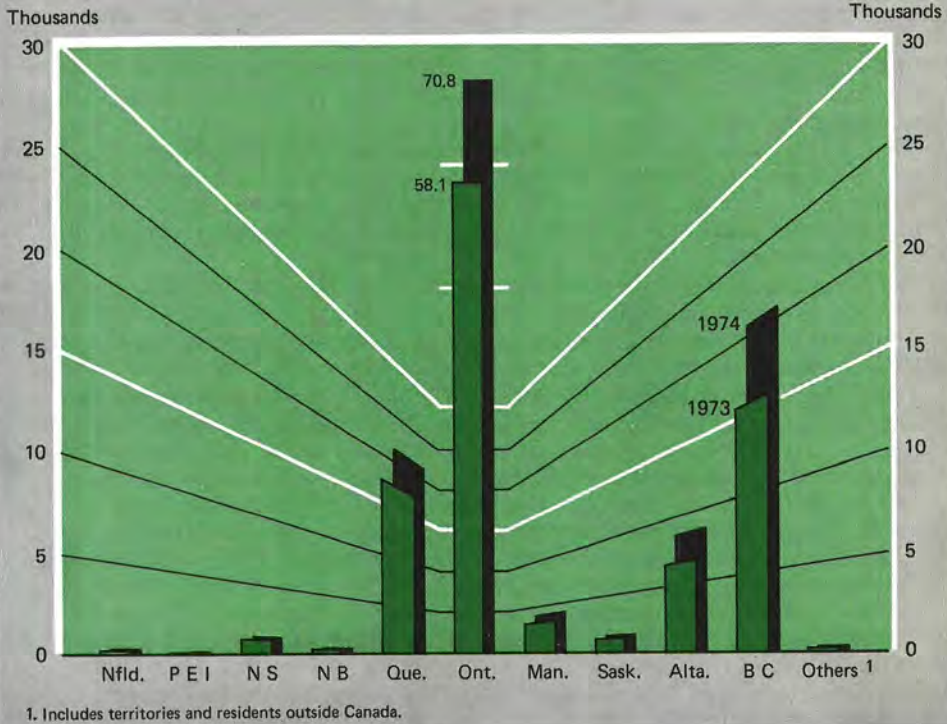


Citizenship certificates granted by place of residence, 1973 and 1974



voluntarily, when in Canada, the citizenship of a foreign country (other than by marriage); taken or made an oath, affirmation or other declaration of allegiance to a foreign country; made a declaration renouncing his Canadian citizenship; or obtained Canadian citizenship by false representation or fraud or by concealment of material circumstances. Where in the opinion of the Minister a doubt exists as to whether a person has ceased to be a Canadian citizen, the Minister may refer the question to the commission referred to in the Citizenship Act for a ruling and the decision of the commission or the court, as the case may be, shall be final.

Citizenship statistics. Citizenship certificates are "issued" for various reasons to persons who are already Canadian citizens; certificates are "granted" to those who become Canadian citizens by the grant of such certificates. In 1974, 137,272 certificates were issued and 130,278 granted. Of the latter 53,284 went to British subjects and 76,994 to aliens.

3.2.5 Native peoples

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The federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is responsible for meeting statutory obligations toward the Indian people registered under the Indian Act and for programs approved specifically for them.

The Department's Community Affairs Branch assists with the physical development of Indian communities, which involves planning, housing, water, sanitation, electricity and the construction and maintenance of roads on reserves. Indian participation in these activities as well as in services such as school maintenance, fire and police protection and local government is increasing as the concept of band management is extended. In 1974-75, \$45 million was