

The nomadic existence followed by Bands of Indian hunters is gradually giving way to a more stable way of life. Many Indians are profitably engaged in the fishing industry on the British Columbia coast; Indians across Canada are being encouraged to engage in agricultural pursuits and are prominent in many other trades and occupations. For example, the reputation of the Indians from the Caughnawaga Reserve, near Montreal, as skilful structural steel workers is known throughout North America, providing a profitable source of steady employment for these Indians.

The Indian Affairs Branch takes a census of the Indian population under their jurisdiction at five-year intervals. The figures for 1949 given in Tables 38 and 39 are the latest available.

### 33.—Indian Population, classified by Age Group and Sex, by Province, Departmental Census, 1949

Province or Territory	Under 7 Years		7 Years and Under 16		16 Years and Under 21		21 Years and Under 70		70 Years or Over		Totals	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island..	24	20	33	33	16	9	68	58	6	6	147	126
Nova Scotia.....	273	243	292	302	123	132	635	544	50	47	1,373	1,268
New Brunswick.....	239	237	253	245	102	111	479	414	33	26	1,106	1,033
Quebec.....	1,587	1,642	1,611	1,655	844	839	3,832	3,407	293	260	8,167	7,803
Ontario.....	3,347	3,351	3,323	3,346	1,758	1,745	8,274	7,996	711	720	17,413	17,158
Manitoba.....	2,023	1,992	1,963	2,024	943	832	3,823	3,349	295	305	9,047	8,502
Saskatchewan.....	1,853	1,869	1,795	1,866	854	811	3,416	3,347	246	251	8,164	8,144
Alberta.....	1,681	1,708	1,626	1,570	693	675	2,844	2,541	201	266	7,045	6,760
British Columbia.....	3,147	3,144	3,003	3,149	1,423	1,412	6,332	5,245	550	531	14,455	13,481
Yukon Territory.....	158	171	147	163	67	73	333	286	25	20	730	713
Northwest Territories..	396	338	375	393	189	181	923	842	63	72	1,946	1,826
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>14,728</b>	<b>14,715</b>	<b>14,421</b>	<b>14,746</b>	<b>7,012</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>30,959</b>	<b>28,029</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>2,504</b>	<b>69,593</b>	<b>66,814</b>

### 39.—Religious Denominations of the Indian Population, Departmental Census, 1949

Province or Territory	Church of England	Baptist	United Church	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic	Other Christian Beliefs	Aboriginal Beliefs	Totals
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island....	—	—	—	—	273	—	—	273
Nova Scotia.....	—	—	—	—	2,641	—	—	2,641
New Brunswick.....	—	—	—	—	2,139	—	—	2,139
Quebec.....	3,100	—	451	—	12,120	152	147	15,970
Ontario.....	10,529	1,514	6,436	611	12,065	1,110	2,306	34,571
Manitoba.....	5,735	12	4,586	731	6,251	118	116	17,549
Saskatchewan.....	4,980	—	1,652	184	8,402	25	1,035	16,308
Alberta.....	1,963	127	1,708	—	9,768	—	239	13,805
British Columbia.....	5,561	—	5,623	—	15,977	775	—	27,936
Yukon Territory.....	1,191	—	—	—	210	18	24	1,443
Northwest Territories....	668	—	—	—	3,104	—	—	3,772
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>33,727</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>20,486</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>72,950</b>	<b>2,198</b>	<b>3,867</b>	<b>136,407</b>

Information on Indian lands and property is secured each year and is given for the year ended Mar. 31, 1953, in Tables 40 and 41.