

Birthplaces.—Table 16 gives the total population of Canada classified by country of birth for the census years 1941, 1951 and 1961, and Table 17 shows the province of birth of Canadian-born persons for the same years. For immigrants, the country of birth was recorded according to boundaries existing at the date of the census. Information on birthplaces was not collected in the 1956 or 1966 Censuses.

16.—Country of Birth of the Population, Census Years 1941, 1951 and 1961

Country	1941 ¹	1951	1961	
	No.	No.	No.	p.c.
Canada.....	9,487,808	11,949,518	15,393,984	84.4
British Isles.....	960,125 ²	912,482	969,715	5.3
Other Commonwealth.....	43,644	20,567	47,887	0.3
Europe.....	653,705	801,618	1,468,058	8.0
Austria.....	50,713	37,598	70,192	0.4
Czechoslovakia.....	25,564	29,646	35,743	0.2
France.....	13,795	15,650	36,103	0.2
Germany.....	28,479	42,693	189,131	1.0
Greece.....	5,871	8,594	38,017	0.2
Hungary.....	31,813	32,929	72,900	0.4
Italy.....	40,432	57,789	258,071	1.4
Netherlands.....	9,923	41,457	135,033	0.7
Poland.....	155,400	164,474	171,467	0.9
Scandinavian countries ³	72,473	64,522	74,616	0.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	124,402	188,292	186,653	1.0
Yugoslavia.....	17,416	20,912	50,826	0.3
Other European.....	77,424	97,162	149,306	0.8
Asia.....	44,443	37,145	57,761	0.3
China.....	29,095	24,166	36,724	0.2
Other Asian.....	15,348	12,979	21,037	0.1
United States.....	312,473	282,010	283,908	1.6
Other countries.....	3,512	6,089	16,934	0.1
Totals.....	11,506,655⁴	14,009,429	18,238,247	100.0

¹ Excludes Newfoundland, Norway and Sweden.

² Includes the Republic of Ireland.

³ Includes Denmark, Iceland,

⁴ Includes persons whose birthplace was not stated.

17.—Province of Birth of Canadian-Born Persons, Census Years 1941, 1951 and 1961

Province	1941	1951	1961	Province or Territory	1941	1951	1961
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
Nfld.....	..	397,623	497,591	Sask.....	667,832	817,404	1,030,755
P.E.I.....	108,423	117,310	130,123	Alta.....	479,098	649,594	965,425
N.S.....	568,797	660,150	783,848	B.C.....	335,554	514,651	843,596
N.B.....	463,127	549,984	655,066	Y.T. and N.W.T.....	12,267	16,654	26,028
Que.....	3,155,549	3,881,487	4,916,024	Canada.....	9,487,808¹	11,949,518	15,393,984
Ont.....	3,123,810	3,645,074	4,667,159				
Man.....	570,349	699,587	878,369				

¹ Includes persons born in Canada whose province of birth was not stated.

Subsection 8.—Religious Denominations

In the 1961 Census, enumerators were instructed to record the specific religious body, denomination, sect or community reported in answer to the question: "What is your religion?". Thus, it should be noted that census figures do not measure church membership or indicate the degree of affiliation with any religious body. As shown in Table 18, close to eight out of ten persons in Canada stated that they belonged to one of the three numerically largest denominations—Roman Catholic, United Church and Anglican—in 1961. The table gives comparative figures for the census years 1941 and 1951; this information was not collected in the 1956 or 1966 Censuses.