

from 17.4 per 1,000 in British Columbia to 25.4 in New Brunswick and 25.0 in Saskatchewan.

Statistics of births and birth rates for the years 1923-27 are given by provinces in Table 4, the provincial figures both of births and birth rates for Quebec being appended for the years 1923-25, so as to show national totals. The figures for 1927 are subject to revision.

4.—Number of Living Births and Birth Rates, by Provinces, 1923-1927.

Provinces.	Living Births.					Birth Rate per 1,000 Population.				
	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
P. E. Island.....	1,977	1,858	1,675	1,752	1,697	22.5	21.1	19.3	20.1	19.5
Nova Scotia.....	11,680	11,801	11,400	10,980	11,054	22.0	22.1	21.2	20.3	20.4
New Brunswick.....	10,704	10,717	10,949	10,340	10,453	27.0	26.9	27.2	25.4	25.4
Quebec.....	2	2	2	82,165	83,064	2	2	2	32.1	31.9
Ontario.....	70,056	71,510	70,122	67,617	67,071	23.2	23.4	22.6	21.5	21.2
Manitoba.....	18,472	15,454	14,867	14,661	14,129	25.9	25.9	23.5	22.9	21.8
Saskatchewan.....	20,947	21,539	20,582	20,716	20,925	26.3	26.4	25.4	25.2	25.0
Alberta.....	15,060	14,597	14,924	14,458	14,630	24.3	22.9	24.7	23.8	23.7
British Columbia.....	10,001	10,119	10,342	10,063	9,982	18.4	18.3	18.4	17.7	17.4
Former Registration Area	156,897	157,595	154,861		-	23.7	23.4	23.0	-	-
Quebec ²	83,379	86,930	87,527		-	32.2	35.1	33.1	-	-
Canada (exclusive of Territories).....	240,476	244,525	242,388	232,750	233,695	26.1	26.5	25.6	24.8	24.6

¹1927 figures are subject to revision. ²Not included in registration area. ³Provincial figures.

Table 5 gives, in addition, statistics of the number of births in cities of 40,000 population and over for the years 1921 to 1927. Ten of these cities had in 1921 a total population of 1,328,814 or 20.7 p.c. of the population of the registration area, while the number of births shown below for the year 1921, 38,488, formed 22.0 p.c. of the births recorded for the same year. By 1927 the number of births in these ten cities which have been in the registration area from the beginning had declined to 32,438 or by 15.7 p.c.; the percentage of the total for the registration area, however, was 21.5, a decrease since 1921 of only 0.5 p.c. It would seem, therefore, that the recent decline in the birth rate has been but slightly more pronounced in the larger urban centres than throughout the registration area, although greater differences appear in particular years than over the period in question. Figures for Montreal and Quebec are added for 1926 and 1927.

5.—Living Births in Cities of 40,000 Population and over, 1921-1927.

Cities.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Montreal.....	?	?	?	?	?	19,650	19,458
Toronto.....	13,378	12,745	12,680	12,424	11,976	11,185	11,448
Winnipeg.....	6,323	5,840	5,246	4,786	4,660	4,495	4,595
Vancouver.....	3,298	2,960	2,998	3,045	3,196	3,102	3,100
Hamilton.....	3,498	3,146	3,033	3,140	2,938	2,774	2,895
Ottawa.....	3,250	3,273	3,055	3,044	3,026	2,899	3,003
Quebec.....	2	2	2	2	2	4,164	4,349
Calgary.....	2,086	1,684	1,663	1,612	1,634	1,568	1,640
London.....	1,458	1,448	1,380	1,452	1,352	1,331	1,286
Edmonton.....	2,136	2,143	1,951	1,852	1,943	1,858	1,934
Halifax.....	1,836	1,743	1,519	1,458	1,463	1,359	1,491
Saint John.....	1,225	1,259	1,304	1,238	1,246	1,097	1,165
Total.....	38,488	36,441	34,849	34,051	33,434	55,452	56,245

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