

Subsection 3.—Urban and Rural Population

For the 1961 and 1966 Censuses, 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 with a further subdivision according to farm and non-farm residence. A farm for census purposes is defined as an agricultural holding of one or more acres with sales of agricultural products of \$50 or more in the previous year. All persons living on such holdings in rural areas are classed as "rural farm" regardless of their occupation. Thus, the population living on "farms" would include some persons not connected with farming operations but who derive their income from non-agricultural pursuits. Conversely, it would exclude farm operators and their families who do not live on their holdings (e.g., in a neighbouring town or village).

Table 6 classifies the 1961 and 1966 rural populations according to non-farm and farm residence and the urban populations 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 1966, almost 74 p.c. of Canada's population were urban dwellers and 54 p.c. lived in or on the fringes of urban centres having a population of 30,000 or more. Only about 10 p.c. lived on farms.

6.—Rural Population classified as Farm and Non-farm, and Urban Population classified by Size Group, by Province, Censuses 1961 and 1966

Province or Territory	Urban					Rural		
	1,000 to 9,999	10,000 to 29,999	30,000 to 99,999	100,000 or Over	Total	Non- farm	Farm	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1961								
Newfoundland.....	98,614	48,214	85,192	—	232,020	216,756	9,077	225,833
Prince Edward Island.....	15,591	18,318	—	—	33,909	36,206	34,514	70,720
Nova Scotia.....	75,163	49,065	—	276,284	400,512	279,663	56,832	336,495
New Brunswick.....	80,287	61,815	135,911	—	278,013	267,658	62,265	319,923
Quebec.....	606,355	277,549	384,628	2,637,872	3,906,404	787,981	564,826	1,352,807
Ontario.....	631,870	297,834	934,870	2,958,955	4,823,529	906,864	505,699	1,412,563
Manitoba.....	71,995	51,100	—	465,712	588,807	161,407	171,472	332,879
Saskatchewan.....	109,076	48,142	128,732	112,141	398,091	222,418	304,672	527,090
Alberta.....	158,319	44,096	35,454	605,342	843,211	202,910	285,823	488,733
British Columbia.....	161,256	152,978	—	867,691	1,181,925	369,617	77,540	447,157
Yukon Territory.....	5,031	—	—	—	5,031	9,550	47	9,597
Northwest Territories.....	8,938	—	—	—	8,938	14,042	18	14,060
Canada.....	2,022,495	1,049,111	1,704,787	7,923,997	12,700,390	3,465,072	2,072,785	5,537,857
1966								
Newfoundland.....	146,937	27,116	92,636	—	266,689	218,252	8,455	226,707
Prince Edward Island.....	3,754	35,993	—	—	39,747	37,947	30,841	68,788
Nova Scotia.....	94,080	50,953	—	293,874	438,907	271,881	45,251	317,132
New Brunswick.....	82,169	54,351	175,705	—	312,225	253,059	51,504	304,563
Quebec.....	641,956	303,239	527,410	3,052,509	4,525,114	762,164	493,667	1,255,731
Ontario.....	699,643	297,806	919,866	3,676,125	5,593,440	885,735	481,695	1,367,430
Manitoba.....	93,123	52,667	—	500,258	646,048	157,146	159,872	317,018
Saskatchewan.....	118,227	69,664	33,417	247,019	468,327	207,375	279,642	487,017
Alberta.....	195,690	63,162	37,186	711,369	1,007,407	178,198	277,698	455,796
British Columbia.....	222,322	200,021	—	988,150	1,410,493	377,984	85,197	463,181
Yukon Territory.....	6,828	—	—	—	6,828	7,492	62	7,554
Northwest Territories.....	11,534	—	—	—	11,534	17,174	30	17,204
Canada.....	2,316,263	1,154,972	1,786,220	9,469,304	14,726,759	3,374,407	1,913,714	5,288,121