

Section 3.—The Native Peoples of Canada

The Indians*

More than 218,000 Canadians are registered as Indians by the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Registered Indians include all persons descended in the male line from a paternal ancestor of Indian identity, who have chosen to remain under Indian legislation. They are grouped, for the most part, into 558 bands and occupy or have access to 2,274 reserves or settlements having a total area of 6,000,735 acres.

22.—Indian Land in Reserves and Settlements and Number of Bands, by Province, as at Mar. 31, 1967

Province or Territory	Bands		Reserves		Settlements		Total Area
	No.	No.	acres	No.	acres	acres	
Prince Edward Island.....	1	4	2,741	—	—	2,741	
Nova Scotia.....	11	38	25,571	—	—	25,571	
New Brunswick.....	15	22	37,584	—	—	37,584	
Quebec.....	41	26	180,957	13	7,241	188,198	
Ontario.....	112	166	1,539,443	5	427	1,539,870	
Manitoba.....	51	101	522,289	—	—	522,289	
Saskatchewan.....	67	123	1,224,991	—	—	1,224,991	
Alberta.....	41	92	1,607,480	4	217	1,607,697	
British Columbia.....	190	1,625	844,794	—	—	844,794	
Yukon Territory.....	13	—	—	26	4,847	4,847	
Northwest Territories.....	16	—	—	29	2,153	2,153	
Totals.....	558	2,197	5,985,850	77	14,885	6,000,735	

A Departmental census of Indian population taken every five years was discontinued after 1959. The numbers recorded at the three latest censuses—1949, 1954 and 1959—are given in Table 23; the figures for 1961, 1963, 1965 and 1966 are taken from data kept for administrative purposes by the Indian Affairs Branch.

* Revised in the Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa.

23.—Indian Population, by Province, Departmental Censuses 1949, 1954 and 1959 and Estimates as at Dec. 31, 1961, 1963, 1965 and 1966

Province or Territory	1949	1954	1959	1961	1963	1965*	1966
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	273	272	341	348	374	393	401
Nova Scotia.....	2,641	3,002	3,561	3,746	3,935	4,099	4,189
New Brunswick.....	2,139	2,629	3,183	3,397	3,629	3,824	3,905
Quebec.....	15,970	17,574	20,453	21,703	23,043	24,446	25,083
Ontario.....	34,511	37,255	42,668	44,942	47,260	49,556	50,608
Manitoba.....	17,549	19,684	23,658	25,681	27,778	29,996	31,009
Saskatchewan.....	16,308	18,750	23,280	25,334	27,672	30,086	31,297
Alberta.....	13,805	15,715	19,287	20,931	22,738	24,587	25,396
British Columbia.....	27,936	31,086	36,229	38,616	40,990	43,250	44,280
Yukon Territory.....	1,443	1,568	1,868	2,006	2,142	2,292	2,350
Northwest Territories.....	3,772	4,023	4,598	4,915	5,235	5,569	5,738
Totals.....	136,407	151,558	179,126	191,709	204,796	218,098	224,236