

Origins of Parents.—Table 9 gives the number and percentage of births during 1926, distributed by the principal origins.

8.—Number and Percentage of Births (exclusive of Stillbirths) in Canada to Fathers and Mothers of specified Origins, 1926.

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.....	52,854	55,908	38,445	22.7	24.0	16.5
Irish.....	21,136	20,071	9,409	9.1	8.6	4.0
Scotch.....	23,120	28,285	11,158	9.9	10.0	4.8
Welsh.....	858	711	129	0.4	0.3	0.1
French.....	89,400	92,425	85,139	38.4	39.7	35.6
German.....	9,497	10,047	6,951	4.1	4.3	3.0
Armenian.....	76	72	69	1	1	1
Austrian.....	1,629	1,778	1,393	0.7	0.8	0.6
Belgian.....	571	581	361	0.2	0.2	0.2
Bulgarian.....	74	32	26	1	1	1
Chinese.....	336	310	309	0.1	0.1	0.1
Czech and Slovak.....	325	368	232	0.1	0.2	0.1
Danish.....	491	409	159	0.2	0.2	0.1
Dutch.....	1,933	1,890	927	0.8	0.8	0.4
Finnish.....	498	586	449	0.2	0.3	0.2
Greek.....	290	171	167	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hebrew.....	2,043	2,023	1,977	0.9	0.9	0.8
Hindu.....	22	20	20	1	1	1
Hungarian.....	474	514	410	0.2	0.2	0.2
Icelandic.....	363	427	264	0.2	0.2	0.1
Indian.....	2,182	2,499	2,040	0.9	1.1	0.9
Italian.....	2,799	2,379	2,239	1.2	1.0	1.0
Japanese.....	890	793	790	0.3	0.3	0.3
Negro.....	350	382	312	0.2	0.2	0.1
Norwegian.....	1,666	1,789	911	0.7	0.8	0.4
Polish.....	1,988	2,172	1,487	0.9	0.9	0.6
Rumanian.....	707	601	479	0.3	0.3	0.2
Russian.....	2,210	2,041	1,636	0.9	0.9	0.7
Serbo-Croatian.....	208	185	168	0.1	0.1	0.1
Swedish.....	1,370	1,389	633	0.6	0.6	0.3
Swiss.....	269	215	91	0.1	0.1	1
Syrian.....	284	219	203	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ukrainian, including Galician.....	5,072	5,255	4,665	2.2	2.3	2.0
Other.....	210	165	96	0.1	0.1	1
Origin not specified.....	6,635	1,038	321	2.9	0.4	0.1
Total.....	232,750	232,750	174,065	100.0	100.0	74.8

¹ Less than one-tenth of one per cent. ² This figure gives the number of children whose father and mother have the same origin. The difference between this figure (174,065) and the total number of births (232,750) represents the number of children (56,685) whose father and mother are of different origins. ³ This excludes the percentage (25.2) of mixed parentage, i.e., where the parents were not of the same origin.

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

Out of 232,750 living births in the nine provinces of Canada in 1926, 6,121, or 2.6 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Preliminary figures for 1927 show a total of 233,605 living births, of which 6,687, or 2.9 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Out of this number 3,455 were males and 3,232 females—a ratio of 1,069 males to every 1,000 females, as compared with a general rate for all births of 1,063 males to 1,000 females. This somewhat higher ratio of males to females among the issue of unmarried mothers as compared with the issue of married mothers is in accordance with experience in other countries. See Table 10 for details.