

9.—Number and Percentage of Births (exclusive of Stillbirths) to Fathers and Mothers of specified Racial Origins, 1923.

Racial Origins of Parents.	Number of births with father, mother or both parents of specified origin.			Percentage of births with father, mother or both parents of specified origin.		
	Father.	Mother.	Both Parents.	Father.	Mother.	Both Parents.
English.....	54,869	57,612	40,740	35.0	36.7	26.0
Irish.....	19,877	18,913	8,861	12.7	12.1	5.6
Scotch.....	23,756	23,617	11,654	15.1	15.1	7.4
Welsh.....	795	665	136	0.5	0.4	0.1
French.....	18,223	19,574	15,293	11.6	12.5	9.7
German.....	8,845	9,196	6,417	5.6	5.9	4.1
Armenian.....	53	47	45	1	1	1
Austrian.....	2,375	2,532	2,132	1.5	1.6	1.4
Belgian.....	473	490	313	0.5	0.3	0.2
Bulgarian.....	124	78	76	1	1	1
Chinese.....	386	366	363	0.2	0.2	0.2
Czechoslovak.....	229	262	163	0.1	0.2	0.1
Danish.....	462	398	159	0.3	0.3	0.1
Dutch.....	1,617	1,576	710	1.0	1.0	0.5
Finnish.....	384	443	339	0.2	0.3	0.2
Greek.....	194	98	92	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hebrew.....	1,599	1,566	1,526	1.0	1.0	1.0
Hindu.....	6	4	3	1	1	1
Hungarian.....	362	401	311	0.2	0.3	0.2
Icelandic.....	397	491	314	0.3	0.3	0.2
Indian.....	1,311	1,559	1,252	0.8	1.0	0.8
Italian.....	2,204	1,874	1,819	1.4	1.2	1.2
Japanese.....	686	687	683	0.4	0.4	0.4
Negro.....	376	386	335	0.2	0.2	0.2
Norwegian.....	1,566	1,689	894	1.0	1.1	0.6
Polish.....	1,783	1,866	1,386	1.1	1.2	0.9
Rumanian.....	613	530	462	0.4	0.3	0.3
Russian.....	2,032	1,959	1,569	1.3	1.2	1.0
Serbo-Croatian.....	145	125	105	0.1	0.1	0.1
Swedish.....	1,406	1,350	692	0.9	0.9	0.4
Swiss.....	195	182	55	0.1	0.1	1
Syrian.....	161	118	111	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ukranian, including Galician.....	4,431	4,515	4,122	2.8	2.9	2.6
Other.....	249	186	133	0.2	0.1	0.1
Total specified.....	152,178	155,355	103,265	97.0	99.0	65.8
Racial Origin not specified.....	4,719	1,542	1,027	3.0	1.0	0.7
Total.....	156,897	156,897	104,292²	100.0	100.0	66.5³

¹Less than one-tenth of one per cent.

²Represents for 1923 the number of births where both parents were in the same category as regards racial origin. The difference between this figure (104,292) and the total births (156,897) equals the number of births (52,605) where both parents were not in the same category as regards racial origin.

³This excludes the percentage (33.5) of mixed parentage, *i.e.*, where both parents were not in the same category by racial origin.

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 in 1921, 3,334, or 1.97 p.c. were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. In 1922 out of 164,194 births reported in the registration area, 3,371, or 2.05 p.c. were illegitimate and in 1923, 3,408 out of 156,897, or 2.17 p.c. In the latter year there were 1,766 males and 1,642 females among the illegitimates, or 1,075 males to every 1,000 females, a larger proportion than is experienced in the general birth rate. This disproportionate excess of male births among illegitimates is in accordance with the experience of other countries. Statistics are given in Table 10.