

20.—Dwelling Characteristics, Census Years 1941 and 1951

(Excludes Newfoundland and the Territories)

Item	1941		1951		Increase 1941-51	
	No.		No.		No.	p. c.
Population.....	11,489,713		13,622,913		2,133,200	18.6
Occupied Dwellings ¹	2,575,744		3,338,315		762,571	29.6
Single detached.....	1,853,454		2,216,275		362,821	19.6
Apartments and flats.....	533,034		881,245		348,211	65.3
Single attached.....	189,256		240,795 ²		51,539	27.2
Owned.....	1,459,357		2,175,415		716,058	49.1
Rented.....	1,116,387		1,162,900		46,513	4.2
Rooms per dwelling.....	5.5		5.3	
Persons per dwelling.....	4.3		4.0	

¹ Exclusive of hotels, institutions, camps, etc. miscellaneous types.² Includes auto-trailers, houseboats, tents and other

The statistics of Table 21 reflect the high level of prosperity throughout the decade in both urban and rural areas. In 1951 a higher percentage of homes had indoor plumbing, electricity and furnace heating, and had such conveniences as mechanical refrigerators, electric vacuum cleaners, telephones, radios, and passenger automobiles. There was a sharp drop in the number of homes needing major repair. Washing machines are not shown in Table 21 because there are no comparable 1941 figures but in 1951, 72.5 p.c. of the dwellings possessed a powered type of washing machine. Though much of this advance may be attributed to general prosperity, part of the explanation of the trend is to be found in the increasing urbanization of the Canadian population and the availability of modern conveniences to rural areas.

21.—Housing Characteristics, Census Years 1941 and 1951

(Excludes Newfoundland and the Territories)

Housing Characteristics	1941		1951		Increase 1941-51	
	No.	P.C. of Total	No.	P.C. of Total	No.	P.C.
Occupied Dwellings—						
In need of major repair.....	695,736	27.0	450,625	13.5	-245,111	-35.2
Crowded dwellings ¹	148,418	18.4	175,995	16.0	27,577	18.6
Dwellings with—						
Electric lighting.....	1,780,667	69.1	2,929,450	87.8	1,148,783	64.5
Furnace heating.....	997,588	38.7	1,632,275	48.9	634,687	63.6
Running water.....	1,558,586	60.5	2,503,080	75.0	944,494	60.6
Flush toilet ²	1,342,198	52.1	2,170,815	65.0	828,617	61.7
Bath or shower ²	1,169,760	45.4	1,926,455	57.7	756,695	66.4
Electric or gas range.....	1,019,421	39.6	1,696,130	50.8	676,709	66.4
Electric or gas refrigeration.....	538,535	20.9	1,589,625	47.6	1,051,090	195.2
Electric vacuum cleaner.....	624,178	24.2	1,409,090	42.2	784,912	125.8
Telephone.....	1,037,298	40.3	2,013,640	60.3	976,342	94.1
Radio.....	2,002,889	77.8	3,086,695	92.5	1,083,806	54.1
Passenger automobile.....	944,591	36.7	1,435,925	43.0	491,334	52.0
Owner-occupied non-farm dwellings reporting a mortgage.....	275,623	31.2	515,035	30.9	239,412	86.9
Monthly Rent of Tenant-Occupied Non-farm Dwellings—						
Under \$30 ³	738,294	75.1	501,540	45.5	-236,754	-32.1
\$30 - \$59.....	221,189	22.5	437,815	39.8	216,626	97.9
\$60 or over.....	24,034	2.4	162,265	14.7	138,231	575.1

¹ For cities of 30,000 or over only. dwellings.² For exclusive use of household.³ Includes "rent-free"