

2.6 Total population, Canada and provinces, selected years (thousands)

| Year | Nfld. | PEI | NS | NB | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | BC | YT | NWT | Canada |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|------|------|----------|
| 1921 | — | 88.6 | 523.8 | 387.9 | 2,360.5 | 2,933.7 | 610.1 | 757.5 | 588.5 | 524.6 | 4.1 | 8.1 | 8,787.8 |
| 1931 | — | 88.0 | 512.8 | 408.2 | 2,874.7 | 3,431.7 | 700.1 | 921.8 | 731.6 | 694.3 | 4.2 | 9.3 | 10,376.7 |
| 1941 | — | 95.0 | 578.0 | 457.4 | 3,331.9 | 3,787.7 | 729.7 | 896.0 | 796.2 | 817.8 | 5.0 | 12.0 | 11,506.7 |
| 1951 | 361.4 | 98.4 | 642.6 | 515.7 | 4,055.7 | 4,597.6 | 776.5 | 831.7 | 939.5 | 1,165.2 | 9.1 | 16.0 | 14,009.4 |
| 1956 | 415.1 | 99.3 | 694.7 | 554.6 | 4,628.4 | 5,404.9 | 850.0 | 880.7 | 1,123.1 | 1,398.5 | 12.2 | 19.3 | 16,080.8 |
| 1961 | 457.9 | 104.6 | 737.0 | 597.9 | 5,259.2 | 6,236.1 | 921.7 | 952.2 | 1,332.0 | 1,629.1 | 14.6 | 23.0 | 18,238.3 |
| 1966 | 493.4 | 108.5 | 756.0 | 616.8 | 5,780.8 | 6,960.9 | 963.1 | 955.4 | 1,463.2 | 1,873.7 | 14.4 | 28.7 | 20,014.9 |
| 1971 | 522.1 | 111.6 | 789.0 | 634.6 | 6,027.8 | 7,703.1 | 988.2 | 926.2 | 1,627.9 | 2,184.6 | 18.4 | 34.8 | 21,568.3 |
| 1972* | 530.0 | 112.6 | 794.6 | 640.1 | 6,053.6 | 7,809.9 | 991.2 | 914.0 | 1,657.2 | 2,241.4 | 19.5 | 37.3 | 21,801.5 |
| 1973* | 537.0 | 114.0 | 804.3 | 647.1 | 6,078.9 | 7,908.8 | 996.2 | 904.5 | 1,689.5 | 2,302.4 | 20.5 | 39.4 | 22,042.8 |
| 1974* | 541.5 | 115.2 | 811.5 | 653.6 | 6,122.7 | 8,054.1 | 1,007.5 | 899.7 | 1,722.4 | 2,375.7 | 20.5 | 39.6 | 22,364.0 |
| 1975* | 549.1 | 117.1 | 819.5 | 665.2 | 6,179.0 | 8,172.2 | 1,013.6 | 907.4 | 1,778.3 | 2,433.2 | 21.3 | 41.2 | 22,697.1 |
| 1976 | 557.7 | 118.2 | 828.6 | 677.3 | 6,234.5 | 8,264.5 | 1,021.5 | 921.3 | 1,838.0 | 2,466.6 | 21.8 | 42.6 | 22,992.6 |
| 1977* | 559.8 | 119.3 | 833.4 | 684.1 | 6,284.0 | 8,353.1 | 1,027.4 | 934.9 | 1,912.7 | 2,499.4 | 21.8 | 42.8 | 23,272.8 |
| 1978* | 561.5 | 121.0 | 837.5 | 688.1 | 6,302.4 | 8,439.6 | 1,032.0 | 943.5 | 1,983.1 | 2,542.3 | 22.5 | 43.6 | 23,517.0 |
| 1979* | 563.5 | 122.0 | 841.8 | 691.9 | 6,338.9 | 8,501.3 | 1,028.0 | 951.3 | 2,052.8 | 2,589.4 | 22.3 | 44.0 | 23,747.3 |
| 1980* | 565.6 | 122.8 | 845.1 | 695.4 | 6,386.1 | 8,569.7 | 1,024.9 | 959.4 | 2,140.6 | 2,666.0 | 22.3 | 44.7 | 24,042.5 |
| 1981 | 567.7 | 122.5 | 847.4 | 696.4 | 6,438.4 | 8,625.1 | 1,026.2 | 968.3 | 2,237.7 | 2,744.5 | 23.2 | 45.7 | 24,343.2 |
| 1982* | 569.2 | 122.8 | 852.2 | 699.1 | 6,482.4 | 8,715.8 | 1,035.2 | 979.4 | 2,317.0 | 2,790.1 | 23.7 | 47.2 | 24,634.2 |

e: Estimates referring to June 1 of given year.

2.7 Population of incorporated cities, towns and villages, by size group

| Size group | 1971 | | | 1976 | | | 1981 | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| | Incorporated centres | Population | % of total population | Incorporated centres | Population | % of total population | Incorporated centres | Population | % of total population |
| Over 500,000 | 2 | 1,927,138 | 8.9 | 3 | 2,274,738 | 9.9 | 6 | 3,828,554 | 15.7 |
| Between | | | | | | | | | |
| 400,000 and 500,000 | 3 | 1,267,727 | 5.9 | 3 | 1,341,466 | 5.9 | 1 | 414,281 | 1.7 |
| 300,000 and 400,000 | 2 | 611,514 | 2.8 | 2 | 616,465 | 2.7 | 2 | 621,490 | 2.5 |
| 200,000 and 300,000 | 4 | 900,778 | 4.2 | 3 | 736,652 | 3.2 | 3 | 817,778 | 3.3 |
| 100,000 and 200,000 | 8 | 1,060,048 | 4.9 | 12 | 1,578,755 | 6.9 | 12 | 1,671,934 | 6.9 |
| 50,000 and 100,000 | 26 | 1,870,435 | 8.7 | 34 | 2,286,408 | 10.0 | 39 | 2,648,644 | 10.9 |
| 25,000 and 50,000 | 49 | 1,633,969 | 7.6 | 52 | 1,795,675 | 7.8 | 55 | 1,895,839 | 7.8 |
| 15,000 and 25,000 | 59 | 1,150,768 | 5.3 | 50 | 978,090 | 4.3 | 54 | 1,039,658 | 4.3 |
| 10,000 and 15,000 | 55 | 675,748 | 3.1 | 69 | 849,488 | 3.7 | 74 | 919,550 | 3.8 |
| 5,000 and 10,000 | 144 | 1,028,412 | 4.8 | 149 | 1,051,844 | 4.6 | 163 | 1,150,230 | 4.7 |
| 3,000 and 5,000 | 173 | 670,537 | 3.1 | 179 | 694,881 | 3.0 | 180 | 710,324 | 2.9 |
| 1,000 and 3,000 | 502 | 866,086 | 4.0 | 490 | 827,807 | 3.6 | 507 | 872,156 | 3.6 |
| Under 1,000 | 1,093 | 451,810 | 2.1 | 1,033 | 419,078 | 1.8 | 1,027 | 434,314 | 1.8 |
| Total | 2,120 | 14,114,970 | 65.4 | 2,079 | 15,451,347 | 67.4 | 2,123 | 17,024,752 | 69.9 |

2.8 Population of incorporated cities and towns of 50,000 and over

| Incorporated city or town | Year of incorporation | 1971 | 1976 | 1981 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Beaupoit, Que. | 1976 | 14,681* | 55,339 | 60,447 |
| Brampton, Ont. | 1974 | 41,211 | 103,459 | 149,030 |
| Brantford, Ont. | 1877 | 64,421 | 66,950* | 74,315* |
| Brossard, Que. | 1958 | 23,452 | 37,641 | 52,232 |
| Burlington, Ont. | 1915 | 87,023 | 104,314* | 114,853 |
| Calgary, Alta. | 1893 | 403,319* | 469,917* | 592,743* |
| Cambridge, Ont. | 1973 | 64,794* | 72,383 | 77,183 |
| Charlesbourg, Que. | 1976 | 33,443* | 63,147 | 68,326 |
| Chicoutimi, Que. | 1976 | 33,893 | 57,737 | 60,064 |
| Dartmouth, NS | 1961 | 64,770 | 65,341 | 62,277 |
| Edmonton, Alta. | 1904 | 438,152* | 461,361* | 532,246* |
| Gatineau, Que. | 1975 | 22,321* | 73,479 | 74,988 |
| Gloucester, Ont. | 1981 | 37,145 | 56,516 | 72,859 |
| Guelph, Ont. | 1879 | 60,087* | 67,538 | 71,207 |
| Halifax, NS | 1841 | 122,035* | 117,882 | 114,594 |
| Hamilton, Ont. | 1846 | 309,173 | 312,003 | 306,434 |
| Hull, Que. | 1875 | 63,580* | 61,039 | 56,225 |
| Jonquière, Que. | 1976 | 28,430* | 60,691 | 60,354 |
| Kamloops, BC | 1973 | 26,168* | 58,311 | 64,048 |