

Racial Origin of Parents.—Table 10 gives the number and percentage of births during 1925, distributed by the principal racial groups.

10.—Number and Percentage of Births (exclusive of Stillbirths) in the Registration Area to Fathers and Mothers of specified Racial Origins, 1925.

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.....	51,846	54,889	38,107	33.5	35.4	24.6
Irish.....	20,093	19,148	9,005	13.0	12.4	5.8
Scotch.....	22,773	22,729	10,954	14.7	14.7	7.1
Welsh.....	807	659	110	0.5	0.4	0.1
French.....	18,573	19,894	15,665	12.0	12.8	10.1
German.....	9,093	9,684	6,688	5.9	6.3	4.3
Armenian.....	72	68	66	1	1	1
Austrian.....	1,832	1,968	1,530	1.2	1.3	1.0
Belgian.....	480	450	301	0.3	0.3	0.2
Bulgarian.....	133	73	67	0.1	1	1
Chinese.....	349	325	323	0.2	0.2	0.2
Czech.....	251	280	176	0.2	0.2	0.1
Danish.....	484	393	145	0.3	0.3	0.1
Dutch.....	1,834	1,777	877	1.2	1.1	0.6
Finnish.....	* 496	592	458	0.3	0.4	0.3
Greek.....	197	105	97	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hebrew.....	1,460	1,443	1,409	0.9	0.9	0.9
Hindu.....	11	10	10	1	1	1
Hungarian.....	395	435	339	0.3	0.3	0.2
Icelandic.....	384	446	288	0.2	0.3	0.2
Indian.....	1,958	2,320	1,865	1.3	1.5	1.2
Italian.....	2,161	1,876	1,778	1.4	1.2	1.1
Japanese.....	752	750	748	0.5	0.5	0.5
Negro.....	370	397	339	0.2	0.3	0.2
Norwegian.....	1,638	1,688	881	1.1	1.1	0.6
Polish.....	1,951	2,102	1,615	1.3	1.4	1.0
Rumanian.....	599	504	415	0.4	0.3	0.3
Russian.....	2,054	1,914	1,555	1.3	1.2	1.0
Serbo-Croatian.....	201	180	156	0.1	0.1	0.1
Swedish.....	1,343	1,336	628	0.9	0.9	0.4
Swiss.....	227	181	62	0.1	0.1	1
Syrian.....	178	142	130	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ukrainian, including Galician.....	4,884	5,050	4,556	3.2	3.3	2.9
Other.....	226	188	124	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total specified.....	150,105	154,005	101,408	96.9	99.4	65.5
Racial Origin not specified.....	4,756	856	490	3.1	0.6	0.3
Total.....	154,861	154,861	101,898	100.0	100.0	65.8

¹ Less than one-tenth of one per cent. ² This figure gives for 1925 the number of children whose father and mother have the same racial origin. The difference between this figure (101,898) and the total number of births (154,861) represents the number of children (52,963) whose father and mother are of different racial origins.

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., in 1924, 3,715 out of 157,595, or 2.36 p.c., and in 1925, 4,052 out of 154,861, or 2.62 p.c. In the latter year there were 2,050 males and 2,002 females among the illegitimates, or 1,024 males to every 1,000 females, a smaller proportion than is experienced in the general birth rate. Such a small excess of male births among illegitimates is not in accordance with the experience of other countries. Statistics are given in Table 11.