

15.—Difference in Ages of Bridegrooms and Brides, 1928.

Age Group of Bridegroom.	Average Age of Bridegroom.	Average Age of Bride.	Average excess of Bridegroom's Age.	Age Group of Bride.	Average Age of Bride.	Average Age of Bridegroom.	Average excess of Bridegroom's Age.
All bridegrooms.....	29.3	25.0	4.3	All brides.....	25.0	29.3	4.3
Under 20 years.....	19.2	19.5	- 0.3	Under 20 years.....	19.5	24.5	6.0
20-24 years.....	22.8	21.2	1.6	20-24 years.....	22.3	26.5	4.2
25-29 years.....	27.2	23.4	3.8	25-29 years.....	27.1	30.2	3.1
30-34 years.....	32.3	25.9	6.3	30-34 years.....	33.2	35.5	3.3
35-39 years.....	37.3	29.0	8.3	35-39 years.....	37.3	40.7	3.4
40-44 years.....	42.2	32.7	9.5	40-44 years.....	42.3	46.4	4.1
45-49 years.....	47.3	37.4	9.9	45-49 years.....	47.3	51.4	4.1
50 years and over..	59.3	48.6	10.7	50 years and over..	58.5	60.8	2.3

16.—Average Ages of Parties Contracting Marriages, 1928.

Province.	Average Age of all Grooms.	Average Age of all Brides.	Average excess of Groom's Age over Bride's..
Prince Edward Island.....	30.4	25.5	4.9
Nova Scotia.....	29.4	24.8	4.6
New Brunswick.....	28.9	24.5	4.4
Quebec.....	28.8	25.2	3.6
Ontario.....	28.9	25.1	3.8
Manitoba.....	29.9	24.7	5.2
Saskatchewan.....	29.2	23.8	5.4
Alberta.....	29.8	24.4	5.4
British Columbia.....	31.5	26.5	5.0
Canada.....	29.3	25.0	4.3

Nativity of Brides and Bridegrooms.—In Alberta and British Columbia, the majority of the bridegrooms and brides in the marriages contracted in 1928 were born outside of Canada; in Manitoba the majority of the bridegrooms were born outside Canada but the majority of the brides were Canadians, and in Saskatchewan the same conditions obtained. In the three Maritime Provinces, the Canadian-born brides and grooms showed a marked predominance, varying between 79 p.c. and 97 p.c., and in Ontario over 65 p.c. of grooms and 68 p.c. of brides were Canadian-born. In 1928, taking Canada as a whole, 64.7 p.c. of all grooms and 69.7 p.c. of all brides were born in Canada. Table 17 gives the number of marriages for 1,000 population in each province, as well as the percentage distribution of brides and grooms according to nativity.

17.—Nativity, by Provinces, of Persons Married in the Registration Area, 1921-1928.

NOTE.—For figures for 1921-1923, see the 1929 Year Book, p. 166.

Province.	Year.	Marriages.		Percentage Distribution of Grooms and Brides by Nativity.					
		Total.	Per 1,000 population.	Born in Provinces of Residence.		Born in other Provinces.		Born elsewhere.	
				Grooms	Brides.	Grooms	Brides.	Grooms	Brides.
P.E. Island.....	1924	408	4.6	88.7	93.1	7.4	3.7	3.9	3.2
	1925	407	4.7	90.9	93.4	4.9	2.2	4.1	4.4
	1926	459	5.3	88.9	94.3	5.5	2.2	5.7	3.5
	1927	482	5.5	92.7	95.0	3.5	1.5	3.7	3.5
	1928	466	5.4	91.0	94.2	3.6	2.6	5.4	3.2