

Illegitimacy.—The ratio of illegitimate to total births is, generally speaking, low in Canada as compared with other countries.

Out of 168,979 living births in the registration area of Canada, 3,347, or 2 p.c., were returned in 1921 as the issue of unmarried mothers. Statistics for 1922 show that out of 164,194 births reported in the registration area, 3,371, or 2.1 p.c., were illegitimate. Statistics are given in Table 6.

6.—Illegitimate Births in Registration Area, by Age of Mother and by Provinces, 1921 and 1922.

Age of mother.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total.
1921.									
Under 15 years.....	1	—	3	11	4	5	—	2	26
15-19.....	14	151	72	551	144	106	1	50	1,089
20-24.....	19	168	84	528	154	66	1	45	1,065
25-29.....	7	43	26	208	56	31	1	13	385
30-34.....	3	16	7	112	30	30	—	14	212
35-39.....	—	9	7	63	19	11	—	2	111
40-44.....	—	5	3	15	9	5	—	2	39
45-49.....	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	6
Not given.....	5	4	3	100	2	4	296	—	414
Male.....	16	201	113	796	222	122	154	68	1,692
Female.....	33	195	92	796	198	136	145	60	1,655
Total.....	49	396	205	1,592	420	258	299	128	3,347
Percent of total births....	2.3	3.0	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.1	1.8	1.2	2.0
1922.									
Under 15 years.....	—	2	3	20	5	1	6	2	39
15-19.....	15	185	89	546	140	110	106	54	1,245
20-24.....	18	172	79	483	145	79	107	30	1,113
25-29.....	10	59	26	194	56	28	36	15	424
30-34.....	6	24	8	103	37	21	22	9	230
35-39.....	—	12	8	59	20	14	17	3	133
40-44.....	—	5	5	14	6	3	4	—	37
45-49.....	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	3
Not given.....	8	—	4	99	—	2	16	18	147
Male.....	29	235	115	826	210	138	170	58	1,781
Female.....	28	225	107	693	200	120	144	73	1,590
Total.....	57	460	222	1,519	410	258	314	131	3,371
Percent of total births....	2.6	3.6	1.9	2.1	2.3	1.2	1.9	1.3	2.1

Stillbirths.—Statistics of the number of children born dead in 1923 are shown below for the registration area of Canada, according to the status and age of the mother. In Quebec in 1922 there were in all 2,849 stillbirths.