84	5,259,211	10.04
Ontario.....	344,082	4,597,542	13.36	5,404,933	15.71	6,236,092	18.12
Manitoba.....	211,775	776,541	3.67	850,040	4.01	921,686	4.35
Saskatchewan.....	220,182	831,728	3.78	880,665	4.00	925,181	4.20
Alberta.....	248,800	939,501	3.78	1,123,116	4.51	1,331,944	5.35
British Columbia.....	359,279	1,165,210	3.24	1,398,464	3.89	1,629,082	4.53
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories).....	2,101,454	13,384,329	6.65	16,649,268	7.64	18,200,621	8.66
Yukon Territory.....	205,346	9,096	0.04	12,190	0.06	14,628	0.07
Northwest Territories.....	1,253,438	16,004	0.01	19,313	0.02	22,998	0.02
Canada.....	3,560,238	14,009,429	3.93	16,080,791	4.52	18,238,247	5.12

The density of each county and census division is given in DBS Census Report 1.1-11 (Catalogue No. 92-540); the density in each of the five largest metropolitan areas in 1951 and 1961 was as follows:—

Metropolitan Area	1951		1961	
	Population	Density per Sq. Mile	Population	Density per Sq. Mile
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Montreal—				
City proper.....	1,021,520	20,268	1,191,062	25,256
Fringe area.....	450,331	2,754	918,447	2,057
Toronto—				
City proper.....	675,754	19,374	672,407	19,234
Fringe area.....	534,599	2,583	1,152,074	1,493
Vancouver—				
City proper.....	344,833	7,891	384,522	8,298
Fringe area.....	217,127	767	405,643	872
Winnipeg—				
City proper.....	235,710	9,428	265,429	10,803
Fringe area.....	121,103	645	210,560	879
Ottawa—				
City proper.....	202,045	4,446	268,206	5,902
Fringe area.....	90,431	2,475	181,544	558

Subsection 3.—Rural and Urban Population

For the 1961 Census, all cities, towns and villages of 1,000 or more population, whether incorporated or not, were classed as urban; also classed as urban were the urbanized fringes of census metropolitan and other large urban areas, and the urbanized fringes of certain smaller cities where the city and fringe totalled 10,000 or more persons. The remainder of the population was classed as rural.

Table 5 classifies the 1961 rural population according to farm and non-farm residence and the urban population by size groups; in the latter classification, each municipality (or part) in an urbanized area is allocated to the same size group as the total urbanized area of which it forms a part. The figures show that, in 1961, almost 70 p.c. of Canada's population were urban dwellers and 53 p.c. lived in or on the fringes of urban centres having a population of 30,000 or more. Only about 12 p.c. lived on farms.