

that certain groups are more easily integrated than others. It is equally true that the different backgrounds of various ethnic groups lend variety and diversity to the national life.

The two basic groups in the Canadian population are the French and British Isles ethnic groups. The influence of the French in Canada covers a longer period and, with the exception of the 1921 Census, this group has always exceeded in number any of the components of the British Isles ethnic group.

In 1961, each person was asked the question: "To what ethnic or cultural group did you or your ancestor (on the male side) belong on coming to this Continent?". The language spoken at the time by the person, or his paternal ancestor, was used as an aid in determining the person's ethnic group. The classification is given for 1961 in Table 14 with comparative figures for 1951 and 1941. Information on ethnic group was not collected in the 1956 Census.

14.—Distribution of the Population by Ethnic Group, Census Years 1941, 1951 and 1961

| Ethnic Group | 1941 ¹ | 1951 | 1961 | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | No. | No. | No. | p.c. |
| British Isles | 5,715,904 | 6,709,685 | 7,996,669 | 43.8 |
| English..... | 2,968,402 | 3,630,344 | 4,195,175 | 23.0 |
| Irish..... | 1,267,702 | 1,439,635 | 1,753,351 | 9.6 |
| Scottish..... | 1,403,974 | 1,547,470 | 1,902,302 | 10.4 |
| Other..... | 75,826 | 92,236 | 145,841 | 0.8 |
| Other European | 5,526,964 | 6,872,889 | 9,657,195 | 53.0 |
| French..... | 3,483,038 | 4,319,167 | 5,540,346 | 30.4 |
| Austrian..... | 37,715 | 32,231 | 106,535 | 0.6 |
| Belgian..... | 29,711 | 35,148 | 61,382 | 0.3 |
| Czech and Slovak..... | 42,912 | 63,959 | 73,061 | 0.4 |
| Danish..... | 37,439 | 42,671 | 85,473 | 0.5 |
| Finnish..... | 41,682 | 43,745 | 59,436 | 0.3 |
| German..... | 464,682 | 619,995 | 1,049,599 | 5.8 |
| Greek..... | 11,692 | 13,966 | 56,475 | 0.3 |
| Hungarian..... | 54,598 | 60,460 | 126,220 | 0.7 |
| Icelandic..... | 21,050 | 22,307 | 30,623 | 0.2 |
| Italian..... | 112,625 | 152,245 | 450,351 | 2.5 |
| Jewish..... | 170,241 | 181,670 | 173,344 | 1.0 |
| Lithuanian..... | 7,789 | 16,224 | 27,629 | 0.2 |
| Netherlands..... | 212,863 | 264,267 | 429,679 | 2.4 |
| Norwegian..... | 100,718 | 119,266 | 148,681 | 0.8 |
| Polish..... | 167,485 | 219,845 | 323,517 | 1.8 |
| Romanian..... | 24,689 | 23,601 | 42,805 | 0.2 |
| Russian..... | 83,708 | 91,279 | 119,168 | 0.7 |
| Swedish..... | 85,396 | 97,780 | 121,757 | 0.7 |
| Ukrainian..... | 205,929 | 395,043 | 473,337 | 2.6 |
| Yugoslavic..... | 21,214 | 21,404 | 68,587 | 0.4 |
| Other..... | 9,787 | 35,616 | 88,190 | 0.5 |
| Asiatic | 74,064 | 72,827 | 121,753 | 0.7 |
| Chinese..... | 34,627 | 32,528 | 58,197 | 0.3 |
| Japanese..... | 23,149 | 21,663 | 29,157 | 0.2 |
| Other..... | 16,288 | 18,636 | 34,399 | 0.2 |
| Other Origin | 189,723 | 351,028 | 462,630 | 2.5 |
| Native Indian and Eskimo..... | 125,521 | 165,607 | 220,121 | 1.2 |
| Negro..... | 22,174 | 18,020 | 32,127 | 0.2 |
| Other and not stated..... | 42,028 ² | 170,401 | 210,382 | 1.2 |

¹ Excludes Newfoundland.

² Includes 35,416 half-breeds.

Birthplace.—Table 15 gives the total population of Canada classified by country of birth for the census years 1941, 1951 and 1961, and Table 16 shows the province of birth of Canadian-born persons for the same years. For immigrants, the country of birth was recorded according to boundaries existing at the date of the census. Information on birthplaces was not collected in the 1956 Census.