

The average size of the Canadian family made a further gain between 1956 and 1961, continuing the trend of the 1951-56 period. Every province except Quebec and Saskatchewan participated in this increase, as shown in Table 23.

23.—Families and Persons per Family, by Province, Census Years 1951, 1956 and 1961

Province or Territory	Families			Average Persons per Family		
	1951	1956	1961	1951	1956	1961
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	74,858	82,128	89,267	4.4	4.6	4.7
Prince Edward Island.....	21,381	21,153	21,969	4.0	4.1	4.2
Nova Scotia.....	145,127	154,243	161,894	3.9	3.9	4.0
New Brunswick.....	111,639	116,623	124,653	4.1	4.2	4.3
Quebec.....	856,041	970,414	1,103,822	4.2	4.2	4.2
Ontario.....	1,162,772	1,342,572	1,511,478	3.4	3.5	3.6
Manitoba.....	191,268	204,414	215,831	3.6	3.6	3.7
Saskatchewan.....	196,188	205,135	211,776	3.7	3.8	3.8
Alberta.....	223,326	262,922	305,671	3.7	3.7	3.8
British Columbia.....	299,845	346,003	394,023	3.3	3.4	3.6
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	4,939	5,893	7,060	3.9	4.1	4.3
Canada.....	3,287,384	3,711,500	4,147,444	3.7	3.8	3.9

Closely related to the number of families per household and also an indicator of living conditions, is the type of family. In 1961, 94.3 out of every 100 families in Canada were maintaining their own households as compared with 92.3 in 1956 and 90.2 in 1951, an apparent steady improvement in living conditions. The families not maintaining their own households fell into two main sub-categories—families related to the head of the household and non-related lodging families. The few who did not fit either of these sub-categories were mostly families of employees living in their employer's household. Table 24 shows the 1961 distribution of families according to type.

24.—Families classified by Type and by Province, Census 1961

Province or Territory	Maintaining Own Household	Not Maintaining Own Household				Total Families
		Related	Lodging	Other	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	81,068	6,996	1,139	64	8,199	89,267
Prince Edward Island.....	20,294	1,455	177	43	1,675	21,969
Nova Scotia.....	149,876	9,626	2,012	380	12,018	161,894
New Brunswick.....	116,446	7,032	970	205	8,207	124,653
Quebec.....	1,051,891	42,777	8,222	932	51,931	1,103,822
Ontario.....	1,405,131	61,376	43,500	1,471	106,347	1,511,478
Manitoba.....	204,406	6,030	4,702	693	11,425	215,831
Saskatchewan.....	204,612	4,385	2,154	625	7,164	211,776
Alberta.....	293,609	7,197	3,431	1,434	12,062	305,671
British Columbia.....	377,596	9,936	5,973	518	16,427	394,023
Yukon and Northwest Territories...	6,600	310	136	14	460	7,060
Canada.....	3,911,529	157,120	72,416	6,379	235,915	4,147,444