

Canadian Century Research Infrastructure

WAR_SERVICE_1951

Definition: Refers to whether the respondent had previously served in the military during time of war. War service in this enquiry has reference only to the two world wars (World War I, 1914-18, and World War II, 1939-45). Service in other wars such as the South African War or the Spanish Civil War, for purposes of this enquiry, will be disregarded.

Source: Census Question

Census Year	Schedule 1a	Schedule 1b	Schedule 1c	Schedule 2	Schedule 2a
1911					
1921					
1931					
1941					
1951				18	18

Census Guide, 1951

A. Census Question	War Service
B. Question Number	18 on Form 2 and 2A.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	WAR_SERVICE_1951
E. 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	Check in every home whether there are any war veterans living in the home. This means enlistment for active service in the armed forces of any country in World War I (1914-18) or World War II (1939-45). The armed forces will include the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marines and the Nursing Corps. It will <i>not</i> include semi-civilian organizations such as the Merchant Marine, Red Cross, St. John Ambulance Corps, R.C.M.P, civilian fire fighters, Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus war workers, or civilian instructors or staff in service schools or establishments. Be careful not to overlook Question 19 because of its rather inconspicuous position on the document below Question 18. This arrangement was necessary in order to

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	save space.
I. Remarks	

Codes:

1 "None"
2 "Both Wars"
3 "World War II"
4 "World War I"
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: Note that in 1941 a different war service question was asked. That question sought information regarding the kind of military service the person enumerated might have been participating in, if any, during WWII.