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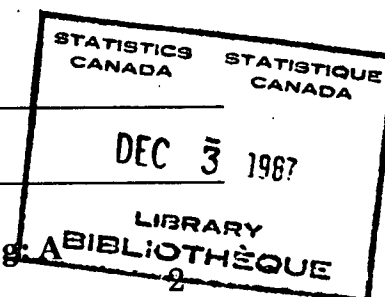
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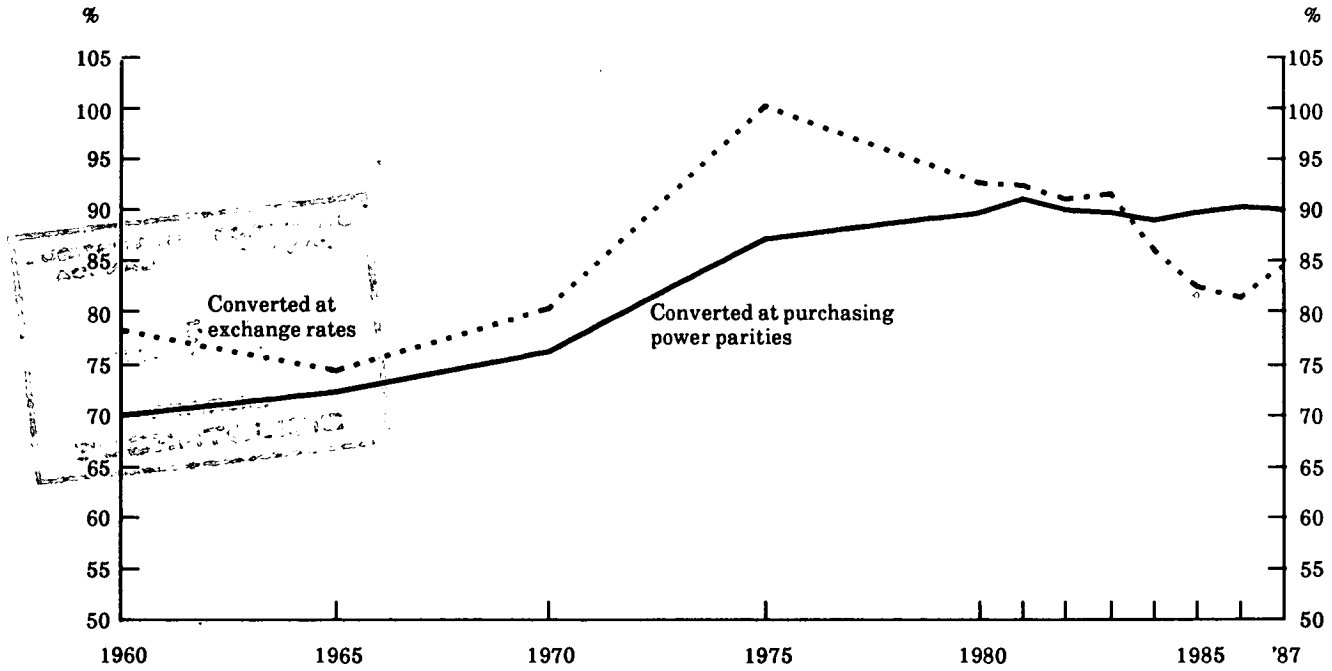
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Major Releases

Canadian GDP Per Capita as a Percentage of United States GDP Per Capita



Purchasing Power Parities and Standard of Living: A Canada - United States Comparison 1985

A recently completed study by Statistics Canada, the United States Bureau of Labour Statistics (BLS), and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) compares purchasing power and standard of living (as measured by the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita) between Canada and the United States.

Key results are:

- In 1985, the Canadian dollar was worth almost 80¢ US in terms of purchasing power.
- This contrasts with an average 1985 exchange rate of just over 73¢ US per Canadian dollar;
- Using the purchasing power parity to compare real GDP per capita shows that Canada's 1985 standard of living was about 90% of that of the United States;
- Extrapolating the real GDP per capita results through time using the temporal indexes of each country shows that the standard of living of Canadians has grown from about 70% of the United States level in 1960 to about 90% by 1980 and has remained essentially stable thereafter (see chart);

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- These results contrast with the comparison of GDP per capita converted at exchange rates which exhibit a considerably different pattern, particularly from June 1, 1970 onwards when flexible exchange rates were introduced (also see chart);
- Areas of expenditure which were found to be relatively expensive in Canada, with purchasing power parities in 1985 exceeding the exchange rate, included: household equipment and operation, alcoholic beverages and tobacco, and clothing and footwear;
- Areas of expenditure which were relatively cheaper in Canada included: construction, medical care, and fuel and power.

Volume measures obtained from adjusting Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expressed in national currencies by purchasing power parities, as opposed to exchange rates, reflect more closely the real relationship in levels and quality of goods and services purchased and thus are preferable when comparing real economic conditions among countries.

Complete results of the bilateral comparison, including a full description of the methodology and operational procedures, as well as estimates of purchasing power parities and comparative real expenditures for 43 components of GDP, are scheduled for release in the fourth quarter 1987 edition of *Consumer Prices and Price Indexes* (62-010, \$15/\$60). For further information contact Barbara J. Slater (613-951-9493).

Canada-U.S. Bilateral Comparison 1985

	Purchasing Power Parities	U.S. Nominal GDP ¹	Canada Nominal GDP ¹	Canada's GDP at PPPs ²
Food, beverage and tobacco	1.416	361,533	48,939	34,561
Clothing and footwear	1.368	168,415	18,231	13,327
Gross rent, fuel and power	1.270	518,025	62,239	49,007
Household equipment and operation	1.426	149,474	20,071	14,075
Medical care and health expenses	0.959	371,145	14,096	14,699
Transport and communication	1.270	408,808	45,203	35,593
Education, recreation and culture	1.148	178,936	21,144	18,418
Miscellaneous goods and services	1.281	412,463	36,231	28,283
Net purchases abroad	1.259	13,934	1,137	903
Individual final consumption	1.266	2,582,733	267,291	211,130
General public services	1.315	490,747	62,527	47,549
Education	1.325	233,451	34,599	26,112
Government final consumption	1.318	724,198	97,126	73,692
Plant and equipment	1.310	330,161	31,011	23,673
Construction and civil engineering	1.078	405,373	61,282	56,848
Gross fixed capital formation	1.163	735,534	92,293	79,358
Gross domestic product	1.255	3,946,612	472,510	376,502
Gross final consumption expenditure	1.263	3,306,931	364,417	288,533
Gross final expenditure	1.243	4,042,465	456,710	367,426

¹ Nominal GDP values are expressed in millions of \$ of the respective national currency.

² Canadian GDP in millions of US \$ converted using purchasing power parities (PPPs).

Note: 1985 exchange rate = 1.366 Canadian dollars per U.S. dollar.

Ethnic Origins of Canadians

1986 Census

On Census Day, June 3, 1986, one-quarter of all Canadians reported an ancestry that included neither British nor French origins. Of those 6.2 million Canadians, 63% were of European background, 10% Asian, 6% South or West Asian, 6% Aboriginal, 3% Black, 2% other origins and 10% gave multiple responses that did not include British or French origins.

These data focusing on ethnic and aboriginal origins indicate however, that British and French are still the largest single response ethnic groups. In 1986, the ethnic background of 72% of Canadians was made up of just one ethnic origin. Of this group, just over one-third was of British origin and one-third was French. Recent immigrants were also less likely to report multiple ethnic origins than other groups.

There were interesting regional differences in the distribution of various groups. Some 80% of all Newfoundlanders reported British ancestry, while in Quebec, three-quarters of the population gave French as their only ethnic origin. Asians were more likely to live in Ontario and in British Columbia than in the Maritimes or Newfoundland. Some 85% of Blacks lived in Ontario and Quebec, while those of European ethnic background were predominant in all provinces. In the Northwest Territories, nearly 60% of the population was of aboriginal background.

This information on the ethnic and aboriginal origins of Canada's population has been compiled from the 1986 Census data collected from one in five households in the country. A special addendum containing highlights of these data is attached to today's *Daily*.

Data packages are also available at the Census Metropolitan Area level for users interested in more detailed data below the Canada, Provinces and Territories geographic level. These packages can be purchased at any Statistics Canada regional reference centre. Further data from this 20% sample of the population will be released in the spring of 1988.

For more information on ethnic origins, contact: Pamela White (613-951-2574), Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division.

For more information on aboriginal origins, contact: Andy Siggner (613-951-8658), Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division.

Population by Selected Ethnic Origins, for Canada

1986 (Based on 20% sample data)¹

Selected ethnic origins	Canada
Total Population	25,022,005
Single origins	18,035,660
British(1)	6,332,720
French(2)	6,093,160
Aboriginal peoples(3)	373,265
Black(4)	174,970
Chinese	360,320
Dutch(Netherlands)	351,765
German	896,720
Italian	709,590
Jewish	245,855
Polish	222,265
Scandinavian(5)	171,715
South Asian(6)	266,800
Ukrainian	420,210
Other single origins	1,416,315
Multiple origins(7)	6,986,345
British only(8)	2,073,830
British and French	1,139,345
British and other	2,262,525
Other multiple origins(9)	1,510,645

Abbreviation(s) n.i.e. = not included elsewhere.

Note(s):¹ The figures for 1986 exclude the population on incompletely enumerated Indian reserves and settlements. For Canada, there were 136 such reserves and settlements and their total population was estimated to be about 45,000 in 1986.

Footnote(s)

- (1) Includes the single origins of English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, British, n.i.e. and Other British.
- (2) Includes the single origins of French, Acadian, French Canadian and Québécois.
- (3) Includes the single origins of Inuit, Métis and North American Indian.
- (4) Includes the single origins of Black and African Black.
- (5) Includes the single origins of Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish and Scandinavian, n.i.e.
- (6) Includes the single origins of Bengali, Gujarati, Punjabi, Singhalese, Tamil, Bangladeshi, n.i.e., East Indian, n.i.e., Pakistani, n.i.e. and Sri Lankan, n.i.e.
- (7) Includes persons who report more than one origin.
- (8) The British only multiple category includes persons who report more than one of the following origins: English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, British, n.i.e. and Other British.
- (9) Excludes persons reporting multiple combinations of British only, British and French, and British and other.

Data Availability Announcements

Cement

October 1987

Manufacturers shipped 1 339 034 tonnes of cement in October 1987, an increase of 10.9% from the 1 207 561 tonnes shipped a year earlier and an increase of 7.3% from the 1 248 453 tonnes shipped in September 1987.

January to October 1987 shipments reached 10 292 824 tonnes, up 17.0% from the 8 794 831 tonnes shipped during the first 10 months of 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 92 and 122 (series 13).

Order the October 1987 issue of *Cement* (44-001, \$4/\$40), available the week of December 14. Contact: Sharon McLinton (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

Asphalt Roofing

October 1987

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 3 335 601 bundles in October 1987, an increase of 5.2% from the 3 171 635^r bundles shipped a year earlier.

January to October 1987 shipments reached 34 850 950 bundles, up 12.4% from the 31 014 021^r bundles shipped during the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 and 28).

Order the October 1987 issue of *Asphalt Roofing* (45-001, \$4/\$40) to be released the week of December 14. Contact: Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

Rigid Insulating Board

October 1987

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 4 126 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in October 1987, a decrease of 23.5% compared to 5 392 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in October 1986.

For January to October 1987, year-to-date shipments amounted to 46 444 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) compared to 46 053 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) for the same period in 1986, an increase of 0.8%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 31 (series 1) and 122 (series 4-7).

Order the October 1987 issue of *Rigid Insulating Board* (36-002, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of December 14. Contact: Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

Employment, Earnings and Hours

Annual Averages, 1983 to 1986

Annual averages of employment, earnings and hours data for the years 1983 to 1986 are now available.

Estimates by detailed industry, for Canada, the provinces and territories, and estimates for selected metropolitan or urban areas are available in hard copy or on micro-computer diskettes.

User-specified tabulations can be provided on a cost-recovery basis. For more information, please contact R. Arsenault (613-951-4090).

Publications Released

Survey Methodology – A Journal of Statistics Canada, Vol. 13, No. 1, June 1987.
Catalogue number 12-001
(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$23).

Refined Petroleum Products, August 1987.
Catalogue number 45-004
(Canada: \$15/\$150; Other Countries: \$16/\$160).

Telephone Statistics, September 1987.
Catalogue number 56-002
(Canada: \$7.50/\$75; Other Countries: \$8.50/\$85).

Department Store Sales and Stocks, May 1987. **Catalogue number 63-002**
(Canada: \$13/\$130; Other Countries: \$14/\$140).

Retail Trade, August 1987.
Catalogue number 63-005
(Canada: \$14/\$140; Other Countries: \$15/\$150).

Summary of Canadian International Trade, September 1987.
Catalogue number 65-001
(Canada: \$15/\$150; Other Countries: \$16/\$160).

Labour Force Information, November 1987.
Catalogue number 71-001P
(Canada: \$5/\$50; Other Countries: \$6/\$60).
Available December 4th at 7:00 a.m.

Salaries and Salary Scales of Full-time Teaching Staff at Canadian Universities, 1985-86. **Catalogue number 81-258**
(Canada: \$15; Other Countries: \$16).

Culture Statistics – Book Publishing in Canada, 1985-86. **Catalogue number 87-210**
(Canada: \$10; Other Countries: \$11).

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ADDENDUM TO THE DAILY

1986 Census of Population 20% Sample Data Base – Ethnic Origin

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ethnic background of 28% of Canadians includes more than one ethnic origin
- 25% of respondents have ethnic origins that do not include British or French
- Nearly three quarters of a million Canadians report some aboriginal origin
- Regional differences in ethnic composition are a significant characteristic of Canada's cultural mosaic.

1986 Census of Canada

This release from the 1986 Census focuses on the ethnic and aboriginal origins of Canada's population. This information has been compiled from the data collected from one in five households¹.

These are the first data from the 1986 Census collected from a 20% sample of the population to be released. Further data are due to be released in the spring of 1988.

¹ Detailed sample data were not collected from institutional residents. Institutional residents are defined as those individuals, other than staff members and their families, who live in institutional collective dwellings such as homes for the elderly, hospitals and correctional institutions.

British and French are still the largest single ethnic groups

In total, the ethnic background of 72% of Canadians was made up of just one ethnic origin. Of this group, just over 1/3 was of British origin and 1/3 was French.

Ethnic Background Varies According to Region

Regional differences were reflected in ethnic reporting. Newfoundland had the highest proportion of the population with a common ethnic

background: 80% of Newfoundlanders reported a single British response. In Quebec, 78% of respondents gave French as their only ethnic origin.

The western provinces, notably Manitoba and Saskatchewan, showed greater ethnic diversity. British single responses represented the single largest group, comprising just over 21% and 22% of all ethnic origins in these provinces. The next largest group, German single response, was 9% and 13% respectively.

The Northwest Territories was the only area of the country where neither British nor French was the largest group. Aboriginal peoples were in the majority and 52% of the population of the Northwest Territories reported a single aboriginal response.

Single and Multiple Responses

A **Single** response occurred when the respondent reported only one ethnic origin. For example, 709,585 gave Italian as their only origin.

A **Multiple** response occurred when the respondent provided more than one ethnic origin. In total, 297,325 gave a response which included Italian and one or more ethnic or cultural groups. Included in this multiple Italian group, for example, were 32,180 who responded Italian and French.

To illustrate:

In **Table 1**, the multiple combination of Italian and French (32,180) would be grouped into the multiple response category of French and other (325,655).

In **Table 2**, the multiple combination of Italian and French (32,180) would be shown in two places: Italian multiple (297,325) and the French multiple (2,027,945).

(Note: special tabulations providing more detailed classifications can be produced on request.)

How Do 1981 and 1986 Data on Aboriginal Origin Compare?

Aboriginal origin data from the 1981 and 1986 Censuses are not directly comparable.

- 1) In 1986, some 136 Indian reserves did not cooperate with the taking of the Census. This represented an estimated 45,000 people. The proportion of this population that was of aboriginal origin is not known.
- 2) The formulation of the ethnic origin question which identified aboriginal groups in 1981 was different from the one used in 1986.

In 1981, the aboriginal origin categories were:

- Inuit
- Status or registered Indian
- Non-status Indian
- Métis

In 1986, the aboriginal origin categories were:

- Inuit
- North American Indian
- Métis

Respondents were not given the opportunity to identify themselves as status or non-status Indian in the 1986 ethnic origin question, although they had that option in 1981. In 1986, this group was expected to report North American Indian. Persons who were of non-aboriginal ethnic origin but status Indian under the Indian Act of Canada may not have reported their ethnic origin as being North American Indian in 1986. Such persons were able to indicate status Indian in the 1981 ethnic origin question.

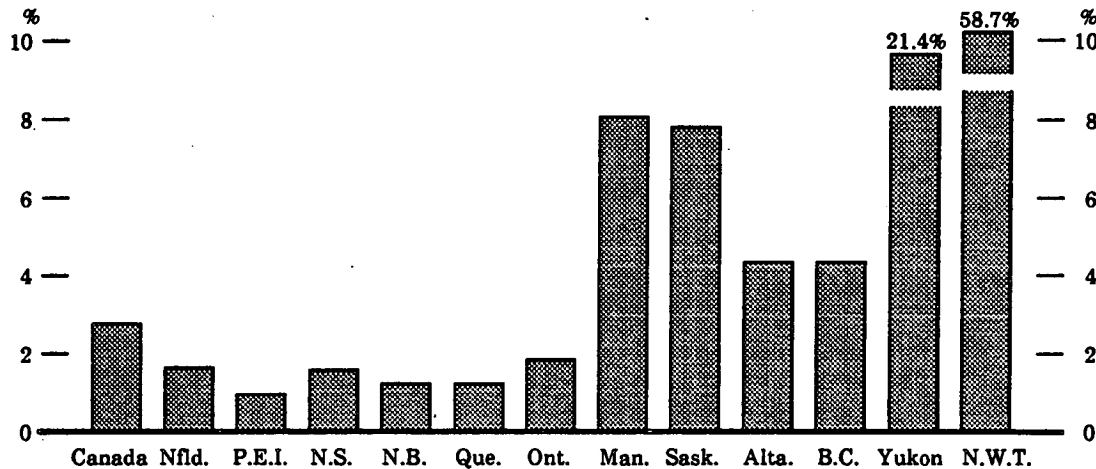
Nearly One-half of All Aboriginal Responses are Multiple

Some 332,500 or 47% of respondents reported both aboriginal and non-aboriginal origins (e.g. North American Indian and French). Another 5,960 or 1% of respondents gave a multiple response that included only aboriginal origins (e.g. Métis and North American Indian).

Considerable Regional Variation in the Distribution of Aboriginal Peoples

Most of Canada's aboriginal population lived in the Northwest Territories and in the western provinces. For example, 59% or 30,530 of the Northwest Territories respondents said they were of aboriginal origin. In the Yukon, 21% or 4,990 gave aboriginal origins and 8% of the total population of Manitoba (85,235) and Saskatchewan (77,645) reported at least one aboriginal origin. By contrast, just 1% or 1,290 persons from Prince Edward Island indicated aboriginal origins.

Figure 3
Proportion of Population Reporting Aboriginal Origins(1) (Single and Multiple),
Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1986(2)



- (1) Population reporting aboriginal origins includes persons who gave a single or multiple response which includes at least one aboriginal origin (e.g. North American Indian, Métis or Inuit).
- (2) Proportions shown for Canada and the provinces of Nova Scotia to British Columbia exclude the population (estimated to be about 45,000) residing on 136 incompletely enumerated Indian reserves and settlements.

Richness of the Data Base

When the remaining socio-economic data are released, in the Spring 1988, it will be possible to investigate the relationship between levels of single and multiple ethnic origin response and birth place, in and outside of Canada. Also expected to be of interest are the correlations

between ethnicity and immigration; for example, period of and age at immigration. Language issues, both home language and official language, will add another dimension to the ethnic data. All the data can be analysed by level of income, education, labour force status, occupation, family size and a variety of other census variables.

Table 1. Population by Selected Ethnic Origins, for Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1986.
(Based on 20% sample data)¹

Selected Ethnic Origins	Canada	Nfld	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Quebec	Ontario
Total population	25,022,005	564,000	125,090	864,150	701,860	6,454,490	9,001,170
Single origins	18,035,665	470,280	74,105	535,905	504,350	6,010,010	5,952,105
British(1)	6,332,725	449,760	59,275	417,690	251,315	319,550	2,912,830
French(2)	6,093,160	11,315	11,130	52,900	232,570	5,015,565	531,580
Austrian	24,900	25	5	85	50	1,645	10,475
Belgian	28,395	0	65	320	120	6,485	12,180
Dutch (Netherlands)	351,765	395	1,280	9,320	2,900	6,365	171,150
German	896,720	1,155	535	21,205	3,760	26,780	285,155
Swiss	19,130	30	5	160	65	3,425	7,600
Finnish	40,565	10	10	95	90	810	26,530
Scandinavian(3)	171,715	265	135	1,230	1,215	2,540	26,755
Estonian	13,200	0	0	105	40	655	10,045
Latvian	12,615	35	0	60	5	905	9,550
Lithuanian	14,725	5	0	125	20	2,195	10,265
Czech and Slovak(4)	55,535	40	15	315	90	4,085	28,910
Hungarian (Magyar)	97,850	40	50	460	230	8,545	51,255
Polish	222,260	200	100	1,840	375	18,835	117,575
Romanian	18,745	0	0	50	20	3,315	7,385
Russian	32,080	10	0	125	30	1,815	5,780
Ukrainian	420,210	105	65	1,440	490	12,225	109,705
Croatian	35,115	5	0	20	5	920	26,760
Serbian	9,510	0	0	5	5	240	8,405
Slovenian	5,890	5	5	25	20	245	4,720
Yugoslav, n.i.e.	51,205	15	5	175	95	3,735	32,215
Macedonian	11,355	5	0	0	0	30	11,175
Greek	143,780	35	5	1,145	230	47,450	80,320
Italian	709,590	235	80	2,260	865	163,880	461,375
Maltese	15,345	40	0	55	10	150	14,330
Portuguese	199,595	270	75	540	255	29,700	139,220
Spanish	57,125	75	5	275	135	16,605	28,000
Jewish	245,855	150	40	1,760	605	81,190	127,030
Armenian	22,525	0	0	30	15	10,810	10,750
Iranian	13,325	105	0	165	25	3,205	5,825
Turk	5,065	0	0	170	20	735	3,270
Arab, n.i.e.	27,270	40	85	140	105	9,190	12,700
Egyptian	11,580	15	0	125	35	6,160	4,200
Lebanese	29,345	80	230	2,135	660	8,270	11,820
South Asian(5)	266,800	680	205	1,950	735	17,780	135,135
Chinese	360,320	610	130	1,345	765	23,205	156,170
Japanese	40,245	25	0	65	85	1,285	16,150
Korean	27,685	5	0	25	70	1,235	17,200
Filipino	93,285	285	0	200	230	5,110	44,195
Cambodian	10,365	0	0	5	0	5,165	3,160
Laotian	9,580	20	0	25	0	2,795	3,780
Vietnamese	53,015	40	10	430	290	15,860	17,155
Pacific Islands origins(6)	6,625	0	0	0	0	90	425
Latin, Central and South							
American origins(7)	32,235	15	10	115	75	12,085	11,895
Caribbean origins(8)	48,475	25	0	130	70	12,980	30,060
Black	170,340	55	50	7,890	935	36,785	108,710
African Black	4,630	0	25	25	15	640	1,960
Aboriginal peoples(9)	373,265	3,825	410	5,960	3,885	49,320	55,560
Other single origins	99,025	205	65	1,190	740	7,420	33,715
Multiple origins(10)	6,986,345	93,730	50,985	328,245	197,505	444,480	3,049,060
British only(11)	2,073,830	52,015	27,135	124,500	77,995	60,715	1,032,120
British and French	1,139,345	24,290	15,180	80,605	69,855	174,250	512,570
British and other	2,262,525	12,635	5,985	81,445	30,555	55,235	942,560
French only(12)	5,930	5	10	515	1,280	3,490	290
French and other	325,655	815	420	7,025	3,285	77,195	103,345
British, French and other	563,065	3,415	1,990	24,795	12,580	39,590	244,370
Other multiple origins	616,000	550	270	9,360	1,955	33,995	213,815

See footnotes on page 5.

Table 1. Population by Selected Ethnic Origins, for Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1986.
(Based on 20% sample data)¹ - Concluded

Selected Ethnic Origins	Manitoba	Sask.	Alberta	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.
Total population	1,049,320	998,695	2,340,265	2,849,585	23,360	52,020
Single origins	681,580	604,750	1,389,930	1,759,810	12,855	39,980
British(1)	224,375	222,115	592,345	871,070	5,370	7,015
French(2)	55,720	33,535	77,585	68,965	775	1,510
Austrian	1,665	1,615	3,170	6,140	25	15
Belgian	4,255	1,440	1,755	1,750	15	15
Dutch (Netherlands)	27,875	13,025	55,920	62,945	350	240
German	96,160	128,850	182,870	148,280	880	1,085
Swiss	595	600	2,475	4,125	30	25
Finnish	720	1,075	2,625	8,545	25	30
Scandinavian(3)	14,835	24,895	46,525	52,560	445	305
Estonian	55	50	580	1,660	5	5
Latvian	400	55	545	1,030	15	10
Lithuanian	340	160	840	760	10	5
Czech and Slovak(4)	2,770	2,145	8,235	8,795	60	70
Hungarian (Magyar)	3,230	8,115	12,780	13,000	95	40
Polish	22,015	13,325	28,500	19,305	75	100
Romanian	640	2,695	2,790	1,840	5	5
Russian	1,755	4,130	4,185	14,170	55	30
Ukrainian	79,940	60,550	106,760	48,200	340	400
Croatian	665	245	1,990	4,510	0	0
Serbian	85	125	225	390	15	20
Slovenian	120	30	410	310	10	0
Yugoslav, n.i.e.	1,195	700	4,525	8,420	60	60
Macedonian	0	0	105	45	0	0
Greek	2,025	1,185	4,030	7,295	30	40
Italian	8,230	1,950	23,635	46,755	75	255
Maltese	100	10	175	475	0	0
Portuguese	7,335	330	6,280	15,535	10	30
Spanish	1,180	625	5,280	4,910	20	15
Jewish	13,870	990	7,945	12,230	35	10
Armenian	75	10	110	725	0	0
Iranian	180	185	800	2,820	15	0
Turk	15	70	555	215	0	10
Arab, n.i.e.	270	365	3,145	1,210	0	10
Egyptian	115	90	645	205	0	0
Lebanese	170	240	5,010	720	0	0
South Asian(5)	7,415	3,450	30,090	69,250	45	65
Chinese	8,730	7,210	49,210	112,605	105	240
Japanese	1,055	330	5,295	15,905	10	35
Korean	565	120	3,385	5,065	5	20
Filipino	15,815	1,190	10,260	15,810	20	155
Cambodian	315	135	1,020	555	0	5
Laotian	920	520	655	860	0	0
Vietnamese	2,055	1,630	9,630	5,740	35	135
Pacific Islands origins(6)	20	0	780	5,305	5	0
Latin, Central and South						
American origins(7)	1,185	780	3,790	2,245	15	20
Caribbean origins(8)	1,260	290	2,455	1,205	0	5
Black	3,665	905	7,235	3,995	10	105
African Black	235	325	740	660	0	0
Aboriginal peoples(9)	55,410	55,645	51,670	61,130	3,280	27,175
Other single origins	9,940	6,685	18,370	19,560	470	670
Multiple origins(10)	387,740	391,950	950,335	1,089,780	10,505	12,040
British only(11)	86,560	75,440	213,130	319,240	2,410	2,570
British and French	35,495	27,760	90,315	106,370	1,175	1,475
British and other	131,620	167,320	393,770	432,590	4,495	4,325
French only(12)	40	45	105	130	0	0
French and other	23,910	25,685	45,710	37,135	420	705
British, French and other	30,610	31,395	82,935	89,000	1,055	1,340
Other multiple origins	59,500	64,305	124,365	105,310	950	1,620

See footnotes on page 5.

Abbreviation: *n.i.e.* = not included elsewhere

Note:¹ In this and all subsequent tables and graphs, the figures for 1986 exclude the population on incompletely enumerated Indian reserves and settlements. For Canada there were 136 such reserves and settlements and the total population was estimated to be about 45,000 in 1986.

Footnotes:

- (1) Includes the single origins of English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, British, *n.i.e.* and Other British.
- (2) Includes the single origins of French, Acadian, French Canadian and Québécois.
- (3) Includes the single origins of Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish and Scandinavian, *n.i.e.*
- (4) Includes the single origins of Czech, Czechoslovakian and Slovak.
- (5) Includes the single origins of Bengali, Gujarati, Punjabi, Singhalese, Tamil, Bangladeshi, *n.i.e.*, East Indian, *n.i.e.*, Pakistani, *n.i.e.* and Sri Lankan, *n.i.e.*
- (6) Includes the single origins of Fijian, Polynesian and Other Pacific Islanders.
- (7) Includes the single origins of Argentinian, Brazilian, Chilean, Ecuadorian, Mexican, Peruvian and Other Latin / Central / South American origins.
- (8) Includes the single origins of Cuban, Haitian, Jamaican, Puerto Rican, Other Caribbean, *n.i.e.* and Other West Indian.
- (9) Includes the single origins of Inuit, Métis and North American Indian.
- (10) Includes persons who report more than one origin.
- (11) The British Only multiple category includes persons who report more than one of the following origins: English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, British, *n.i.e.* and Other British.
- (12) The French Only multiple category includes persons who report more than one of the following origins: French, Acadian, Franco-Manitoban, Franco-Ontarian, French Canadian and Québécois.

A Wide Range of Ethnic Groups Make up the Canadian Mosaic

In 1986, 25% of all Canadians reported ethnic origins other than British or French. This included those who gave a single ethnic origin other than British or French as well as those who gave a multiple response that did not include British or French.

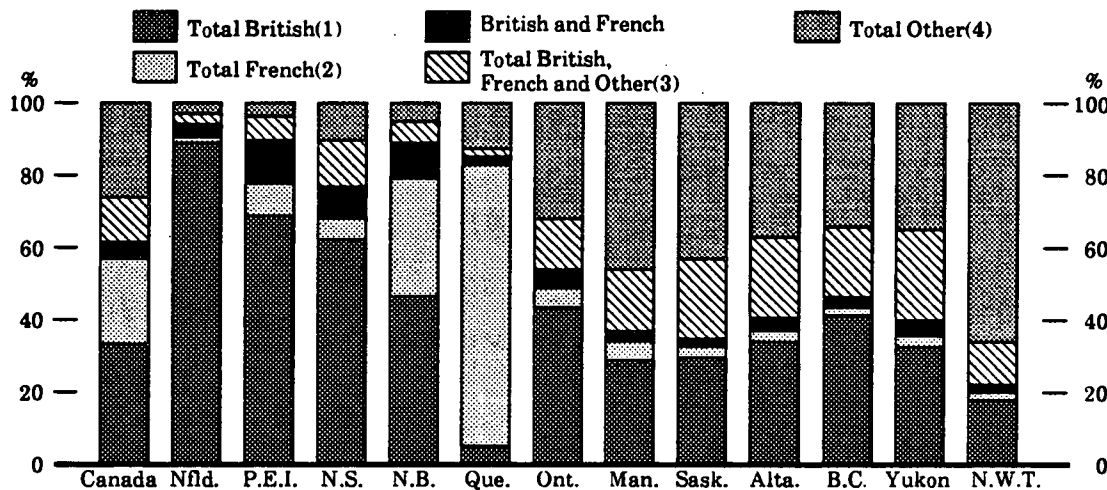
Of all Canadians who reported having neither British nor French origins, 63% were of European background, 10% Asian, 6% South or West Asian (Middle Eastern), 6% Aboriginal, 3% Black, 2% Other, and 10% gave a multiple response that did not include British or French.

Again, there was considerable regional variation in the non-British and non-French population. For example, the Northwest Territories had the highest level (64%) due largely to its substantial aboriginal population, while Newfoundland (2%) showed the lowest. Both Manitoba and Saskatchewan had levels of non-British and non-French origins which were higher than 40%.

There were also regional differences in the distribution of various groups. Asians were more likely to live in Ontario and British Columbia, than in the Maritime provinces or Newfoundland. Eighty-five percent of Blacks lived in Ontario and Quebec and those of European ethnic background were predominant in all provinces.

Figure 1

Proportion of Population Giving Total British, French, British and French, British, French and Other, and Other Ethnic Origins, Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1986



- (1) Total British: Includes single origins English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, British, n.i.e., Other British, and the British Only multiple.
- (2) Total French: Includes single origins French, Acadian, French Canadian, Québécois, and the French Only multiple.
- (3) Total British, French and Other: Includes British and Other, French and Other, and British, French and Other.
- (4) Total Other: Includes single origins other than British and French, and multiple origins that exclude British and French.

More Canadians Report Multiple Ethnic Origins

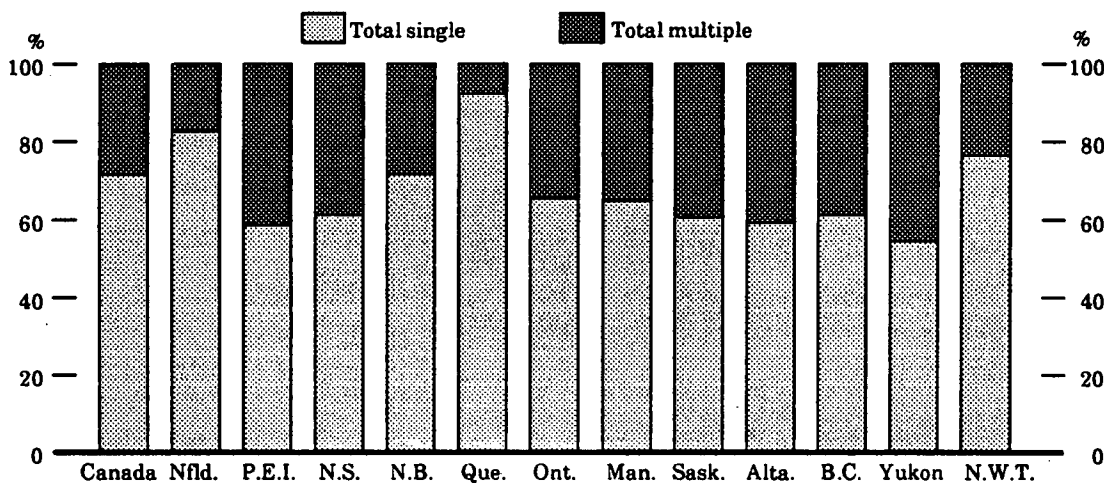
The 1981 Census was the first to accept more than one ethnic origin response per individual, but the 1986 Census was the first to ask Canadians to provide as many origins as apply. In 1986, 28% of Canadians gave more than one ethnic origin as compared to over 11% in 1981.

In 1986, 72% of Canadians or 18,035,665 gave one ethnic origin, 17% or 4,276,520 reported two origins, 7% or 1,721,955 gave three origins, and 4% or 987,875 provided four or more origins.

There were considerable regional variations in the percentage distributions of single and multiple ethnic origin responses. In 1986, for example, 7% of respondents in Quebec gave a multiple response as compared to Yukon and Alberta where 45% and 41% of the population respectively provided more than one ethnic origin.

Figure 2

Proportion of Population Showing Single and Multiple Ethnic Origin Responses, Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1986



A High Proportion of Some Groups Report More Than One Ethnic Origin

The level of multiple response for many ethnic groups was substantial. For example, 81% of all Irish responses and 78% of all Scottish responses were multiple. This pattern was also evident for many of the northern, central and eastern European groups. For these groups, the proportion of the multiple response was often greater than 50%. For example, 56% of Ukrainian, 60% of Dutch and 64% of German responses were multiple.

Recent Immigrants Less Likely to Report Multiple Ethnicity

Understandably ethnic groups which have experienced high levels of immigration since the last census were more likely to report a single ethnic origin. Vietnamese, Cambodian (Kampuchian), Iranian, Korean and Filipino origins had a lower incidence of multiple response. For example, only 7% or 2,020 Koreans, 12% or 1,425 Cambodians (Kampuchians), 13% or 13,780 Filipinos, 15% or 2,420 Iranians, and 16% or 9,980 Vietnamese gave multiple responses.

Table 2. Population by Selected Ethnic Origins, Showing Single and Multiple Origins, for Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1986. (Based on 20% sample data)²

Selected Ethnic Origins(1)	Canada		Newfoundland		Prince Edward Island		Nova Scotia	
	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)
English	4,742,040	4,561,910	391,325	82,050	35,220	35,155	300,910	223,690
Irish	699,685	2,922,605	51,505	60,090	9,375	26,930	31,825	151,605
Scottish	865,450	3,052,605	6,750	25,500	14,605	35,455	84,360	186,200
Welsh	23,395	126,890	180	770	60	535	550	3,640
French	6,087,310	2,027,945	11,295	28,500	11,095	17,560	52,725	112,800
Austrian	24,900	49,745	25	40	5	55	85	480
Belgian	28,395	46,395	0	95	65	50	320	750
Dutch (Netherlands)	351,765	530,170	395	1,655	1,280	2,450	9,320	35,880
German	896,715	1,570,340	1,155	5,820	540	4,225	21,210	68,905
Swiss	19,135	41,145	25	35	5	60	155	830
Finnish	40,565	50,775	10	95	10	30	95	335
Danish	39,950	79,105	30	150	100	195	380	1,125
Icelandic	14,470	39,285	10	30	0	0	110	225
Norwegian	61,575	182,100	135	500	20	135	425	1,615
Swedish	43,340	160,535	70	340	10	120	235	1,410
Scandinavian, n.i.e.	12,375	19,440	15	70	15	40	85	190
Estonian	13,200	7,330	0	15	0	0	105	135
Latvian	12,620	7,380	35	25	0	0	65	135
Lithuanian	14,725	12,225	5	40	0	65	125	205
Czech	20,385	19,255	15	15	15	50	120	210
Czechoslovakian	18,830	24,605	15	90	0	0	155	260
Slovak	16,320	11,385	10	15	0	0	35	90
Hungarian (Magyar)	97,850	91,145	40	80	45	35	460	890
Polish	222,260	389,840	205	695	100	310	1,845	5,305
Romanian	18,745	32,590	0	30	0	15	50	380
Russian	32,085	71,585	15	160	0	30	125	685
Ukrainian	420,210	541,100	105	475	65	335	1,435	4,710
Croatian	35,120	9,055	5	0	0	0	20	45
Macedonian	11,355	5,915	5	35	0	0	0	0
Yugoslav, n.i.e.	51,200	33,375	20	10	5	25	175	225
Greek	143,780	33,530	35	120	5	30	1,140	665
Italian	709,585	297,325	240	800	80	345	2,255	6,920
Maltese	15,345	8,925	45	20	0	0	55	105
Portuguese	199,595	37,590	270	345	75	45	540	900
Spanish	57,125	56,045	75	340	10	130	280	1,330
Jewish	245,860	97,650	150	390	35	125	1,760	2,650
Armenian	22,525	4,865	5	0	0	0	30	20
Iranian	13,325	2,420	105	10	0	0	165	15
Arab, n.i.e.	27,275	10,230	40	25	85	25	140	120
Egyptian	11,580	4,135	15	5	0	0	125	15
Lebanese	29,345	15,685	80	340	235	85	2,135	1,560
East Indian, n.i.e.	220,630	40,810	620	145	155	50	1,660	470
Pakistani, n.i.e.	24,880	6,770	55	20	50	0	235	30
Punjabi	10,870	4,680	0	0	0	0	20	40
Chinese	360,320	53,720	610	430	130	60	1,345	670
Japanese	40,240	14,260	25	10	0	0	65	70
Korean	27,680	2,020	5	0	0	0	25	0
Filipino	93,285	13,780	285	60	0	0	200	95
Cambodian	10,370	1,425	0	0	0	0	10	0
Vietnamese	53,010	9,980	45	0	10	0	425	75
Other Latin/Central/South								
American origins	14,660	6,025	0	15	0	5	10	75
Haitian	10,865	6,140	0	0	0	0	5	10
Jamaican	11,210	8,505	0	10	0	15	25	55
Other West Indian	24,665	15,620	15	25	0	10	70	185
Black	170,340	83,770	55	125	50	225	7,885	5,060
Inuit	27,290	9,175	1,810	2,315	0	25	135	175
Metis	59,745	91,865	270	1,170	35	125	255	850
North American Indian	286,230	262,730	1,745	2,950	375	745	5,570	7,490
Other origins(3)	178,065	2,675	275	15	155	0	1,840	30

See footnotes on page 13.

Table 2. Population by Selected Ethnic Origins, Showing Single and Multiple Origins, for Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1986. (Based on 20% sample data)² - Continued

Selected Ethnic Origins(1)	New Brunswick		Quebec		Ontario	
	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)
English	189,840	145,050	203,065	222,855	2,194,405	2,112,455
Irish	32,125	102,950	74,555	148,930	317,810	1,389,875
Scottish	28,780	97,775	41,195	104,520	389,775	1,394,510
Welsh	535	2,655	555	3,180	9,750	48,360
French	231,975	86,920	5,011,500	293,805	531,215	859,050
Austrian	50	230	1,645	2,135	10,480	16,885
Belgian	120	295	6,480	5,430	12,175	16,140
Dutch (Netherlands)	2,900	12,400	6,365	11,430	171,155	224,555
German	3,760	21,885	26,780	43,510	285,160	615,810
Swiss	65	245	3,425	3,630	7,600	15,275
Finnish	90	310	810	905	26,530	27,265
Danish	715	1,600	895	1,505	10,950	19,585
Icelandic	30	75	100	320	1,270	5,435
Norwegian	205	1,035	745	2,230	5,170	22,425
Swedish	170	1,270	640	2,120	7,465	30,620
Scandinavian, n.i.e.	100	220	165	400	1,900	3,290
Estonian	40	90	655	390	10,045	4,185
Latvian	10	40	905	355	9,545	4,060
Lithuanian	20	35	2,195	1,120	10,265	6,665
Czech	60	35	1,530	890	9,070	6,535
Czechoslovakian	15	40	1,160	1,005	8,945	9,070
Slovak	20	50	1,400	680	10,895	7,135
Hungarian (Magyar)	230	330	8,550	4,390	51,255	39,085
Polish	380	1,515	18,835	14,810	117,580	151,510
Romanian	20	120	3,315	1,990	7,385	10,655
Russian	30	300	1,820	3,355	5,780	18,355
Ukrainian	490	1,690	12,220	10,190	109,705	150,875
Croatian	5	10	920	270	26,755	6,050
Macedonian	0	0	30	50	11,175	5,625
Yugoslav, n.i.e.	90	170	3,740	1,705	32,215	18,485
Greek	230	340	47,450	5,490	80,320	18,185
Italian	865	2,555	163,880	34,635	461,375	167,960
Maltese	5	50	150	245	14,330	7,530
Portuguese	255	465	29,700	3,680	139,225	22,980
Spanish	135	840	16,605	7,815	28,005	24,620
Jewish	605	910	81,195	17,035	127,025	49,510
Armenian	15	40	10,810	1,700	10,750	2,370
Iranian	25	20	3,205	505	5,825	985
Arab, n.i.e.	105	50	9,190	3,600	12,705	4,250
Egyptian	35	35	6,155	1,840	4,195	1,660
Lebanese	660	795	8,270	3,165	11,820	6,695
East Indian, n.i.e.	550	200	12,120	2,955	111,775	23,105
Pakistani, n.i.e.	150	50	2,750	725	14,910	3,975
Punjabi	5	0	320	190	2,860	1,155
Chinese	770	245	23,205	3,550	156,170	24,790
Japanese	85	75	1,280	615	16,155	4,450
Korean	70	0	1,230	75	17,200	1,225
Filipino	230	15	5,115	925	44,195	6,015
Cambodian	0	0	5,165	615	3,160	505
Vietnamese	290	50	15,865	1,565	17,155	4,210
Other Latin/Central/South American origins	10	40	5,685	1,150	6,135	3,080
Haitian	15	15	10,455	5,640	290	405
Jamaican	25	20	660	350	8,980	6,685
Other West Indian	25	70	1,515	1,430	19,870	11,015
Black	935	1,145	36,785	14,610	108,710	46,795
Inuit	10	175	6,470	890	675	2,285
Metis	190	560	5,705	5,740	3,720	14,565
North American Indian	3,685	5,020	37,150	26,435	51,160	99,555
Other origins(3)	1,535	10	25,745	415	70,005	1,055

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Table 2. Population by Selected Ethnic Origins, Showing Single and Multiple Origins, for Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1986. (Based on 20% sample data)² - Continued

Selected Ethnic Origins(1)	Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta	
	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)
English	158,190	208,745	162,480	217,445	438,950	567,655
Irish	24,235	126,055	25,060	135,590	60,790	352,750
Scottish	40,825	150,450	33,360	147,800	88,645	392,420
Welsh	1,050	6,360	1,135	7,155	3,780	22,135
French	55,605	89,660	33,495	84,380	77,430	218,185
Austrian	1,665	3,490	1,615	4,745	3,165	9,165
Belgian	4,255	7,075	1,440	4,095	1,755	5,945
Dutch (Netherlands)	27,875	29,500	13,025	32,070	55,920	83,330
German	96,165	88,815	128,850	155,755	182,870	297,950
Swiss	595	1,725	600	2,480	2,475	8,220
Finnish	720	1,550	1,075	1,805	2,625	6,015
Danish	1,395	3,845	1,850	5,830	11,610	23,680
Icelandic	6,980	13,565	1,430	3,935	1,650	6,020
Norwegian	2,515	9,025	13,615	31,900	18,395	57,560
Swedish	3,335	12,455	6,190	19,075	10,995	43,495
Scandinavian, n.i.e.	615	1,140	1,805	2,160	3,875	6,140
Estonian	55	90	50	25	580	900
Latvian	400	635	55	60	545	890
Lithuanian	345	415	160	535	840	1,655
Czech	1,110	1,100	1,120	2,260	3,105	4,050
Czechoslovakian	900	1,545	735	2,025	3,445	5,680
Slovak	760	455	295	245	1,685	1,580
Hungarian (Magyar)	3,225	3,660	8,115	11,750	12,780	16,065
Polish	22,015	46,530	13,325	36,250	28,500	76,720
Romanian	640	1,715	2,695	5,290	2,795	6,920
Russian	1,755	4,545	4,125	7,930	4,185	15,185
Ukrainian	79,940	78,385	60,555	65,225	106,760	132,210
Croatian	670	245	250	365	1,990	730
Macedonian	0	0	0	5	105	120
Yugoslav, n.i.e.	1,195	1,045	700	1,135	4,525	3,975
Greek	2,025	735	1,185	505	4,030	2,810
Italian	8,230	6,970	1,950	4,395	23,635	26,395
Maltese	100	60	5	35	175	255
Portuguese	7,340	1,085	330	285	6,285	2,505
Spanish	1,180	1,825	625	1,140	5,285	5,975
Jewish	13,875	4,400	995	1,620	7,945	7,160
Armenian	75	75	10	25	105	195
Iranian	180	90	185	70	800	200
Arab, n.i.e.	275	190	365	210	3,145	1,030
Egyptian	115	25	90	55	640	305
Lebanese	170	390	240	365	5,010	1,425
East Indian, n.i.e.	6,000	1,250	2,965	565	24,635	3,780
Pakistani, n.i.e.	625	265	240	125	3,245	750
Punjabi	500	145	20	35	1,160	375
Chinese	8,730	2,010	7,210	1,410	49,210	7,550
Japanese	1,050	495	330	235	5,300	2,690
Korean	565	35	120	10	3,385	300
Filipino	15,815	1,525	1,185	225	10,265	1,500
Cambodian	315	15	140	25	1,025	160
Vietnamese	2,060	455	1,630	250	9,625	2,015
Other Latin/Central/South American origins	520	115	195	60	1,240	700
Haitian	40	10	0	5	35	45
Jamaican	280	105	50	85	875	715
Other West Indian	905	520	185	175	1,395	1,280
Black	3,665	2,525	905	1,235	7,235	6,205
Inuit	185	515	40	155	295	830
Metis	14,270	19,015	12,215	13,475	16,880	23,250
North American Indian	40,965	14,990	43,385	11,830	34,490	34,475
Other origins(3)	12,520	110	8,740	50	25,815	480

See footnotes on page 13.

Table 2. Population by Selected Ethnic Origins, Showing Single and Multiple Origins, for Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1986. (Based on 20% sample data)² - Concluded

Selected Ethnic Origins(1)	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories	
	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)	Single Origins	Multiple Origins(2)
English	658,855	733,755	3,795	6,365	5,010	6,695
Irish	70,880	418,970	655	4,515	875	4,355
Scottish	135,230	508,345	870	4,780	1,060	4,865
Welsh	5,695	31,675	55	195	55	215
French	68,695	230,915	770	2,645	1,505	3,520
Austrian	6,140	12,340	20	140	15	40
Belgian	1,755	6,380	15	35	15	115
Dutch (Netherlands)	62,950	95,285	355	960	240	665
German	148,285	262,790	875	2,490	1,085	2,395
Swiss	4,125	8,510	30	80	25	45
Finnish	8,540	12,325	25	85	30	55
Danish	11,870	21,275	90	150	75	185
Icelandic	2,845	9,575	15	50	30	55
Norwegian	20,065	54,755	165	595	120	340
Swedish	14,035	48,780	115	510	65	340
Scandinavian, n.i.e.	3,750	5,630	60	80	10	75
Estonian	1,660	1,495	0	0	5	5
Latvian	1,030	1,145	15	20	10	20
Lithuanian	760	1,460	10	25	5	15
Czech	4,175	4,015	20	45	35	60
Czechoslovakian	3,420	4,825	35	30	10	40
Slovak	1,200	1,095	5	5	20	20
Hungarian (Magyar)	13,000	14,580	95	160	45	130
Polish	19,305	55,190	80	485	100	520
Romanian	1,835	5,390	10	60	5	20
Russian	14,165	20,680	60	215	30	155
Ukrainian	48,195	95,140	345	845	395	1,020
Croatian	4,510	1,320	0	0	0	15
Macedonian	45	85	0	5	0	0
Yugoslav, n.i.e.	8,420	6,505	65	30	60	55
Greek	7,295	4,580	25	20	35	45
Italian	46,755	45,835	75	260	250	260
Maltese	480	615	0	0	0	15
Portuguese	15,540	5,220	15	45	35	20
Spanish	4,910	11,690	20	240	15	100
Jewish	12,235	13,635	35	120	10	100
Armenian	730	435	0	5	0	0
Iranian	2,820	510	15	20	0	0
Arab, n.i.e.	1,210	730	0	0	10	0
Egyptian	205	195	0	0	5	0
Lebanese	725	860	0	10	0	5
East Indian, n.i.e.	60,045	8,230	40	15	60	35
Pakistani, n.i.e.	2,615	830	0	0	0	0
Punjabi	5,990	2,745	0	0	0	0
Chinese	112,605	12,930	105	55	235	25
Japanese	15,905	5,590	15	20	35	15
Korean	5,060	380	5	0	20	0
Filipino	15,810	3,370	20	0	155	45
Cambodian	555	100	0	0	5	0
Vietnamese	5,740	1,350	30	5	140	5
Other Latin/Central/South American origins	855	765	5	30	0	0
Haitian	15	10	0	0	0	0
Jamaican	325	470	0	0	0	0
Other West Indian	675	895	0	0	10	20
Black	4,000	5,690	10	60	110	105
Inuit	245	790	35	30	17,385	975
Metis	3,930	11,360	80	145	2,200	1,610
North American Indian	56,955	55,840	3,165	1,605	7,585	1,785
Other origins(3)	30,175	480	525	15	735	25

See footnotes on page 13.

Abbreviation: *n.i.e.* = not included elsewhere

Note:² The figures for 1986 exclude the population on incompletely enumerated Indian reserves or settlements. For Canada, there were 136 such reserves and settlements and the total population was estimated to be about 45,000 in 1986.

Footnotes:

(1) Selected origins with single counts of 10,000 or more at the Canada level are included in this legend.

(2) The total of single and multiple responses will be greater than the total population for the region shown due to reporting of multiple ethnic responses for each group. For example, a respondent giving the origin French and Italian will be shown in the multiple French group and in the multiple Italian group.

(3) The count for "Other multiple origins" is the sum of residual multiple records. There is no double counting of the population for this category.

Comparing Changes Between 1981 and 1986 Ethnic Origin Data

The 1981 and 1986 Census data for ethnic origin are not directly comparable because the 1986 Census question was modified slightly. Unlike in 1981, Canadians were asked to mark or specify as many groups as apply and two more write-in spaces were added. These two changes contributed to an increase in the level of multiple origin response. As well, the categories of aboriginal origins were changed and a mark-in box for Black was added to the question.

As a result, when comparisons of 1981 and 1986 ethnic origin data are made, the single response counts for many origins indicate a decline. For example, in 1981, 1,151,955 persons gave the single response Irish, while in 1986 this number declined to 699,685. This pattern is evident for many of the other groups which have been part of Canada's cultural mosaic for some time.

While the level of single response for many groups declined, the incidence of multiple response involving these groups increased markedly. In the case of the Irish group, for example, the number of multiple responses which included Irish increased from 1,147,935 in 1981 to 2,922,605 in 1986.

However, groups which have experienced increased levels of immigration since 1981, such as the Iranians, showed an increase in single response. In 1981, 5,600 Iranians gave a single response as compared to 13,325 in 1986.

1981 Census Ethnic Origin Question

To which ethnic or cultural group did you or your ancestors belong on first coming to this continent?

(See Guide for further information.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Peoples |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> Status or registered Indian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-status Indian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Métis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Italian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch (Netherlands) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polish | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | |

☐
Other (specify)

1986 Census Ethnic Origin Question

To which ethnic or cultural group(s) do you or did your ancestors belong? (See Guide)

Mark or specify as many as applicable

- ☐ French
- ☐ English
- ☐ Irish
- ☐ Scottish
- ☐ German
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ Ukrainian
- ☐ Dutch (Netherlands)
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Polish
- ☐ Black
- ☐ Inuit
- ☐ North American Indian
- ☐ Métis

Other ethnic or cultural group(s). For example, Portuguese, Greek, Indian (India), Pakistani, Filipino, Japanese, Vietnamese. (specify below)

☐
Other (specify)

☐
Other (specify)

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Other (specify)

Nearly 3/4 of a Million Canadians Report some Aboriginal Origin

In 1986, 711,720 persons (representing 3% of the total population of Canada) reported at least one aboriginal origin. Although the 1981 data are not directly comparable to 1986 data for aboriginal peoples (see box below), the total number of people reporting aboriginal origins in 1981 was 491,460 or about 2% of the total population of Canada. In 1986, 286,230 gave a single North American Indian origin, 59,745 a single Métis origin and 27,290 reported a single Inuit origin.

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