

Table 28 gives the total population by country of birth for census years 1871-1941. The census, under birthplace, collects information on both the country of birth of the immigrant arrivals in Canada and the province of birth of the native-born population. These data provide information respecting the interprovincial movement of the Canadian-born population.

Comparative figures for country of birth for census periods to 1921 and those taken more recently are difficult to obtain because of the many geographical changes in Europe after the First World War; for instance, a person who early in the century migrated to Canada from a certain part of Austria or Hungary might not realize that in 1931 he should have been recorded as of Polish or Roumanian birth in line with the new national boundaries. In comparing the census figures of several decades these facts have to be considered and a regrouping of certain European countries whose boundaries were changed in later censuses is carried back to earlier censuses to maintain comparability. Table 28 is probably as far as the census can go in supplying strictly comparable figures along these lines. In this table no change has been made affecting the census figures themselves: they have been merely regrouped.

Table 29 analyses the total population by province or country of birth for census years 1921, 1931 and 1941. Table 30 takes the Canadian-born section of the population for 1941 and cross-classifies it by province of birth and province of residence. Comparable data for 1931 are to be found at p. 135 of the 1934-35 Year Book. The interprovincial movement of population as between Eastern and Western Canada is shown by province of birth for the Censuses 1911 to 1941 in Table 31.

26.—Nativity of the Population, 1871-1941

Year	Canadian Born	Other British Born ¹	Foreign Born		Total Population	Percentages of Total Population			
			Born in United States	Born in Other Foreign Countries		Canadian Born	Other British Born	Foreign Born	
								United States Born	Other Foreign Born
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	
1871....	3,003,035	506,721	64,613	30,641	3,605,010	83.30	14.06	1.79	0.85
1881....	3,721,826 ²	478,615	77,753	46,616	4,324,810	86.06	11.07	1.80	1.08
1891....	4,189,368 ²	490,573	80,915	72,383	4,833,239	86.68	10.15	1.67	1.50
1901....	4,671,815	421,051	127,899	150,550	5,371,315	86.98	7.84	2.38	2.80
1911....	5,619,682	834,229	303,680	449,052	7,206,643	77.98	11.58	4.21	6.23
1921....	6,832,224	1,065,448	374,022	516,255	8,787,949	77.75	12.12	4.26	5.87
1931....	8,069,261	1,184,830	344,574	778,121	10,376,786	77.76	11.42	3.32	7.50
1941....	9,487,808	1,003,769	312,473	701,660	11,506,655 ²	82.46	8.72	2.72	6.10

¹ Includes some hundreds of persons born at sea.

² Includes "birthplace not stated".