



Student worksheet 2: Research assignment

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Complete the assignment in paragraph form in the space provided. Use more paper if you need to.

Student objectives

- Locate, analyse and interpret relevant data from various online editions of the *Canada Year Book* from 1867 to 1967.
- Compare and contrast sets of data from different periods in the designated century.
- Draw conclusions from analysis of the data.
- Make some assumptions about what you have studied.

Part A. Using Table 13 on page 113 of the *Canada Year Book 1927/1928*, complete the following:

1. Choose a province, and then identify and interpret the changes there in the number of persons per family and the number of persons per dwelling. Explain what is being measured.

2. Compare these statistics for the province with those for Canada as a whole. What do you see?

3. Answer the following questions using Table 13:

a. Describe other changes that took place in the province from 1881 to 1921.

b. Can you detect any relationships among the data in the columns “Persons per dwelling,” “Persons per family” and “Families per dwelling” for the province? Describe what you see.

c. Why is there slightly more than one family per dwelling?

d. For the years indicated, identify the province with the following characteristics:

	1881	1921
Most persons per dwelling	_____	_____
Least persons per dwelling	_____	_____
Most persons per family	_____	_____
Least persons per family	_____	_____

e. Describe what you see when you compare these data for 1881 with those for 1921?

- f. What explanation might there be for differences between these years?

Part B. Using Table 23 on page 126 and Table 24 on pages 126 and 127 in the *Canada Year Book 1947*, answer the following:

1. What do you think explains the difference in general between persons per dwelling and persons per household in 1941?

2. Choose any three cities listed in Table 24 and compare their numbers of persons per dwelling, persons per household, and persons per family with the average number for all provinces as shown in the "Totals" row in Table 23. What do you see?

Part C. Using Table 27 on pages 268 and 269 and Table 30 on page 271 in the *Canada Year Book 1967*, complete the following:

1. Briefly explain what these tables are telling us.

2. Look at the statistics for the rate of marriages from 1941 to 1964 in Table 27. Describe what you notice about Canada and the provinces or territories where data are available.

3. Examine the statistics for the columns “Born in province where married,” “Born in other provinces,” and “Born outside Canada.” What relationships do you observe among these data?

4. What do these statistics tell about the mobility of men and women during the years examined?

5. Look at the rates per 100,000 of divorce in Table 30. What do you notice about the rate of divorce from 1941 to 1965 in Canada and the provinces?

6. In Table 27, look at the rates of marriage per 1,000 population for the years 1962, 1963 and 1964 for three provinces, including the one closest to you. Multiply these by 100 in order to compare them with the rates of divorce per 100,000 in Table 30.

	1962		1963		1964	
	Marriage	Divorce	Marriage	Divorce	Marriage	Divorce
	rate per 100,000					
1.						
2.						
3.						

7. Is there a detectable pattern? If so, what is it?

Part D. Urbanization

Choose a province or territory. For that province or territory, and for Canada as a whole, examine statistics about demographic changes using the sources provided. Identify patterns and changes and then draw conclusions about the urbanization of Canada's population over the years indicated in the tables and graph.

Look at the tables and graph indicated in the first column below. Create one question per table (in addition to the examples given) that you feel is relevant in this part of your study. Answer both questions for each table or graph based on the data you find in the *Canada Year Book*. Use the previous parts of this assignment as models for questions of analysis and interpretation of data in this section.

Sources	Questions	Answers, observations and conclusions
Tables 8 and 9, pages 83 and 84, <i>Canada Year Book 1916/1917</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which province shows the most significant rural decrease? How does this relate to its urban increase? • 	
Table 2, page 102, <i>Canada Year Book 1947</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What province shows the most urban growth between 1911 and 1941? • 	
Graph, page 121, <i>Canada Year Book 1957/1958</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do you think the urban population rose so sharply in 1951 and 1956? Be sure to examine the footnote at the bottom of the graph. • 	
Table 4, page 186, <i>Canada Year Book 1967</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the change in density of the population between 1951 and 1961 indicate about how people live? • 	

