

31.—Indian Land in Reserves and Number of Bands, by Province, as at Mar. 31, 1962

Province or Territory	Bands	Reserves	Total Area
	No.	No.	acres
Prince Edward Island.....	1	4	2,741
Nova Scotia.....	11	43	25,404
New Brunswick.....	15	23	37,671
Quebec.....	41	26	178,971
Ontario.....	111	163	1,555,732
Manitoba.....	50	107	524,015
Saskatchewan.....	67	120	1,207,250
Alberta.....	41	87	1,561,868
British Columbia.....	189	1,619	817,957
Yukon Territory.....	14	21 ¹	4,739
Northwest Territories.....	16	26 ¹	1,931
Totals.....	556	2,239	5,918,279

¹ Indian settlements only.

A Departmental census of Indian population is taken every five years and the numbers recorded at the three latest censuses—1949, 1954 and 1959—are given in Table 32; the figures for 1960 and 1961 are taken from band membership lists kept for administrative purposes by the Indian Affairs Branch.

32.—Indian Population, by Province, Departmental Censuses 1949, 1954 and 1959 and Estimates 1960 and 1961

Province or Territory	1949	1954	1959	1960 ¹	1961 ¹
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	273	272	341	343	348
Nova Scotia.....	2,641	3,002	3,561	3,630	3,746
New Brunswick.....	2,139	2,629	3,183	3,280	3,397
Quebec.....	15,970	17,574	20,453	21,154	21,970
Ontario.....	34,571	37,255	42,668	43,767	44,765
Manitoba.....	17,549	19,684	23,658	24,608	25,681
Saskatchewan.....	16,308	18,750	23,280	24,278	25,334
Alberta.....	13,805	15,715	19,287	20,053	20,931
British Columbia.....	27,936	31,086	36,229	37,375	38,616
Yukon Territory.....	1,443	1,568	1,868	1,923	2,006
Northwest Territories.....	3,772	4,023	4,598	4,758	4,915
Totals.....	136,407	151,558	179,126	185,169	191,709

¹ As at Dec. 31.

The 1959 Indian population in each province is classified by age group and sex in Table 33. The rapid growth of that population in recent years is indicated by the fact that in 1959 more than 56 p.c. of the Indians were under 21 years of age compared with 42 p.c. of the population of Canada as a whole. Religious denominations of the Indian population are given in Table 34.