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RELIGION

DEFINITION: Refers to the religious denomination, sect, or community to which the person adheres or belongs, or to which the person favours.

Source: Census Question

The table below indicates, for each census year, the numbers of the census questions corresponding to this variable.

Census Years	Schedule 1a	Schedule 1b	Schedule 1c	Schedule 2	Schedule 2a
1911	16				
1921	25	25	11		
1931	25	25	13		
1941	30	30	13		
1951				13	13

Census Guide, 1911

A. Census Question	Religion.
B. Question Number	16 on Schedule 1.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	RELIGION
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1911.
E. Total Target Population	7, 206, 648
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	102. Religion. In column 16 the religion of each person will be entered according as he or she professes, specifying the denomination, sect or community to which the person belongs or adheres, or which he or she favours. If the sons or daughters belong to, or adhere to, or favour another denomination, or profess a different religious belief to that of their parents or either of them, the fact should be so recorded. The information regarding the religious belief of every person of mature years enumerated in column 3 must be written out in full,— abbreviations must not be used.

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Census Guide, 1921

A. Census Question	Religious body, Demonination or Community to which this person adheres or belongs.
B. Question Number	Column 25 of Forms 1A and 1B; Column 11 of Form 1C.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	RELIGION
D. Reference Point	As of Census Day, June 1, 1921.
E. Total Target Population	8 788 483
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Every person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	98. The religion of each person will be entered according as he or she professes, specifying the denomination, sect or community to which the person belongs or adheres, or which he or she favours. If the sons or daughters belong to, or adhere to, or favour another denomination, or profess a different religious belief to that of their parents or either of them, the fact should be so recorded. The information regarding the religious belief of every person of mature years enumerated in column 3 must be written out in full,-abbreviations must not be used.
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Census Guide, 1931

A. Census Question	Religious body, Denomination or Community, to which this person adheres or belongs
B. Question Number	25 on schedules 1A and 1B; 13 on schedule 1-NWT.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	RELIGION
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1931.
E. Total Target	10, 376, 786

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Population	
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	<p>129. Column 25: Religious body, denomination or community to which this person adheres or belongs. The religion of each person will be entered according as he or she professes, specifying the religious body, denomination, sect or community to which the person adheres or belongs, or which he or she favours.</p> <p>An entry MUST be made in this column regarding the religious beliefs or affiliation of each and every person enumerated in Column 3.</p> <p>The information must be written out in full. Abbreviations must not be used.</p> <p>130. If the sons or daughters in a family belong or adhere to or favour 'a different religion from the parents, or either of them, the fact should be recorded. In the case of children of immature years, the religion in which they are being trained or brought up should be recorded.</p> <p>131. Indefinite terms should not be used but wherever possible the name of a specific religious body should be recorded, the proper terminology for the latter being employed.</p> <p>132. In particular and as an example; care should be taken that persons of the Greek or other Eastern Catholic rites owing obedience to the Pope in matters of faith are distinguished from adherents of the Greek or other Orthodox Churches. The entry in this column for persons belonging to the former will be "Greek Catholic" and for persons belonging to the latter "Greek Orthodox." The term "Greek Church" should not be accepted as an answer to the inquiry in this column. Again, owing to the organization of "The United Church of Canada since the last census, persons calling themselves Presbyterians, Methodists or Congregationalists should be asked if they are or are not members of the United Church of Canada and the answer should be recorded as given.</p>
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Census Guide, 1941

A. Census Question	Religion.
B. Question Number	30 on schedules 1A and 1B; 13 on schedule 1C.

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C. Variable(s) and Codes	RELIGION
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>COLUMN 30.—RELIGION</p> <p>106. Religious body or denomination to which this person adheres or belongs.—The religion of each person will be entered according as he, or she professes, specifying the religious body, denomination, sect, or community to which the person adheres or belongs, or to which he or she favours.</p> <p>An entry MUST be made in this column regarding the religious belief or affiliation of each and every person enumerated in Column 4.</p> <p>Abbreviations to be used here must be those given on the cover sheet (forms 30A and 30B).</p> <p>107. If the sons or daughters in a family belong or adhere to, or favour a different religion from the parents, or either of the parents, the fact shall be recorded. In the case of children of immature years, the religion in which they are being trained or brought up shall be recorded.</p> <p>108. Indefinite terms should not be used, wherever possible the name of a specific religious body should be recorded, the proper terminology for the latter being employed.</p> <p>109. In particular and as an example; care should be taken that persons of the Greek or other Eastern Catholic rites owing obedience to the Pope in matters of faith, are distinguished from adherents of the Greek or other Orthodox Churches. The entry in this column for persons belonging to the former will be "Greek Catholic", and for persons belonging to the latter "Greek Orthodox". The term "Greek Church" should not be accepted as an answer to the inquiry in this column. Again, owing to the organization of "The United Church of Canada", persons calling themselves Presbyterians, Methodists, or Congregationalists shall be asked if they are or are not members of the United Church of Canada and the answer should be recorded as given.</p>

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Census Guide, 1951

A. Census Question	Religion.
B. Question Number	13 on Form 2 and 2A.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	RELIGION
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1951.
E. Total Target Population	14, 009, 429
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	<p>Record the specific religious body, denomination, sect, or community of which the person is a member, or which the person adheres to or favours.</p> <p>Do not accept broad, general terms such as Christian, Protestant, or Believer. If a person states that he has no religion, write "None" in the space provided.</p> <p>Church of England in Canada will be marked as "Anglican", Church of Scotland as "Presbyterian". If the answer given is Methodist or Congregationalist, question the person further to make certain that he is not really a member or adherent of the United Church of Canada.</p> <p>You will note that separate ovals are provided for Ukrainian (Greek) Catholic and Greek Orthodox. If a person gives his religion as Greek Catholic, you must question him further to find out whether he means the Ukrainian Greek Catholic or some other rite. If it is a rite of the Greek Catholic church other than Ukrainian rite, this must be written in the space provided. Terms such as "Greek Church" and "Armenian Church" are not acceptable, since it is necessary to distinguish between the Catholic and Orthodox faiths.</p> <p>You must guard against any tendency to make your own decisions about a person's religion. Except as indicated above, you must accept without</p>

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	<p>question the answer given to you by the respondent, and, if it varies in any way from the sixteen listed religions, you must write it in the space provided.</p> <p>If sons or daughters in a family belong to or favour a different religion from their parents or either parent, this fact must be recorded. In cases of children of immature years, record the religion in which they are being trained or brought up.</p>
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Codes:

10000 "Christian Worldview"
 10100 "Roman Tradition"
 10101 "Catholic"
 10102 "Roman Catholic"
 10103 "Irish Catholic"
 10104 "French Catholic"
 10105 "Greek Catholic"
 10106 "Polish Catholic"
 10107 "Ukrainian Catholic"
 10108 "Ruthenian Catholic Church"
 10109 "Russian Catholic"
 10110 "German Catholic"
 10111 "Christian Brothers"
 10130 "Papist"
 10198 "Roman Tradition, n.s."
 10199 "Roman Tradition, n.e.c."
 10200 "Eastern Orthodox Tradition"
 10201 "Orthodox"
 10202 "Antiochian Orthodox"
 10203 "Armenian Orthodox"
 10204 "Coptic Orthodox"
 10205 "Greek Orthodox"
 10206 "Romanian Orthodox"
 10207 "Russian Orthodox"
 10208 "Serbian Orthodox"
 10209 "Ukrainian Orthodox"
 10210 "Bulgarian Orthodox"
 10211 "Ruthenian Orthodox"
 10298 "Eastern Orthodox Tradition, n.s."
 10299 "Eastern Orthodox Tradition, n.e.c."
 10300 "Anglican Tradition"
 10301 "Anglican"
 10302 "English Apostolic"

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10303 "Episcopal"
10304 "Reformed Episcopal"
10305 "Church of Ireland"
10306 "Anglican Catholic"
10398 "Anglican Tradition, n.s"
10399 "Anglican Tradition, n.e.c"
10400 "Reformed-Presbyterian Family"
10401 "Presbyterian"
10402 "Reformed Presbyterian"
10403 "Knox Presbyterian"
10404 "Presbyterian Episcopal"
10405 "Calvinist"
10406 "Reformed Church"
10407 "Dutch Reformed Church"
10408 "Free Kirk/Kirk"
10409 "Church of Scotland"
10410 "Congregationalist"
10411 "Huguenot"
10412 "Christian Reform"
10413 "German Reformed Church"
10498 "Reformed-Presbyterian Family, n.s"
10499 "Reformed-Presbyterian Family, n.e.c"
10500 "Pietist-Methodist Family"
10501 "Methodist"
10502 "Primitive Methodist"
10503 "Wesleyan Methodist"
10504 "Episcopal Methodist"
10505 "Evangelical Methodist"
10506 "Free Methodist"
10507 "German Methodist"
10508 "United Methodist/Bible Christian"
10509 "African Methodist"
10510 "Standard Church"
10511 "African Methodist Episcopal"
10512 "Calvanistic Methodist"
10513 "Greek Methodist"
10514 "Cree Methodist"
10598 "Pietist-Methodist Family,n.s"
10599 "Pietist-Methodist Family,n.e.c"
10600 "Liberal Family"
10601 "Liberal"
10602 "United Church of Canada"
10603 "Unitarian"
10604 "Deist"
10605 "Universalist"
10606 "United Church of England"

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10698 "Liberal Family, n.s"
10699 "Liberal Family, n.e.c"
10700 "Lutheran Family"
10701 "Lutheran"
10702 "German Lutheran"
10703 "United Lutheran"
10704 "Evangelical Lutheran"
10705 "Church of Finland"
10706 "Evangelical Lutheran Church of Norway"
10707 "Swedish Lutheran"
10798 "Lutheran Family, n.s"
10799 "Lutheran Family, n.e.c"
10800 "Baptist Family"
10801 "Baptist"
10802 "Christian Baptist"
10803 "Primitive Baptist"
10804 "Calvinistic Baptist"
10805 "Reformed Baptist"
10806 "Seventh Day Baptist"
10807 "Free Baptist"
10808 "Disciple of Christ"
10809 "Christadelphian"
10810 "German Baptist"
10898 "Baptist Family, n.s"
10899 "Baptist Family, n.e.c"
10900 "European Free Church Family"
10901 "Free Church"
10910 "Church of the Brethren"
10911 "German Baptist Brethren"
10912 "Moravian/Unity of the Brethren"
10913 "Dunker/Tunker/Dunkard"
10914 "Progressive Brethren"
10920 "Amish"
10930 "Quaker/Society of Friends"
10940 "Hutterite"
10950 "Mennonite"
10951 "Reformed Mennonite"
10960 "Doukhobor"
10970 "Swedenborgian"
10998 "European Free Church Family, n.s"
10999 "European Free Church Family, n.e.c"
11000 "Pentecostal Family"
11001 "Pentecostal"
11020 "Catholic Apostolic"
11025 "Apostolic"
11026 "New Apostolic"

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11098 "Pentecostal Family, n.s"
11099 "Pentecostal Family, n.e.c"
11100 "Evangelical Family"
11101 "Evangelical"
11102 "Evangelical Church"
11103 "Evangelical Association"
11104 "Nazarene"
11105 "Mission"
11106 "Christian Mission Alliance"
11107 "Zion Evangelical"
11108 "Swedish Mission"
11109 "Christian Mission"
11120 "Gospel Hall"
11121 "Gospel Tabernacle"
11122 "Gospel Church"
11123 "Gospel Workers"
11124 "Gospel Mission"
11125 "Bethany Tabernacle"
11126 "Tabernacle"
11198 "Evangelical Family, n.s"
11199 "Evangelical Family, n.e.c"
11200 "Independent Fundamentalist Family"
11201 "Plymouth Brethren"
11220 "Puritan"
11230 "Shaker"
11298 "Independent Fundamentalist Family, n.s"
11299 "Independent Fundamentalist Family, n.e.c"
11300 "Adventist Family"
11301 "Adventist"
11302 "Seventh Day Adventist"
11303 "Fifth Day Adventist"
11304 "Second Day Adventist"
11305 "First Day Adventist"
11320 "Bible Student Movement"
11321 "Bible Mission"
11330 "Jehovah's Witness"
11400 "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family"
11401 "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints"
11402 "Reformed Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints"
11403 "Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints"
11420 "Mormon"
11498 "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family, n.s"
11499 "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family, n.e.c"
11500 "Holiness Family"
11501 "Holiness Movement"
11520 "Salvation Army"

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11521 "Hornerite"
11530 "Church of God (Holiness)"
11540 "Christian Alliance"
11598 "Holiness Family, n.s."
11599 "Holiness Family, n.e.c."
11600 "Spiritualist Family"
11601 "Spiritualist"
11602 "Deist"
11620 "Theosophist"
11630 "Christian Science/Church of Christ Scientist"
11631 "New Thought"
11698 "Spiritualist Family, n.s."
11699 "Spiritualist Family, n.e.c."
19900 "Other Christian Groups"
19901 "Christian"
19902 "Chinese Church"
19903 "Salem Reformed"
19920 "Catholic Orthodox"
19921 "Free Mason"
19925 "Non-Denominational"
19926 "Non-Sectarian"
19927 "Dissenter"
19930 "Non-Conformist"
19940 "Ukrainian Church"
19941 "Greek Church"
19942 "Russian Church"
19949 "Greek Protestant"
19950 "Protestant"
19951 "Labour/Labour Church"
19952 "Church of Christ"
19953 "Christian Workers"
19960 "Brethren"
19961 "Other Brethren, n.e.c."
19970 "Jacobite"
19980 "Union Church"
19990 "Young Mens Christian Association"
19991 "International Bible Society"
19995 "Believer"
19998 "Other Christian Groups, n.s."
19999 "Other Christian Groups, n.e.c."
20000 "Islamic Worldview"
20001 "Muslim"
20002 "Sunni"
20003 "Shi'ite"
29998 "Islamic Worldview, n.e.c."
29999 "Islamic Worldview, n.s."

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30000 "Judaic Worldview"
30001 "Jewish"
30002 "Hebrew"
30003 "Zionist"
30004 "Orthodox Jewish"
30005 "Reformed Jewish"
30006 "Yiddish"
30015 "Israelite"
39998 "Judaic Worldview, n.s"
39999 "Judaic Worldview, n.e.c"
40000 "Dharmic Worldview"
40100 "Buddhist"
40200 "Hindu"
40300 "Jains"
40400 "Sikh"
49998 "Dharmic Worldview, n.s"
49999 "Dharmic Worldview, n.e.c"
50000 "Polytheist and Animist Worldviews"
50100 "Polytheism"
50200 "Animism"
50300 "Aboriginal Spirituality"
50400 "Shinto"
59998 "Polytheist and Animist Worldviews, n.s"
59999 "Polytheist and Animist Worldviews, n.e.c"
60000 "Bahai'i Faith"
60100 "Bahai'i"
69998 "Bahai'i Faith, n.s"
69999 "Bahai'i Faith, n.e.c"
70000 "Zoroastrianism"
70100 "Zoroastrianism"
79998 "Zoroastrianism, n.s"
79999 "Zoroastrianism, n.e.c"
80000 "Ethical or Philosophical Worldview"
80100 "Atheist"
80200 "Agnostic"
80300 "Humanist"
80400 "Confucian"
80500 "Taoist"
80600 "Independent"
80601 "Individualist"
80700 "Rationalist"
80800 "Materialist"
89996 "Rosicrucian"
89997 "Free Thinker"
89998 "Ethical or Philosophical Worldview, n.s"
89999 "Ethical or Philosophical Worldview, n.e.c"

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90000 "General Non-Christian Terms"
90100 "Pagan"
90101 "Occultist"
90102 "Cult"
90200 "Heathen"
90300 "Infidel"
90400 "Idolatry"
90500 "Others, n.s."
90600 "Oriental"
99997 "Reformist, religion n.s."
99998 "General Non-Christian Terms, n.s."
99999 "General Non-Christian Terms, n.e.c."
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"

Remarks: None