

Although Canada has more single than married citizens, information from the 1951 Census shows that the nation's married population grew more than twice as fast as the single population in the decade between 1941 and 1951. With a total population increase of nearly 22 p.c., the number of single persons in Canada increased by 13.5 p.c., married by 32.2 p.c., widowed by 22.5 p.c. and divorced by 128.0 p.c. The entry of Newfoundland into Confederation accounted for 3.3 p.c. of the increase in single persons, 2.9 p.c. in married and widowed persons and 0.5 p.c. in divorced persons. Other striking statistics of marital status are the excess of married males over married females, the great preponderance of widows compared with widowers and the large and increasing number of divorced persons.

**16.—Marital Status of the Population, by Age Group and Sex, 1951**

Age Group and Sex	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Under 15 years.....	M.	2,168,058	—	—	—	2,168,058
	F.	2,082,659	—	—	—	2,082,659
	T.	4,250,717	—	—	—	4,250,717
15 - 19 " .....	M.	526,909	5,255	15	1	532,180
	F.	484,056	41,633	83	20	525,792
	T.	1,010,965	46,888	98	21	1,057,972
20 - 24 " .....	M.	400,136	137,054	197	148	537,535
	F.	267,409	282,290	823	584	551,106
	T.	667,545	419,344	1,020	732	1,088,641
25 - 34 " .....	M.	294,318	766,504	2,409	2,138	1,065,369
	F.	192,921	901,073	9,496	5,090	1,108,580
	T.	487,239	1,667,577	11,905	7,228	2,173,949
35 - 44 " .....	M.	134,409	803,711	7,431	3,820	949,371
	F.	113,554	771,939	28,086	6,750	918,329
	T.	247,963	1,575,650	35,517	10,570	1,887,700
45 - 54 " .....	M.	93,992	613,008	17,637	3,532	728,169
	F.	76,738	539,854	58,437	4,137	679,166
	T.	170,730	1,152,862	76,074	7,669	1,407,335
55 - 64 " .....	M.	64,748	453,977	36,041	2,122	556,888
	F.	52,010	360,651	105,626	1,667	519,954
	T.	116,758	814,628	141,667	3,789	1,076,842
65 - 69 " .....	M.	27,706	170,043	29,641	686	228,076
	F.	19,717	115,574	69,783	347	205,421
	T.	47,423	285,617	99,424	1,033	433,497
70 years or over.....	M.	37,133	192,202	93,224	668	323,227
	F.	36,032	106,810	186,419	288	329,549
	T.	73,165	299,012	279,643	956	652,776
All Ages.....	M.	3,747,409	3,141,754	186,595	13,115	7,088,873
	F.	3,325,096	3,119,824	456,753	18,883	6,920,556
	T.	7,072,505	6,261,578	643,348	31,998	14,009,429