

Origin of Parents.—Table 10 gives the number and percentage of births during 1928, distributed by the principal origins.

10.—Number and Percentage of Births (exclusive of Stillbirths) in Canada to Fathers and Mothers of Specified Origins, 1928.

| Origin 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..... | 51,531 | 54,527 | 36,762 | 21.8 | 23.0 | 15.5 |
| Irish..... | 21,472 | 20,277 | 9,471 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 4.0 |
| Scotch..... | 23,339 | 23,511 | 10,944 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 4.6 |
| Welsh..... | 876 | 736 | 168 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| French..... | 90,256 | 94,056 | 86,182 | 38.1 | 39.7 | 36.4 |
| German..... | 10,133 | 10,757 | 7,293 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 3.1 |
| Armenian..... | 67 | 58 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Austrian..... | 1,344 | 1,424 | 1,098 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Belgian..... | 621 | 622 | 399 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Bulgarian..... | 58 | 27 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Chinese..... | 264 | 230 | 229 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Czech and Slovak..... | 409 | 446 | 295 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Danish..... | 614 | 520 | 254 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Dutch..... | 2,254 | 2,248 | 1,205 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Finnish..... | 608 | 733 | 555 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Greek..... | 306 | 167 | 190 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hebrew..... | 2,142 | 2,126 | 2,077 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Hindu..... | 38 | 38 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hungarian..... | 691 | 763 | 628 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Icelandic..... | 408 | 471 | 295 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Indian..... | 2,231 | 2,618 | 2,102 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Italian..... | 2,851 | 2,463 | 2,303 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Japanese..... | 372 | 867 | 866 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Negro..... | 379 | 425 | 333 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Norwegian..... | 1,790 | 1,866 | 931 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| Polish..... | 2,268 | 2,514 | 1,717 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| Roumanian..... | 625 | 550 | 485 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Russian..... | 2,293 | 2,110 | 1,698 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Serbo-Croatian..... | 248 | 249 | 200 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Swedish..... | 1,422 | 1,391 | 606 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| Swiss..... | 280 | 235 | 89 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1 |
| Syrian..... | 307 | 242 | 227 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Ukrainian ⁴ | 5,325 | 5,603 | 4,894 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.1 |
| Other..... | 259 | 236 | 143 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Origin not specified..... | 8,176 | 1,631 | 599 | 3.5 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| Totals..... | 236,757 | 236,757 | 175,277 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 74.0 |

¹Less than one-tenth of one per cent. ²This figure gives the number of children whose fathers and mothers have the same origin. The difference between this figure (175,277) and the total number of births (236,757) represents the number of children (61,480) whose fathers and mothers are of different origins.

³This excludes the percentage (26.0) of mixed parentage, i.e., where the parents were not of the same origin.

⁴Including Galician and Bukovina.

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

Out of 236,757 living births in the nine provinces of Canada in 1928, 7,280, or 3.1 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Preliminary figures for 1929 show a total of 234,915 living births, of which 7,477, or 3.2 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Out of this number 3,801 were males and 3,676 females—a ratio of 1,034 males to every 1,000 females, as compared with 1,061 males per 1,000 females, for 1928, and a general 1929 rate for all births of 1,055 males to 1,000 females. The somewhat lower 1929 ratio of males to females among the issue of unmarried mothers, as compared with the issue of married mothers, is in contrast with the experience of most other countries, and even with our own records of earlier years.