

10.—Number and Percentage of Births (exclusive of Stillbirths) in the Registration Area to Fathers and Mothers of specified Racial Origins, 1924.

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.....	53,523	56,440	39,609	34.0	35.8	25.1
Irish.....	20,313	19,047	8,944	12.9	12.1	5.7
Scottish.....	23,194	23,412	11,387	14.7	14.9	7.2
Welsh.....	832	660	145	0.5	0.4	0.1
French.....	18,726	20,004	15,775	11.9	12.7	10.0
German.....	9,166	9,668	6,700	5.8	6.1	4.3
Armenian.....	78	69	67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Austrian.....	2,162	2,354	1,926	1.4	1.5	1.2
Belgian.....	476	481	293	0.3	0.3	0.2
Bulgarian.....	108	69	68	0.1	0.1	0.1
Chinese.....	342	327	324	0.2	0.2	0.2
Czechoslovak.....	278	310	196	0.2	0.2	0.1
Danish.....	435	356	125	0.3	0.2	0.1
Dutch.....	1,775	1,668	798	1.1	1.1	0.5
Finnish.....	465	531	422	0.3	0.3	0.3
Greek.....	162	100	85	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hebrew.....	1,467	1,460	1,420	0.9	0.9	0.9
Hindu.....	7	7	7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hungarian.....	382	447	335	0.2	0.3	0.2
Icelandic.....	386	472	305	0.2	0.3	0.2
Indian.....	1,743	2,027	1,636	1.1	1.3	1.0
Italian.....	2,280	1,944	1,879	1.4	1.2	1.2
Japanese.....	713	713	711	0.5	0.5	0.5
Negro.....	364	417	350	0.2	0.3	0.2
Norwegian.....	1,662	1,765	937	1.1	1.1	0.6
Polish.....	1,923	2,088	1,512	1.2	1.3	1.0
Rumanian.....	630	534	455	0.4	0.3	0.3
Russian.....	2,034	1,881	1,511	1.3	1.2	1.0
Serbo-Croatian.....	171	151	130	0.1	0.1	0.1
Swedish.....	1,435	1,400	738	0.9	0.9	0.5
Swiss.....	227	206	77	0.1	0.1	0.0
Syrian.....	188	140	132	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ukrainian, including Galician.....	4,836	4,910	4,465	3.1	3.1	2.8
Other.....	213	184	129	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total specified.....	152,694	156,242	103,593	96.9	99.1	65.8
Racial Origin not specified.....	4,901	1,353	845	3.1	0.9	0.5
Total.....	157,595	157,595	104,438 ¹	100.0	100.0	66.3 ²

¹Less than one-tenth of one per cent.²Represents for 1924 the number of births where both parents were in the same category as regards racial origin. The difference between this figure (104,438) and the total births (157,595) equals the number of births (53,157) where both parents were not in the same category as regards racial origin.³This excludes the percentage (33.7) 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, in 1923, 3,408 out of 156,897, or 2.17 p.c., and in 1924, 3,715 out of 157,595, or 2.36 p.c. In the latter year there were 1,929 males and 1,786 females among the illegitimates, or 1,080 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 11.