

Canadian Century Research Infrastructure

IMMIGRATION_PERIOD

Definition: Refers to the year or time period in which the person enumerated either immigrated to Canada, or returned to Canada after residing in another country for more than one year. See remarks below.

Source: Census Question

Census Years	Schedule 1a	Schedule 1b	Schedule 1c	Schedule 2	Schedule 2a
1911					
1921					
1931					
1941	22	22			
1951					

Census Guide, 1941

A. Census Question	Period of immigration to Canada, including returning Canadians.																				
B. Question Number	22 on schedules 1A and 1B.																				
C. Variable(s) and Codes	IMMIGRATION_PERIOD IMMIGRATION_PERIOD_WAR																				
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 2, 1941.																				
E. Total Target Population	11, 506, 655																				
F. Statistical unit	The person.																				
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.																				
H. Enumerators' Instructions	<p>93. Column 22.—Period of Immigration to Canada. (1) Persons born outside of Canada. The period during which each person born outside of Canada first came to reside in this country shall be entered in Column 22 in accordance with the following table:—</p> <table> <tr> <td>Year of first arrival in Canada</td><td>Entry in Column 22</td></tr> <tr> <td>Before 1911</td><td>B. 11</td></tr> <tr> <td>.....</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>1911 to 1920, inclusive</td><td>11-20</td></tr> <tr> <td>.....</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>1921 to 1930, inclusive.....</td><td>21-30</td></tr> <tr> <td>1931 to 1935, inclusive</td><td>31-35</td></tr> <tr> <td>.....</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>1936 (See Instruction 93 (2) for 1936 British born immigrants)</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>.....</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Year of first arrival in Canada	Entry in Column 22	Before 1911	B. 11		1911 to 1920, inclusive	11-20		1921 to 1930, inclusive.....	21-30	1931 to 1935, inclusive	31-35		1936 (See Instruction 93 (2) for 1936 British born immigrants)		
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	1937	1937
	
	1938	1938
	
	1939	1939
	
	1940	1940
	
	1941	1941
	
	<p>(2) British-born immigrants. For persons born in the British Empire, outside of Canada, if the immigration occurred in 1936 before the month of June, the Enumerator shall enter in Column 22 “+36”; if it occurred after the first of June, 1936, he shall enter “—36”.</p>	
	<p>(3) Where a person has come to Canada from another country in 1939, 1940, or 1941 as a result of war conditions; place the letter “X” immediately following the year of immigration in Column 22. This will not include persons who are in Canada on official missions from other countries. Such persons will be treated in the same way as members of the Diplomatic Service, that is, they will not be enumerated in the Census. It will, however, include all so-called “refugees” or “evacuees” for the duration of the war. A separate compilation of these will be made from the census returns.</p>	
	<p>(4) Persons born in Canada. The Enumerator shall ask of each person for whom the name of a Canadian province or territory appears in Column 18, whether he or she has ever resided outside of Canada (for a period of a year or longer). In the affirmative, the Enumerator shall enter, in Column 22, the period during which the person has returned to Canada to live. The entry shall be made according to the table given in Instruction 93 (1). For persons born in Canada who have never resided for one year or more in another country, the Enumerator shall leave Column 22 blank.</p>	
I. Remarks		

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Codes:

0 "Before 1911"
1 "1911 to 1920 inclusive"
2 "1921 to 1930 inclusive"
3 "1931 to 1935 inclusive"
4 "1936"
5 "1937"
6 "1938"
7 "1939"
8 "1940"
9 "1941"
10 "Born in the British Empire, immigrated to Canada after June 1, 1936"
11 "Born in the British Empire, immigrated to Canada before June 1, 1936"
12 "Arrived in Canada 1939, due to war conditions "
13 "Arrived in Canada 1940, due to war conditions"
14 "Arrived in Canada 1941, due to war conditions"
99999001 "Blank"
99999002 "Damaged"
99999003 "Illegible"
99999004 "In Error"
99999005 "Suspicious"
99999006 "Missing -- Mandatory Field"
99999007 "Not Applicable"
99999008 "Not Mapped"
99999009 "Correction"
99999010 "Suggestion"
99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"
99999012 "Multiple Response - Suggestion"
99999901 "None"
99999902 "Not Given"
99999903 "Unknown"
99999904 "Invalid Value"
99999999 "Uncodable"

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Remarks: In other years, enumerators were to record a precise year. In 1941, enumerators were to record the answer in accordance with the following table:

Year Stated	Enumerator's Entry
Before 1911	B. 11
1911 to 1920, inclusive	11-20
1921 to 1930, inclusive	21-30
1931 to 1935, inclusive	31-35
1936	1936
1937	1937
1938	1938
1939	1939
1940	1940
1941	1941