

17.—Principal Religious Denominations of the Population, Census Years 1941, 1951 and 1961

Religious Denomination	1941		1951		1961	
	No.		No.		No.	p.c.
Adventist.....	18,485		21,398		25,999	0.1
Anglican Church of Canada.....	1,754,368		2,060,720		2,409,068	13.2
Baptist.....	484,465		519,585		593,553	3.3
Greek Orthodox.....	139,845		172,271		239,766	1.3
Jehovah's Witnesses.....	7,007		24,596		68,018	0.4
Jewish.....	165,585		204,836		254,368	1.4
Lutheran.....	401,836		444,923		662,744	3.6
Mennonite ¹	111,554		125,938		152,452	0.8
Mormon.....	25,328		32,888		50,016	0.3
Pentecostal.....	57,742		95,131		143,877	0.8
Presbyterian.....	830,597		781,747		818,558	4.5
Roman Catholic.....	4,806,431		6,069,496		8,342,826	45.7
Salvation Army.....	33,609		70,275		92,054	0.5
Ukrainian (Greek) Catholic ²	185,948		191,051		189,653	1.0
United Church of Canada.....	2,208,658		2,867,271		3,664,008	20.1
Other.....	272,197		317,303		531,287	2.9
Totals.....	11,506,655³		14,009,429		18,238,247	100.0

¹ Includes "Hutterites".

² Includes "Other Greek Catholic".

³ Exclusive of Newfoundland.

Subsection 9.—Languages and Mother Tongues

The term "official language" used by the census refers only to the English and French languages.* "Mother tongue" is the language a person first learned in childhood and still understands. It should be noted that persons indicated as speaking "English only" or "French only" with respect to official language may also speak other languages and have a mother tongue other than English or French. The use of the English and French languages in Canada at the time of the 1961 Census is discussed in a special article appearing in the 1965 Year Book at pp. 180-184. Table 18 gives the numerical and percentage distribution of official language by province.

* The British North America Act, 1867 (Sect. 133) makes provision for the use of the English and French languages as follows:—

"Either the English or the French Language may be used by any Person in the Debates of the Houses of the Parliament of Canada and of the Houses of the Legislature of Quebec; and both those Languages shall be used in the respective Records and Journals of those Houses; and either of those Languages may be used by any Person or in any Pleading or Process in or issuing from any Court of Canada established under this Act, and in or from all or any of the Courts of Quebec.

The Acts of the Parliament of Canada and of the Legislature of Quebec shall be printed and published in both those Languages."

18.—Numerical and Percentage Distribution of the Population Speaking One, Both or Neither of the "Official" Languages, by Province, Census 1961

NOTE.—See text and footnote above re the term "official language".

Province or Territory	English Only		French Only		English and French		Neither English nor French	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
Newfoundland.....	450,945	98.5	522	0.1	5,299	1.2	1,087	0.2
Prince Edward Island.....	95,296	91.1	1,219	1.2	7,938	7.6	176	0.2
Nova Scotia.....	684,805	92.9	5,938	0.8	44,987	6.1	1,277	0.2
New Brunswick.....	370,922	62.0	112,054	18.7	113,495	19.0	1,465	0.2
Quebec.....	608,635	11.6	3,254,850	61.9	1,338,878	25.5	56,848	1.1
Ontario.....	5,548,766	89.0	95,236	1.5	493,270	7.9	98,820	1.6
Manitoba.....	825,955	89.6	7,954	0.9	68,368	7.4	19,409	2.1
Saskatchewan.....	865,821	93.6	3,853	0.4	42,074	4.5	13,433	1.5
Alberta.....	1,253,824	94.1	5,534	0.4	56,920	4.3	15,666	1.2
British Columbia.....	1,552,560	95.3	2,559	0.2	57,504	3.5	16,459	1.0
Yukon Territory.....	13,679	93.5	38	0.3	825	5.6	86	0.6
Northwest Territories.....	13,554	58.9	109	0.5	1,614	7.0	7,721	33.6
Canada.....	12,284,762	67.4	3,489,866	19.1	2,231,172	12.2	232,447	1.3