

Demographic Snapshots of Canada

	Canada 100 or More Years Ago	Canada in Present Day
population	3.7 million (in 1871)	31.9 million (in 2004)
population density	0.6 people per square kilometer (in 1871)	4 people per square kilometer (in 2004)
households	800,410 (in 1881)	11.6 million (in 2001)
average size of household	5.3 people (in 1881)	2.6 people (in 2001)
age of population	one third under 15 years old (in 1871)	20 under 15 years old (in 2004)
number of new immigrants	10,666 (in 1867)	362,645 (in 2001)
area of farm land cultivated	36,047 hectares (in 1871)	169,669 hectares (in 2001)
percent of Canadians living on family farms	80% (in 1871)	3% (in 2001)
wheat exports	2.8 million bushels (in 1868)	376 million bushels (in 1974)
number of family farms	367,862 (in 1871) 582,000 (in 1931)	366,128 (in 2004)
heads of cattle raised	7,202 (in 1906)	17,060,000 (in 2005)
tractors per farm	First tractor invented in 1892 1 per farm (in 1921)	3 per farm (in 1996)
number of factory workers	348,000 people (in 1905)	2.3 million (in 2004)
value of manufactured goods produced	\$217,000 (in 1870)	\$180 million (in 2004)

Drawn from tables and data on the Statistics Canada Web site:
<http://www.statcan.ca> *Teacher Learning Resources*.