

2.—Summary of Births, Marriages, Deaths and Natural Increase, by Cities of 10,000 and over, for the calendar year 1922.—concluded.

Cities.	Census population, 1921.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.	Excess of births over deaths.	Natural increase per 1,000 of population. ²
Quebec—						
Montreal.....	618,506	20,720	5,589	10,406	10,314	16.67
Quebec.....	95,193	4,255	813	1,819	2,436	25.59
Verdun.....	23,001	839	94 ¹	324	515	20.59
Hull.....	24,117	1,084	188 ¹	352	732	30.35
Sherbrooke.....	23,515	855	156 ¹	395	460	19.56
Three Rivers.....	22,367	1,009	182	390	619	23.20
Westmount.....	17,593	129	30 ¹	147	-18	-1.02
Lachine.....	15,404	568	49 ¹	158	410	26.62
Outremont.....	13,249	151	38 ¹	93	58	4.38
St. Hyacinthe.....	10,859	236	76 ¹	142	94	8.65
Shawinigan Falls.....	10,625	534 ¹	49 ¹	154 ¹	380	35.76
Levis.....	10,470	324 ¹	49 ¹	192 ¹	132	12.60
Ontario—						
Toronto.....	521,893	12,745	6,164	5,586	7,159	13.72
Hamilton.....	114,151	3,146	1,289	1,357	1,789	15.67
Ottawa.....	107,843	3,273	1,057	1,657	1,616	14.98
London.....	60,959	1,448	713	925	523	8.58
Windsor.....	38,591	1,323	619	498	825	21.38
Brantford.....	29,440	760	281	332	378	12.84
Kitchener.....	21,763	584	238	225	359	16.49
Kingston.....	21,753	586	242	432	154	7.08
Fort William.....	20,541	713	196	224	489	23.80
Peterborough.....	20,994	548	204	313	235	11.19
Sault Ste. Marie.....	21,092	628	182	192	436	20.67
St. Catharines.....	19,881	640	202	256	384	19.31
Guelph.....	18,128	406	198	236	170	9.37
Stratford.....	16,094	404	160	182	222	13.79
St. Thomas.....	16,026	360	168	135	175	10.92
Port Arthur.....	14,886	464	158	172	292	19.62
Sarnia.....	14,877	405	169	188	217	14.59
Niagara Falls.....	14,764	416	279	165	251	17.00
Chatham.....	13,256	401	194	218	183	13.80
Galt.....	13,216	309	122	136	173	13.09
Belleville.....	12,206	338	141	206	132	10.81
Owen Sound.....	12,190	347	113	173	174	12.27
Oshawa.....	11,940	355	141	175	180	15.08
North Bay.....	10,692	437	104	112	325	30.39
Brockville.....	10,043	273	104	205	68	6.77
Manitoba—						
Winnipeg.....	179,087	5,840	2,540	1,865	3,975	22.19
Brandon.....	15,397	506	198	224	282	18.31
St. Boniface.....	12,821	559	144	351	208	16.22
Saskatchewan—						
Regina.....	34,432	1,123	640	413	710	20.62
Saskatoon.....	25,739	957	576	389	568	22.07
Moose Jaw.....	19,285	670	317	268	402	20.84
Alberta—						
Calgary.....	63,305	1,884	850	667	1,217	19.22
Edmonton.....	58,821	2,143	1,005	851	1,292	22.16
Lethbridge.....	11,097	401	211	159	242	21.81
British Columbia—						
Vancouver.....	117,217	2,960	1,529	1,476	1,484	12.66
Victoria.....	38,727	896	412	484	412	10.64
New Westminster.....	14,495	378	192	215	163	11.25

¹ Roman Catholics only.

² Calculated on census populations of 1921.

2.—Births.

Almost throughout the civilized world, the birth rate has in the past generation been on the decline, though the consequent decline in the rate of natural increase has to a considerable extent been offset by a decline in the death rate.

The crude birth rate of England and Wales, for example, was 35.4 per 1,000 population on the average of the decennium 1871-80, 32.5 in 1881-90, and 29.9 in 1891-1900. In 1913 the birth rate was 24.1 and, though it rose to 25.5 in 1920, it fell again to 22.4 in 1921 and to 19.7 in 1923.