

According to the Census returns of 1891 for Canada, the birth rate in British Columbia was 23.16 per thousand of the population, and the death rate was 13.94 per thousand. In Manitoba the birth rate was 32.53 per thousand, and the death rate 10.36 per thousand. In New Brunswick the birth rate was 27.70 per thousand, and the death rate 13.36 per thousand. In Nova Scotia the birth rate was 25.41 per thousand, and the death rate 14.57 per thousand. In Ontario the birth rate was 24.50 per thousand, and the death rate was 11.30 per thousand. In Quebec the birth rate was 36.86 per thousand, and the death rate 18.91 per thousand. In Prince Edward Island the birth rate was 24.45 per thousand, and the death rate 12.26 per thousand. In the North-west Territories the birth rate was 24.98 per thousand, and the death rate 7.32.

Manitoba is the banner province, having the second largest birth rate and the second lowest death rate, the result being that the prairie province has the largest excess of births over deaths.

The following table gives the births, deaths and marriages in each of the respective countries, 1898 :—

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 1898.

Countries.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Still-Births.
	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
Norway . . . . .	64,700	32,600	14,970	1,700
Sweden (1897) . . . . .	132,999	76,558	30,221	3,705
Denmark . . . . .	71,677	36,669	17,872	1,830
German Empire—				
Prussia . . . . .	1,219,360	665,018	280,394	40,937
Saxony . . . . .	156,962	87,192	38,611	5,593
Bavaria . . . . .	219,279	142,678	48,464	6,673
Wurtemberg . . . . .	73,177	46,467	16,308	2,414
Baden . . . . .	60,483	38,374	14,727	1,619
Total, German Empire . . . . .	1,964,731	1,117,860	458,877	65,160
Holland . . . . .	160,765	85,813	36,813	7,226
Belgium . . . . .	190,921	117,457	55,444	8,891
France . . . . .	843,933	810,073	287,179	39,805
Switzerland . . . . .	91,793	58,914	25,114	3,391
Spain (1894) . . . . .	632,542	556,120	141,909	*
Italy . . . . .	1,070,074	732,265	212,597	45,092
Austria (proper) . . . . .	922,745	635,341	199,723	26,653
Hungary . . . . .	706,833	524,390	156,208	15,817
Bulgaria (1897) . . . . .	149,631	90,134	29,227	858
Rumania (1894) . . . . .	226,605	175,877	49,536	2,842
Uruguay . . . . .	28,382	12,289	4,318	785
Japan . . . . .	1,368,859	890,986	470,993	125,807
Servia . . . . .	101,702	62,250	21,162	1,070
United Kingdom . . . . .	1,159,601	712,951	310,055	*
Russia in Europe, including Poland (1895) . . . . .	4,539,176	3,213,841	842,631	18,761
Finland (1897) . . . . .	82,330	45,233	19,913	2,243
Portugal (1897) . . . . .	146,262	106,409	33,159	1,866

\* No record.

NOTE.—Births and deaths are exclusive of still-births in all cases.