

2.—Estimates of Population, by Province, Intercensal Years 1941-54

NOTE.—At every census the previous post-censal estimates, made at June 1 each year, are adjusted to the newly recorded population figures. Figures for all provinces for 1941 and 1951 and for the Prairie Provinces for 1946 are census figures. Figures for 1867-1904 will be found in the 1936 Year Book, p. 141, for 1905-30 in the 1946 edition, p. 127, and for 1931-40 in the 1952-53 edition, p. 143.

Year	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N. W. T.	Canada ¹
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1941.....	...	95	578	457	3,332	3,788	730	896	796	818	5	12	11,507
1942.....	...	90	591	464	3,390	3,884	724	848	776	870	5	12	11,654
1943.....	...	91	606	463	3,457	3,915	723	838	785	900	5	12	11,795
1944.....	...	91	611	461	3,500	3,963	727	836	808	932	5	12	11,946
1945.....	...	92	619	467	3,560	4,000	727	833	808	949	5	12	12,072
1946.....	...	94	608	478	3,629	4,093	727	833	803	1,003	8	16	12,292
1947.....	...	94	615	488	3,710	4,176	739	836	825	1,044	8	16	12,551
1948.....	...	93	625	498	3,788	4,275	746	838	854	1,082	8	16	12,823
1949.....	345	94	629	508	3,882	4,378	757	832	885	1,113	8	16	13,447
1950.....	351	96	638	512	3,969	4,471	768	833	913	1,137	8	16	13,712
1951.....	361	98	643	516	4,056	4,598	776	832	939	1,165	9	16	14,009
1952.....	374	103	653	526	4,174	4,766	798	843	970	1,198	9	16	14,430
1953.....	383	106	663	536	4,269	4,897	809	861	1,002	1,220	9	16	14,781
1954.....	398	105	673	547	4,388	5,046	828	878	1,039	1,266	10	17	15,195

¹ Estimates for Newfoundland prior to union with Canada, which took place on Mar. 31, 1949, are not included in Canada totals.

The traditional movement of population on the North American Continent from east to west has not been apparent in Canadian statistics for recent years. The most spectacular changes are shown in the Prairie Provinces and in British Columbia. The three Prairie Provinces lost by migration about 250,000 people between 1931 and 1941 and somewhat more from 1941 to 1951. British Columbia gained at the rate of about 8,000 a year during the 1930's and at about 23,000 a year during the 1940's. On an absolute basis, Ontario received more people than British Columbia but in relation to its larger population this growth was only one-third as important. Quebec's net change was negligible relative to its population. Nova Scotia gained during the 1930's but lost in the 1940's, the Maritime Provinces as a whole losing considerably over the two decades.

3.—Numerical Changes in the Populations of the Provinces through Interprovincial Migration, 1931 to 1941 and 1941 to 1951

Province	1931	1941
	to 1941	to 1951
	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	-3,000	-12,000
Nova Scotia.....	+8,000	-39,000
New Brunswick.....	-10,000	-42,000
Quebec.....	-2,000	-12,000
Ontario.....	+77,000	+305,000
Manitoba.....	-48,000	-61,000
Saskatchewan.....	-158,000	-199,000
Alberta.....	-42,000	-7,000
British Columbia.....	+82,000	+231,000

Section 3.—Density of Population

The land area and density of the population per square mile is given by province in Table 4 for the census years 1921-51. It will be noted that the figures for 1951 include the Province of Newfoundland, and this fact should be kept in mind in comparisons with earlier censuses.