

Tables:

Population in census rural areas and population centres (with 1,000+ inhabitants) by province, 1851 to 2016

Ray D. Bollman
RayD.Bollman@sasktel.net

References:

Statistics Canada. (2016) **Census Dictionary: 2016 Census of Population** (<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/ref/dict/index-eng.cfm>)

du Plessis, Valerie, Roland Beshiri, Ray D. Bollman and Heather Clemenson. (2001) "Definitions of Rural." **Rural and Small Town Canada Analysis Bulletin** Vol. 3, No. 3 (Ottawa: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 21-006-XIE) (<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/bsolc/olc-cel/olc-cel?catno=21-006-X&CHROPG=1&lang=eng>).

For provincial detail, see:

du Plessis, Valerie, Roland Beshiri, Ray D. Bollman and Heather Clemenson. (2002) **Definitions of Rural** (Ottawa: Statistics Canada, Agriculture and Rural Working Paper No. 61, Catalogue no. 21-601-MIE) (<http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/olc-cel/olc.action?objId=21-601-M&objType=2&lang=en&limit=1>).

Bollman, Ray D. and Heather A. Clemenson (2008) **Structure and Change in Canada's Rural Demography: An Update to 2006 with Provincial Detail** (Ottawa: Statistics Canada, Agriculture and Rural Working Paper No. 90, Catalogue no. 21-601-MIE) (<http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/olc-cel/olc.action?objId=21-601-M&objType=2&lang=en&limit=1>).

Note: The tables also show the rural farm population and the rural non-farm population up to 2011. The 2016 data will not be published until 2018.

Note:

Census rural areas are all areas outside [population centres](#) of 1,000 or more.

Rural and Small Town areas are towns and municipalities outside “Larger Urban Centres” of 10,000 or more (i.e., outside [Census Metropolitan Areas \(CMAs\) \(100,000+ population\)](#) and outside [Census Agglomerations \(CAs\) \(10,000-99,999 population\)](#)).

The geographic units for classifying or delineating census rural areas are smaller than the geographic units that are the building blocks for delineating “Rural and Small Town” areas.

Specifically, the geographic unit used to classifying census rural areas (and the corresponding [population centres](#)) is the [dissemination block](#)

Dissemination blocks are smaller units than the geographic units used to delineate “Rural and Small Town areas” and the corresponding “Larger Urban Centres” (specifically, [Census Metropolitan Areas \(CMAs\)](#) and [Census Agglomerations \(CAs\)](#)).

The geographic unit used to delineate “Rural and Small Town” and “Larger Urban Centres” is the [census subdivision](#) (CSD) (i.e. incorporated municipality).

Within many census subdivisions, we will find both census rural residents *and* residents of population centres (of 1,000+ residents).

For example, in 2006, there were 6 million census rural residents and 6 million “Rural and Small Town” residents (see table below). However, among the 6 million census rural residents, 2 million (1/3) resided within “Larger Urban Centres” (i.e. as part of a CMA or CA) (i.e. not within a “Rural and Small Town” area).

This is important when one is comparing the growth trends for the census rural population and the growth trends for the “Rural and Small Town” population. For example, the overall census rural population may be growing due to the growth in population in census rural areas within “Larger Urban Centres” whereas the overall “Rural and Small Town” population may be declining.

Population of Canada by type of labour market (larger urban centre vs rural and small town areas) and by type of community or settlement, 2006			
Type of labour market	Type of community or settlement		
	Population centres (1,000 or more)	Census rural (under 1,000)	All types of communities or settlements
	Population (million)		
Larger Urban Centres (Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) have a total population of 100,000+ and Census Agglomerations (CAs) have a population of 10,000+. Both include neighbouring municipalities where 50+% of the employed population commutes to the CMA or CA)	23	2	26
Rural and Small Town areas (outside Census Metropolitan Areas and outside Census Agglomerations)	2	4	6
All types of labour markets	25	6	32

Source: Statistics Canada. (2008) **Profile for the Statistical Area Classification, 2006 Census of Population** (Ottawa: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 94-581-X2006011) (<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/bsolc/olc-cel/olc-cel?lang=eng&catno=94-581-X2006011>)

Distribution of census rural population by province, 2016

	Year when census rural population became a minority	Total population in 2016	Census rural population in 2016	Percent of population that was census rural in 2016	Provincial census rural population as a percent of Canada's census rural population in 2016
Newfoundland and Labrador	1961	519,718	217,988	42	3.3
Prince Edward Island	still a majority	142,907	78,498	55	1.2
Nova Scotia	1951	923,598	393,629	43	6.0
New Brunswick	1966 to 1981 & 2006 to 2011	747,101	380,919	51	5.8
Quebec	1911	8,164,361	1,591,306	19	24.2
Ontario	1911	13,448,494	1,857,981	14	28.3
Manitoba	1951	1,278,365	343,136	27	5.2
Saskatchewan	1971	1,098,352	364,848	33	5.5
Alberta	1956	4,067,175	667,803	16	10.2
British Columbia	1931	4,648,055	631,776	14	9.6
Yukon	1971	35,874	14,142	39	0.2
Northwest Territories	2006	41,786	15,003	36	0.2
Nunavut	still a majority	35,944	18,344	51	0.3
Canada	1931	35,151,730	6,575,373	19	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Newfoundland and Labrador, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)					
										=((2)/(9))*100	=((1)/(3))*100	=((9)/(7))*100		
1951	4,519	15,456	19,975	150,276	191,165	341,441	361,416	154,795	206,621	7	23	57		
1956	2,917	10,138	13,055	182,335	219,684	402,019	415,074	185,252	229,822	4	22	55	20	11
1961	2,013	9,077	11,090	230,007	216,756	446,763	457,853	232,020	225,833	4	18	49	25	-2
1966	781	8,455	9,236	265,908	218,252	484,160	493,396	266,689	226,707	4	8	46	15	0
1971	631	4,525	5,156	298,169	218,775	516,944	522,100	298,800	223,300	2	12	43	12	-2
1976	685	3,070	3,755	327,585	226,380	553,965	557,720	328,270	229,450	1	18	41	10	3
1981	569	1,925	2,494	332,329	232,858	565,187	567,681	332,898	234,783	1	23	41	1	2
1986	420	1,685	2,105	334,310	231,935	566,245	568,350	334,730	233,620	1	20	41	1	0
1991	410	1,645	2,055	304,045	262,378	566,423	568,475	304,455	264,023	1	20	46	-9	13
1996	300	1,380	1,680	313,520	236,595	550,115	551,790	313,820	237,975	1	18	43	3	-10
2001	225	930	1,155	295,971	215,804	511,775	512,930	296,196	216,734	0	19	42	-6	-9
2006	310	855	1,165	291,789	212,515	504,304	505,469	292,099	213,370	0	27	42	-1	-2
2011	465	1,075	1,525	305,101	207,895	512,996	514,536	305,566	208,970	1	30	41	5	-2
2016							519,716	301,728	217,988			42	-1	4

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Prince Edward Island, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)					
										=(10)/(9)*100	=(11)/(3)*100	=(12)/(7)*100		
1851							62,678		62,678			100		
1861							80,857	7,537	73,320			91		8
1871							94,021	7,872	86,149			92	2	9
1881							108,891	13,198	95,693			88	34	6
1891							109,078	14,255	94,823			87	4	0
1901							103,259	14,955	88,304			86	2	-3
1911							93,728	14,970	78,758			84	0	-5
1921							88,615	19,093	69,522			78	14	-6
1931	515	54,963	55,478	19,870	12,690	32,560	88,038	20,385	67,653	81	1	77	3	-1
1941	335	50,732	51,067	24,005	19,975	43,980	95,047	24,340	70,707	72	1	74	10	2
1951	98	46,757	46,855	24,587	26,987	51,574	98,429	24,685	73,744	63	0	75	1	2
1956	184	43,112	43,296	30,286	25,703	55,989	99,285	30,470	68,815	63	0	69	23	-7
1961	239	34,514	34,753	33,670	36,206	69,876	104,629	33,909	70,720	49	1	68	11	3
1966	200	30,841	31,041	39,547	37,947	77,494	108,535	39,747	68,788	45	1	63	17	-3
1971	258	21,130	21,388	42,522	47,725	90,247	111,635	42,780	68,855	31	1	62	8	0
1976	115	15,675	15,790	43,760	58,675	102,435	118,225	43,875	74,350	21	1	63	3	8
1981	145	12,015	12,160	44,370	65,976	110,346	122,506	44,515	77,991	15	1	64	1	5
1986	110	10,270	10,380	48,175	68,085	116,260	126,640	48,285	78,355	13	1	62	8	0
1991	110	8,555	8,665	51,703	69,397	121,100	129,765	51,813	77,952	11	1	60	7	-1
1996	20	7,785	7,805	59,440	67,312	126,752	134,557	59,460	75,097	10	0	56	15	-4
2001	120	5,940	6,055	60,555	68,679	129,239	135,294	60,675	74,619	8	2	55	2	-1
2006	180	5,115	5,295	60,993	69,563	129,239	135,851	61,173	74,678	7		55	1	0
2011	215	4,940	5,155	65,328	69,721	135,049	140,204	65,543	74,661	7		53	7	0
2016							142,907	64,409	78,498			55	-2	5

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Nova Scotia, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)					
1851							276,854	20,749	256,105			93		
1861							330,857	25,026	305,831			92	10	10
1871							387,800	32,082	355,718			92	14	8
1881							440,572	63,542	377,030			86	49	3
1891							450,396	76,993	373,403			83	11	0
1901							459,574	129,383	330,191			72	34	-6
1911							492,338	186,128	306,210			62	22	-4
1921							523,837	227,038	296,799			57	11	-2
1931	3,725	173,965	177,690	227,929	107,227	335,156	512,846	231,654	281,192	62	2	55	1	-3
1941	2,527	141,182	143,709	265,013	169,240	434,253	577,962	267,540	310,422	45	2	54	8	5
1951	3,279	112,135	115,414	341,552	185,618	527,170	642,584	344,831	297,753	38	3	46	14	-2
1956	3,563	95,381	98,944	395,531	200,242	595,773	694,717	399,094	295,623	32	4	43	16	-1
1961	1,188	56,832	58,020	399,324	279,663	678,987	737,007	400,512	336,495	17	2	46	0	14
1966	1,032	45,251	46,283	437,875	271,881	709,756	756,039	438,907	317,132	14	2	42	10	-6
1971	707	26,270	26,977	446,698	315,290	761,988	788,965	447,405	341,560	8	3	43	2	8
1976	475	20,970	21,445	462,115	345,005	807,120	828,570	462,590	365,975	6	2	44	3	7
1981	435	17,681	18,116	466,407	362,919	829,326	847,442	466,842	380,600	5	2	45	1	4
1986	405	14,170	14,575	470,720	387,880	858,600	873,175	471,125	402,050	4	3	46	1	6
1991	315	12,220	12,535	481,193	406,214	887,407	899,942	481,508	418,434	3	3	46	2	4
1996	275	12,785	13,060	497,583	398,639	896,222	909,282	497,858	411,424	3	2	45	3	-2
2001	320	10,155	10,475	506,689	390,843	897,532	908,007	507,009	400,998	3	3	44	2	-3
2006	315	9,940	10,255	506,617	396,590	897,532	913,462	506,932	406,530	2	3	45	0	1
2011	845	10,855	11,700	520,493	389,534	897,532	921,727	521,338	400,389	3	7	43	3	-2
2016							923,598	529,969	393,629			43	2	-2

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre. Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, New Brunswick, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)	=((2)/(9))*100	=((1)/(3))*100	=((9)/(7))*100		
1851							193,800	27,203	166,597			86		
1861							252,047	32,969	219,078			87	11	16
1871							285,594	50,213	235,381			82	26	4
1881							321,233	59,092	262,141			82	9	6
1891							321,263	48,901	272,362			85	-9	2
1901							331,120	77,285	253,835			77	29	-3
1911							351,889	99,547	252,342			72	14	0
1921							387,876	124,444	263,432			68	13	2
1931	1,720	178,494	180,214	127,220	100,785	228,005	408,219	128,940	279,279	64	1	68	2	3
1941	639	163,067	163,706	142,784	150,911	293,695	457,401	143,423	313,978	52	0	69	6	6
1951	4,145	145,771	149,916	210,866	154,915	365,781	515,697	215,011	300,686	48	3	58	25	-2
1956	3,967	125,011	128,978	250,323	175,315	425,638	554,616	254,290	300,326	42	3	54	18	0
1961	1,069	62,265	63,334	276,944	257,658	534,602	597,936	278,013	319,923	19	2	54	9	7
1966	538	51,504	52,042	311,687	253,059	564,746	616,788	312,225	304,563	17	1	49	12	-5
1971	1,888	25,565	27,453	359,262	247,845	607,107	634,560	361,150	273,410	9	7	43	16	-10
1976	755	18,520	19,275	353,665	304,310	657,975	677,250	354,420	322,830	6	4	48	-2	18
1981	464	14,972	15,436	352,756	328,211	680,967	696,403	353,220	343,183	4	3	49	0	6
1986	385	12,110	12,495	349,920	347,030	696,950	709,445	350,305	359,140	3	3	51	-1	5
1991	490	10,510	11,000	344,724	368,176	712,900	723,900	345,214	378,686	3	4	52	-1	5
1996	295	10,055	10,350	360,126	367,657	727,783	738,133	360,421	377,712	3	3	51	4	0
2001	230	7,920	8,150	367,672	353,676	721,348	729,498	367,902	361,596	2	3	50	2	-4
2006	445	7,200	7,645	372,490	349,862	722,352	729,997	372,935	357,062	2	6	49	1	-1
2011	645	7,295	7,940	393,834	349,397	743,231	751,171	394,479	356,692	2	8	47	6	0
2016							747,101	366,182	380,919			51	-7	7

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Quebec, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(14)	(15)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	=(2)+(5)	=(10)/(9)*100	=(11)/(3)*100	=(12)/(7)*100		
1851							892,061	136,664	753,597			84		
1861							1,111,566	203,496	908,070			82	24	10
1871							1,191,516	271,851	919,665			77	17	1
1881							1,359,027	378,512	980,515			72	20	3
1891							1,488,535	499,715	988,820			66	16	0
1901							1,648,898	654,065	994,833			60	15	0
1911							2,005,776	966,842	1,038,934			52	24	2
1921							2,360,665	1,322,569	1,038,096			44	18	0
1931	33,419	743,598	777,017	1,780,187	317,051	2,097,238	2,874,255	1,813,606	1,060,649	70	4	37	19	1
1941	15,070	823,791	838,861	2,094,614	398,407	2,493,021	3,331,882	2,109,684	1,222,192	67	2	37	8	8
1951	25,846	766,910	792,756	2,671,472	591,453	3,262,925	4,055,681	2,697,318	1,358,363	56	3	33	14	6
1956	25,072	740,387	765,459	3,215,766	647,153	3,862,919	4,628,378	3,240,838	1,387,540	53	3	30	20	2
1961	20,659	564,826	585,485	3,885,745	787,981	4,673,726	5,259,211	3,906,404	1,352,807	42	4	26	21	-3
1966	14,302	493,567	507,869	4,510,812	762,164	5,372,976	5,780,845	4,525,114	1,255,731	39	3	22	16	-7
1971	29,729	305,300	335,029	4,831,511	861,215	5,692,726	6,027,765	4,861,240	1,166,515	26	9	19	7	-7
1976	9,245	234,285	243,530	4,923,505	1,067,410	5,990,915	6,234,445	4,932,750	1,301,695	18	4	21	1	12
1981	8,790	186,362	195,152	4,985,049	1,258,202	6,243,251	6,438,403	4,993,839	1,444,564	13	5	22	1	11
1986	7,950	143,380	151,330	5,081,045	1,300,085	6,381,110	6,532,460	5,088,985	1,443,465	10	5	22	2	0
1991	4,820	123,605	128,425	5,346,391	1,421,147	6,767,538	6,895,963	5,351,211	1,544,752	8	4	22	5	7
1996	5,145	109,460	114,605	5,592,480	1,431,710	7,024,190	7,138,795	5,597,625	1,541,170	7	4	22	5	0
2001	5,220	91,455	96,675	5,811,929	1,328,875	7,140,804	7,237,479	5,817,149	1,420,330	6	5	20	4	-8
2006	6,410	84,520	90,930	6,043,936	1,411,265	7,455,201	7,546,131	6,050,346	1,495,785	6	7	20	4	5
2011	10,935	90,735	101,675	6,357,335	1,443,996	7,801,331	7,903,001	6,368,270	1,534,731	6	11	19	5	3
2016							8,164,361	6,573,055	1,591,306			19	3	4

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Ontario, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)					
										$=((2)/(9))*100$	$=((1)/(3))*100$	$=((9)/(7))*100$		
1851							952,004	133,463	818,541			86		
1861							1,396,091	258,192	1,137,899			82	47	20
1871							1,620,851	355,997	1,264,854			78	19	6
1881							1,926,922	575,848	1,351,074			70	31	3
1891							2,114,321	818,998	1,295,323			61	21	-2
1901							2,182,947	935,978	1,246,969			57	7	-2
1911							2,527,292	1,328,489	1,198,803			47	21	-2
1921							2,933,662	1,706,632	1,227,030			42	14	1
1931	15,410	785,550	800,960	2,080,582	550,141	2,630,723	3,431,683	2,095,992	1,335,691	59	2	39	11	4
1941	9,736	694,684	704,420	2,328,897	754,338	3,083,235	3,787,655	2,338,633	1,449,022	48	1	38	6	4
1951	24,735	678,043	702,778	3,226,364	668,400	3,894,764	4,597,542	3,251,099	1,346,443	50	4	29	20	-4
1956	50,995	632,153	683,148	4,051,924	669,861	4,721,785	5,404,933	4,102,919	1,302,014	49	7	24	26	-3
1961	18,791	505,699	524,490	4,804,738	906,864	5,711,602	6,236,092	4,823,529	1,412,563	36	4	23	18	8
1966	16,330	481,695	498,025	5,577,110	885,735	6,462,845	6,960,870	5,593,440	1,367,430	35	3	20	16	-3
1971	28,073	363,640	391,713	6,315,557	995,840	7,311,397	7,703,105	6,343,630	1,359,480	27	7	18	13	-1
1976	9,600	331,510	341,110	6,698,920	1,224,435	7,923,355	8,264,465	6,708,520	1,555,945	21	3	19	6	14
1981	8,917	279,826	288,743	7,038,115	1,298,249	8,336,364	8,625,107	7,047,032	1,578,075	18	3	18	5	1
1986	7,940	232,790	240,730	7,461,480	1,399,485	8,860,965	9,101,695	7,469,420	1,632,275	14	3	18	6	3
1991	6,175	220,505	226,680	8,247,667	1,610,538	9,858,205	10,084,885	8,253,842	1,831,043	12	3	18	11	12
1996	5,755	215,475	221,230	8,952,986	1,579,357	10,532,343	10,753,573	8,958,741	1,794,832	12	3	17	9	-2
2001	5,180	180,905	186,085	9,657,367	1,566,594	11,223,961	11,410,046	9,662,547	1,747,499	10	3	15	8	-3
2006	7,165	171,410	178,575	10,343,970	1,637,737	11,981,707	12,160,282	10,351,135	1,809,147	9	4	15	7	4
2011	11,465	163,435	174,900	11,034,320	1,642,601	12,676,921	12,851,821	11,045,785	1,806,036	9	7	14	7	0
2016							13,448,494	11,590,513	1,857,981			14	5	3

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Manitoba, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population		
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)				
			=(1)+(2)				=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)	=(2)/(9)*100	=(11)/(3)*100	=(9)/(7)*100		
1871							25,228	1,058	24,170			96			
1881							62,260	10,245	52,015			84	434	58	
1891							152,506	41,008	111,498			73	150	57	
1901							255,211	70,436	184,775			72	36	33	
1911							461,394	200,365	261,029			57	92	21	
1921							610,118	261,616	348,502			57	15	17	
1931	2,003	254,302	256,305	313,966	129,868	443,834	700,139	315,969	384,170	66	1	55	10	5	
1941	915	248,684	249,599	320,958	159,187	480,145	729,744	321,873	407,871	61	0	56	1	3	
1951	4,798	214,435	219,233	434,782	122,526	557,308	776,541	439,580	336,961	64	2	43	18	-9	
1956	4,566	202,163	206,729	506,017	137,294	643,311	850,040	510,583	339,457	60	2	40	16	1	
1961	1,474	171,472	172,946	587,333	161,407	748,740	921,686	588,807	332,879	52	1	36	15	-2	
1966	1,790	159,872	161,662	644,258	157,146	801,404	963,066	646,048	317,018	50	1	33	10	-5	
1971	792	130,410	131,202	685,653	171,390	857,043	988,245	686,445	301,800	43	1	31	6	-5	
1976	565	113,550	114,115	713,915	193,475	907,390	1,021,505	714,480	307,025	37	0	30	4	2	
1981	1,981	96,394	98,375	728,678	199,188	927,866	1,026,241	730,659	295,582	33	2	29	2	-4	
1986	1,815	84,690	86,505	765,035	211,475	976,510	1,063,015	766,850	296,165	29	2	28	5	0	
1991	1,195	78,080	79,275	785,980	226,687	1,012,667	1,091,942	787,175	304,767	26	2	28	3	3	
1996	1,370	78,470	79,840	798,693	235,365	1,034,058	1,113,898	800,063	313,835	25	2	28	2	3	
2001	940	67,190	68,135	804,381	247,072	1,051,453	1,119,583	805,321	314,262	21	1	28	1	0	
2006	1,905	61,020	62,925	819,017	266,459	1,085,476	1,148,401	820,922	327,479	19	3	29	2	4	
2011	3,500	45,660	49,160	871,214	287,894	1,159,108	1,208,268	874,714	333,554	14	7	28	7	2	
2016							1,278,365	935,229	343,136			27	7	3	

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Saskatchewan, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)					
1901							91,279	14,266	77,013			84		
1911							492,432	131,395	361,037			73	411	184
1921							757,510	218,958	538,552			71	33	25
1931	2,605	561,407	564,012	288,300	69,473	357,773	921,785	290,905	630,880	89	0	68	16	9
1941	1,398	513,279	514,677	293,748	87,567	381,315	895,992	295,146	600,846	85	0	67	1	-2
1951	1,194	398,279	399,473	251,276	180,979	432,255	831,728	252,470	579,258	69	0	70	-7	-2
1956	1,580	360,651	362,231	320,423	198,011	518,434	880,665	322,003	558,662	65	0	63	28	-4
1961	1,068	304,672	305,740	397,023	222,418	619,441	925,181	398,091	527,090	58	0	57	24	-6
1966	1,447	279,642	281,089	466,880	207,375	674,255	955,344	468,327	487,017	57	1	51	18	-8
1971	457	233,335	233,792	490,173	202,280	692,453	926,240	490,630	435,615	54	0	47	5	-11
1976	600	202,110	202,710	510,730	207,880	718,610	921,325	511,330	409,990	49	0	45	4	-6
1981	6,908	180,255	187,163	556,258	224,892	781,150	968,313	563,166	405,147	44	4	42	10	-1
1986	7,010	161,495	168,505	613,185	227,920	841,105	1,009,610	620,195	389,415	41	4	39	10	-4
1991	7,495	151,795	159,290	615,902	213,736	829,638	988,928	623,397	365,531	42	5	37	1	-6
1996	5,215	140,345	145,560	621,963	222,714	844,677	990,237	627,178	363,059	39	4	37	1	-1
2001	4,945	118,440	123,385	624,091	231,457	855,548	978,933	629,036	349,897	34	4	36	0	-4
2006	6,585	105,015	111,600	622,328	234,229	856,557	968,157	628,913	339,244	31	6	35	0	-3
2011	12,110	91,785	103,895	677,873	251,613	929,486	1,033,381	689,983	343,398	27	12	33	10	1
2016							1,098,352	733,504	364,848			33	6	6

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Alberta, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)			
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)	=(10)/(9))*100	=(11)/(3))*100	=(12)/(7))*100		
1901							73,022	18,533	54,489			75		
1911							374,295	137,662	236,633			63	321	167
1921							588,454	222,904	365,550			62	31	27
1931	4,198	370,899	375,097	274,310	82,198	356,508	731,605	278,508	453,097	82	1	62	12	12
1941	3,271	380,693	383,964	303,315	108,890	412,205	796,169	306,586	489,583	78	1	61	5	4
1951	5,267	339,955	345,222	444,408	149,871	594,279	939,501	449,675	489,826	69	2	52	23	0
1956	4,990	327,201	332,191	630,834	160,091	790,925	1,123,116	635,824	487,292	67	2	43	41	-1
1961	1,991	285,823	287,814	841,220	202,910	1,044,130	1,331,944	843,211	488,733	58	1	37	33	0
1966	3,985	277,598	281,583	1,003,422	178,198	1,181,620	1,463,203	1,007,407	455,796	61	1	31	19	-7
1971	1,899	236,025	237,924	1,194,351	195,590	1,389,941	1,627,875	1,196,250	431,615	55	1	27	19	-5
1976	1,390	217,915	219,305	1,377,780	240,955	1,618,735	1,838,035	1,379,170	458,870	47	1	25	15	6
1981	4,529	190,755	195,284	1,723,016	319,424	2,042,440	2,237,724	1,727,545	510,179	37	2	23	25	11
1986	5,720	178,115	183,835	1,872,040	309,955	2,181,995	2,365,830	1,877,760	488,070	36	3	21	9	-4
1991	5,245	171,695	176,940	2,025,648	342,965	2,368,613	2,545,553	2,030,893	514,660	33	3	20	8	5
1996	4,560	183,950	188,510	2,138,255	370,061	2,508,316	2,696,826	2,142,815	554,011	33	2	21	6	8
2001	4,205	161,445	165,650	2,400,955	408,202	2,809,157	2,974,807	2,405,160	569,647	28	3	19	12	3
2006	7,505	147,590	155,095	2,692,346	442,909	3,135,255	3,290,350	2,699,851	590,499	25	5	18	12	4
2011	10,245	119,570	129,815	3,020,157	495,285	3,515,442	3,645,257	3,030,402	614,855	19	8	17	12	4
2016							4,067,175	3,399,372	667,803			16	12	9

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, British Columbia, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)			
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)	=((2)/(9))*100	=((11)/(3))*100	=((9)/(7))*100		
1851							55,000		55,000			100		
1861							51,524		51,524			100		-3
1871							36,247	2,270	32,977			91		-18
1881							49,459	9,070	40,389			82	150	11
1891							98,173	37,228	60,945			62	155	25
1901							178,657	90,179	88,478			50	71	23
1911							392,480	203,684	188,796			48	63	57
1921							524,582	247,562	277,020			53	11	23
1931	2,123	100,244	102,367	392,616	199,280	591,896	694,263	394,739	299,524	33	2	43	30	4
1941	1,636	100,810	102,446	441,758	273,657	715,415	817,861	443,394	374,467	27	2	46	6	13
1951	10,373	109,919	120,292	783,098	261,820	1,044,918	1,165,210	793,471	371,739	30	9	32	39	0
1956	17,330	95,338	112,668	1,009,137	276,659	1,285,796	1,398,464	1,026,467	371,997	26	15	27	29	0
1961	7,115	77,540	84,655	1,174,810	369,617	1,544,427	1,629,082	1,181,925	447,157	17	8	27	15	20
1966	6,246	85,197	91,443	1,404,247	377,984	1,782,231	1,873,674	1,410,493	463,181	18	7	25	19	4
1971	5,833	73,520	79,353	1,648,572	456,700	2,105,272	2,184,620	1,654,405	530,220	14	7	24	17	14
1976	6,780	67,885	74,665	1,890,305	501,635	2,391,940	2,466,610	1,897,085	569,520	12	9	23	15	7
1981	9,059	59,655	68,714	2,130,353	545,400	2,675,753	2,744,467	2,139,412	605,055	10	13	22	13	6
1986	8,480	51,775	60,255	2,276,525	546,590	2,823,115	2,883,370	2,285,005	598,365	9	14	21	7	-1
1991	8,650	52,385	61,035	2,631,489	589,537	3,221,026	3,282,061	2,640,139	641,922	8	14	20	16	7
1996	9,370	59,400	68,770	3,048,018	607,712	3,655,730	3,724,500	3,057,388	667,112	9	14	18	16	4
2001	9,995	51,375	61,370	3,299,858	546,510	3,846,368	3,907,738	3,309,853	597,885	9	16	15	8	-10
2006	10,720	50,040	60,760	3,500,580	552,147	4,052,727	4,113,487	3,511,300	602,187	8	18	15	6	1
2011	14,815	49,840	64,655	3,775,879	559,523	4,335,402	4,400,057	3,790,694	609,363	8	23	14	8	1
2016							4,648,055	4,016,279	631,776			14	6	4

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Canada (excluding Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut), 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			= (1)+(2)			= (4)+(5)	= (3)+(6)	= (1)+(4)	(2)+(5)	= ((2)/(9))*100	= ((1)/(3))*100	= ((9)/(7))*100		
1851							2,436,297	318,079	2,118,218			87		
1861							3,229,633	527,220	2,702,413			84	33	14
1871							3,689,257	722,343	2,966,914			80	19	5
1881							4,324,810	1,109,507	3,215,303			74	27	4
1891							4,833,239	1,537,098	3,296,141			68	19	1
1901							5,371,315	2,014,222	3,357,093			63	16	1
1911							7,206,643	3,272,947	3,933,696			55	31	9
1921							8,787,949	4,352,122	4,435,827			50	16	6
1931	65,718	3,223,422	3,289,140	5,504,980	1,568,713	7,073,693	10,362,833	5,570,698	4,792,135	67	2	46	14	4
1941	35,527	3,116,922	3,152,449	6,215,092	2,122,172	8,337,264	11,489,713	6,250,619	5,239,094	59	1	46	6	5
1951	84,254	2,827,660	2,911,914	8,538,681	2,533,734	11,072,415	13,984,329	8,622,935	5,361,394	53	3	38	19	1
1956	115,168	2,631,535	2,746,703	10,592,572	2,710,013	13,302,585	16,049,288	10,707,740	5,341,548	49	4	33	24	0
1961	55,615	2,072,720	2,128,335	12,630,806	3,441,480	16,072,286	18,200,621	12,686,421	5,514,200	38	3	30	18	3
1966	46,821	1,913,622	1,960,443	14,661,576	3,349,741	18,011,317	19,971,760	14,708,397	5,263,363	36	2	26	16	-5
1971	69,770	1,419,715	1,489,485	16,312,970	3,712,655	20,025,625	21,515,110	16,382,740	5,132,370	28	5	24	11	-2
1976	30,210	1,225,485	1,255,695	17,302,285	4,370,170	21,672,455	22,928,150	17,332,495	5,595,655	22	2	24	6	9
1981	41,797	1,039,840	1,081,637	18,357,331	4,835,319	23,192,650	24,274,287	18,399,128	5,875,159	18	4	24	6	5
1986	40,235	890,480	930,715	19,272,435	5,030,440	24,302,875	25,233,590	19,312,670	5,920,920	15	4	23	5	1
1991	34,905	830,990	865,895	20,834,475	5,511,040	26,345,515	27,211,410	20,869,380	6,342,030	13	4	23	8	7
1996	32,305	819,105	851,410	22,383,060	5,517,120	27,900,180	28,751,590	22,415,365	6,336,225	13	4	22	7	0
2001	31,380	695,750	727,125	23,829,468	5,357,717	29,187,185	29,914,315	23,860,848	6,053,467	11	4	20	6	-4
2006	41,540	642,715	684,255	25,254,066	5,573,266	30,827,332	31,511,587	25,295,606	6,215,981	10	6	20	6	3
2011	65,215	585,180	650,395	27,021,559	5,697,469	32,719,028	33,369,423	27,086,774	6,282,649	9	10	19	7	1
2016														

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Note that in order to be consistent with the other data, the 1976 farm population is presented for all agricultural holdings with gross sales of \$50 or more in the previous year.

Published data for the 1976 farm population refer to the population on agricultural holdings with sales of \$1,200 or more in the previous year.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Yukon, 1901 to 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)					
1901							27,219	9,142	18,077			66		
1911							8,512	3,865	4,647			55	-29	-37
1921							4,157	1,306	2,851			69	-33	-19
1931							4,230	1,360	2,870			68	2	0
1941							4,914	1,797	3,117			63	16	4
1951							9,096	2,594	6,502			71	22	54
1956		40		2,570	9,580	12,150	12,190	2,570	9,620	0		79	-1	48
1961		47		5,031	9,550	14,581	14,628	5,031	9,597	0		66	96	0
1966		62		6,828	7,492	14,320	14,382	6,828	7,554	1		53	36	-21
1971		55		11,215	7,120	18,335	18,390	11,215	7,170	1		39	64	-5
1976							21,835	13,310	8,525			39	19	19
1981							23,150	14,810	8,340			36	11	-2
1986							23,505	15,200	8,305			35	3	0
1991							27,797	16,335	11,462			41	7	38
1996							30,766	18,447	12,319			40	13	7
2001							28,674	16,843	11,831			41	-9	-4
2006							30,372	18,122	12,250			40	8	4
2011							33,897	20,562	13,335			39	13	9
2016							35,874	21,732	14,142			39	6	6

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, 1871 to 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)					
	=(1)+(2)		=(4)+(5)		=(3)+(6)		=(1)+(4)		(2)+(5)					
								=((2)/(9))*100		=((1)/(3))*100		=((9)/(7))*100		
**** includes the population of what is now Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Yukon ***														
1871							48,000	48,000				100		
1881							56,446	56,446				100	9	
1891							98,967	98,967				100	38	
**** the population of what is now Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Yukon is shown separately starting in 1901 ***														
1901							20,129	20,129				100	-40	
1911							6,507	6,507				100	-34	
1921							8,143	8,143				100	13	
1931							9,316	9,316				100	7	
1941							12,028	12,028				100	15	
1951							16,004	2,724	13,280			83	5	
1956	12			4,545	14,756	19,301	19,313	4,545	14,768	0		76	67	11
1961	18			8,933	14,060	22,993	22,998	8,938	14,060	0		61	97	-5
1966	30			11,534	17,174	28,708	28,738	11,534	17,204	0		60	29	22
1971	25			16,830	17,955	34,785	34,805	16,830	17,980	0		52	46	5
1976							42,610	21,165	21,445			50	26	19
1981							45,740	21,985	23,755			52	4	11
1986							52,235	24,210	28,025			54	10	18
1991							57,649	21,157	36,492			63	-13	30
1996							64,402	27,395	37,007			57	29	1
2001							64,105	30,520	33,585			52	11	-9
2006							70,938	37,015	33,923			48	21	1
2011							73,368	39,938	33,430			46	8	-1
2016							77,730	44,383	33,347			43	11	

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

Since 1981, the "census rural" population refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.

(1) Care should be exercised in comparing the Northwest Territories 2006 Census population counts with counts from the 2001 Census. In 2001, the net undercount for the overall Northwest Territories population was estimated at 8.11%, substantially higher than the national level of 2.99%, and almost double its 1996 level. The increase in the overall population between 2001 and 2006 is likely overstated due to improvements in coverage of the Northwest Territories in 2006.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Northwest Territories, 1996 to 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)	$=((10)/(9))*100$	$=((11)/(3))*100$	$=((9)/(7))*100$		
1996														
2001							37,360	21,831	15,529			42		
2006							41,464	24,216	17,248			42	11	11
2011							41,462	24,561	16,901			41	1	-2
2016							41,786	26,783	15,003			36	9	-11

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

The "census rural" population for 1981 to 2016 refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Nunavut, 2001 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)	$=((10)/(9))*100$	$=((11)/(3))*100$	$=((9)/(7))*100$		
1996														
2001							26,745	8,689	18,056			68		
2006							29,474	12,799	16,675			57	47	-8
*** Census rural and census urban population are reported in the boundaries according to the given census. Reclassification of population from census rural to census urban in Nunavut between 2001 and 2006 made a significant difference to the calculated percent change in population in census rural and census urban areas and thus the data within constant 2006 boundaries are shown here. ***														
2001							26,745	11,897	14,848			56		
2006							29,474	12,799	16,675			57	8	12
2011							31,906	15,377	16,529			52	20	-1
2016							35,944	17,600	18,344			51	14	11

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

The "census rural" population for 1981 to 2011 refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Farm versus Non-farm and Census Rural Population versus Population in Population Centres, Canada, 1851 - 2016

	Total farm population			Total non-farm population			Total population			Rural farm population as a percent of total census rural population	Percent of farm population that resides in population centres	Census rural population as a percent of the total population	Five-year percent change in total population	
	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas	Total	Total	Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas				Population centres (1,000+ inhabitants)	Census rural areas
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				(10)	(11)
			=(1)+(2)			=(4)+(5)	=(3)+(6)	=(1)+(4)	(2)+(5)					
										=(2)/(9))*100	=(11)/(3))*100	=(9)/(7))*100		
1851							2,436,297	318,079	2,118,218			87		
1861							3,229,633	527,220	2,702,413			84	33	14
1871							3,689,257	722,343	2,966,914			80	19	5
1881							4,324,810	1,109,507	3,215,303			74	27	4
1891							4,833,239	1,537,098	3,296,141			68	19	1
1901							5,371,315	2,014,222	3,357,093			63	16	1
1911							7,221,662	3,276,812	3,944,850			55	31	9
1921							8,800,249	4,353,428	4,446,821			51	16	6
1931							10,376,379	5,572,058	4,804,321			46	14	4
1941							11,506,655	6,252,416	5,254,239			46	6	5
1951							14,009,429	8,628,253	5,381,176			38	19	1
1956							16,080,791	10,714,855	5,365,936			33	24	0
1961							18,238,247	12,700,390	5,537,857			30	19	3
1966							20,014,880	14,726,759	5,288,121			26	16	-5
1971							21,568,305	16,410,785	5,157,520			24	11	-2
1976							22,992,595	17,366,970	5,625,625			24	6	9
1981							24,343,177	18,435,923	5,907,254			24	6	5
1986							25,309,330	19,352,080	5,957,250			24	5	1
1991							27,296,856	20,906,872	6,389,984			23	8	7
1996							28,846,758	22,461,207	6,385,551			22	7	0
2001							30,007,094	23,908,211	6,098,883			20	6	-4
2006							31,612,897	25,350,743	6,262,154			20	6	3
2011							33,476,688	27,147,274	6,329,414			19	7	1
2016							35,151,728	28,576,355	6,575,373			19	5	4

Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population, 1851 - 2016.

The "census rural" population for 1981 to 2016 refers to persons living outside population centres with 1,000 population AND outside areas with 400 persons per square kilometre.

Previous to 1981, the definitions differed slightly but consistently referred to populations outside population centres of 1,000 population.