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3.1 Duration and sessions of Parliaments, 1958-74

Order of Parliament	Session	Date of opening	Date of prorogation	Days of session	Sitting days of House of Commons	Date of election, writs returnable, dissolution, and length of Parliament ¹⁴	
24th Parliament	1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th	May 12, 1958 Jan. 15, 1959 Jan. 14, 1960 Nov. 17, 1960 Jan. 18, 1962	Sept. 6, 1958 July 18, 1959 Aug. 10, 1960 Sept. 28, 1961 Apr. 18, 1962	117 185 210 316 ⁶ 91	93 127 146 174 65	Mar. 31, 1958 ^a Apr. 30, 1958 ⁴ Apr. 19, 1962 ^a 3 yr, 11 m, 20 d	
25th Parliament {	lst	Sept. 27, 1962	Feb. 5, 1963'	131	72	June 18, 1962* July 18, 1962* Feb. 6, 1963* 6 m, 20 d	
26th Parliament {	1st 2nd 3rd	May 16, 1963 Feb. 18, 1964 Apr. 5, 1965	Dec. 21, 1963 Apr. 3, 1965 Sept. 8, 1965 ¹⁶	220* 411* 157**	$\begin{bmatrix} 117 \\ 248 \\ 53 \end{bmatrix}$	Apr. 8, 1963 ³ May 8, 1963 ⁴ Sept. 8, 1965 ⁶ 2 yr, 4 m, 1 d	
27th Parliament	1st 2nd	Jan. 18, 1966 May 8, 1967	May 8, 1967 Apr. 23, 1968	47613 35213	250 155	Nov. 8, 1965 ³ Dec. 9, 1965 ⁴ Apr. 23, 1968 ⁵ 2 yr, 4 m, 15 d	
28th Parliament {	lst 2nd 3rd 4th	Sept. 12, 1968 Oct. 23, 1969 Oct. 8, 1970 Feb. 17, 1972	Oct. 22, 1969 Oct. 7, 1970 Feb. 16, 1972 Sept. 1, 1972	38614 34915 49718 19719	199 ¹⁵ 155 ¹⁷ 244 91	June 25, 1968 ³ July 25, 1968 ⁴ Sept. 1,1972 ⁸ 4 yr, 1 m, 8 d	
29th Parliament	1st 2nd	Jan. 4, 1973 Feb. 27, 1974	Feb. 26, 1974 May 8, 1974	418 ²⁰ 71	206 50	Oct. 30, 1972 ⁸ Nov. 20, 1972 ⁴ May 9, 1974 ⁵ Lyr, 5 m, 20 d	

The ordinary legal limit of duration for each Parliament is five years. Duration of Parliament in years, months and days. The life of a Parliament is counted from the date of return of election writs to the date of dissolution, both days inclusive (BNA Act, Sect. 50).

^aDate of general election.

Writs returnable. Dissolution of Parliament.

Includes long adjournment from July 13 to Sept. 7, 1961. Government defeated in House of Commons on want of confidence motion.

Includes long adjournment from Aug. 21 o Sept. 7, 1901.
"Government defeatine from Yong. 21 o Sept. 30, 1963.
"Includes long adjournment from Dec. 18, 1964 to Feb. 16, 1965.
"House adjournment from Dec. 18, 1964 to Feb. 16, 1965.
"Includes long adjournment from June 30 to Sept. 27, superseded by dissolution on Sept. 8, 1965.
"Includes long adjournment from June 30 to Sept. 27, superseded by dissolution on Sept. 8, 1965.
"Includes adjournment from July 7, 1967 to Sept. 25, 1967; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 21, 1967 to Jan. 22, 1968; and Sept. 9 to Oct. 5.
"Includes adjournment from Mar. 27, 1968 to Apr. 23, 1968.
"Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 20, 1968 to Jan. 14, 1969; Easter adjournment from Apr. 2, 1969 to Apr. 14, 1969; and summer adjournment from Dec. 20, 1968 to Jan. 12, 1970; Easter adjournment from Mar. 25, 1970 to Apr. 6, 1970; and summer adjournment from June 26, 1970 to Oct. 5, 1970; and summer adjournment from June 26, 1970 to Oct. 5, 1970; "Includes Orhistmas adjournment from June 26, 1970 to Oct. 5, 1970; Easter adjournment from Mar. 25, 1970 to Apr. 6, 1970; and summer adjournment from June 26, 1970 to Oct. 5, 1970.
"Includes Orhistmas adjournment from June 26, 1970 to Jan. 11, 1971; Easter adjournment from Apr. 7, 1971 to Apr. 6, 1970; and summer adjournment from Dec. 18, 1970 to Jan. 11, 1971; Easter adjournment from Apr. 7, 1971 to Apr. 19, 1971; adjournment from Dec. 23, 1971 to Dec. 28, 1971; summer adjournment from June 26, 1970; and Jan. 12, 1972 to Feb. 16, 1972. 1972

¹⁹Includes Easter adjournment from Mar. 29, 1972 to Apr. 13, 1972; and summer adjournment from July 7, 1972 to Aug. 31, 1972

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¹⁰Includes Easter adjournment from Apr. 19, 1973 to May 6, 1973; summer adjournment from July 28, 1973 to Aug. 29, 1973 and Sept. 22, 1973 to Oct. 14, 1973; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 22, 1973 to Jan. 2, 1974 and Jan. 15, 1974 to Feb. 25, 1974.

Province	1867	1870	1871	1873	1882	1887	1892	1903	1905	1915- 1948	1949- 1973
Ontario	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Quebec	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Atlantic Provinces Nova Scotia New Brunswick Prince Edward Island Newfoundland	24 12 12	24 12 12	24 12 12	24 10 10 4	30 10 10 4 6						

3.2 Representation in the Senate since Confederation, 1867