

Origin of Parents.—Table 10 gives the number and percentage of births during 1929, distributed by the principal origins.

10.—Number and Percentage of Births (Exclusive of Stillbirths) in Canada to Fathers and Mothers of Specified Origins, 1929.

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.....	51,107	54,069	36,197	21.7	23.0	15.4
Irish.....	20,968	20,091	9,133	8.9	8.5	3.9
Scotch.....	22,530	22,773	10,256	9.6	9.7	4.4
Welsh.....	907	733	162	0.4	0.3	0.1
French.....	68,405	91,810	83,927	37.6	39.0	35.7
German.....	10,430	11,135	7,535	4.4	4.7	3.2
Armenian.....	48	43	42	1	1	1
Austrian.....	1,258	1,368	997	0.5	0.6	0.4
Belgian.....	651	623	384	0.3	0.3	0.2
Bulgarian.....	66	29	26	1	1	1
Chinese.....	286	263	257	0.1	0.1	0.1
Czech and Slovak.....	520	539	401	0.2	0.2	0.2
Danish.....	699	616	319	0.3	0.3	0.1
Dutch.....	2,320	2,209	1,235	1.0	0.9	0.5
Finnish.....	643	803	572	0.3	0.3	0.2
Greek.....	267	162	156	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hebrew.....	2,181	2,145	2,101	0.9	0.9	0.9
Hindu.....	39	39	36	1	1	1
Hungarian.....	911	963	827	0.4	0.4	0.4
Icelandic.....	388	443	259	0.2	0.2	0.1
Indian.....	2,857	2,980	2,421	1.1	1.3	1.0
Italian.....	2,717	2,288	2,111	1.2	1.0	0.9
Japanese.....	886	886	881	0.4	0.4	0.4
Negro.....	325	376	294	0.1	0.2	0.1
Norwegian.....	1,895	1,951	953	0.8	0.8	0.4
Polish.....	2,676	2,990	2,081	1.1	1.3	0.9
Roumanian.....	662	590	458	0.3	0.3	0.2
Russian.....	2,242	2,070	1,668	1.0	0.9	0.7
Serbo-Croatian.....	337	325	277	0.1	0.1	0.1
Swedish.....	1,522	1,450	626	0.6	0.6	0.3
Swiss.....	300	252	98	0.1	0.1	1
Syrian.....	278	244	213	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ukrainian ⁴	5,646	5,966	5,111	2.4	2.5	2.2
Other.....	265	257	163	0.1	0.1	0.1
Origin not specified.....	8,483	1,943	691	3.6	0.8	0.3
Totals.....	235,415	235,415	172,873 ²	100.0	100.0	73.4 ³

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 (172,873) and the total number of births (235,415) represents the number of children (62,542) whose fathers and mothers are of different origins. ³This excludes the percentage (26.6) of mixed parentage, i.e., where the parents were not of the same origin. ⁴Including Galician and Bukovinian.

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

Out of 235,415 living births in the nine provinces of Canada in 1929, 7,516, or 3.2 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Figures for 1930 show a total of 243,495 living births, of which 8,059, or 3.3 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Out of this number 4,125 were males and 3,934 females—a ratio of 1,049 males to every 1,000 females, as compared with 1,035 males per 1,000 females, for 1929, and a general 1930 rate for all births of 1,052 males to 1,000 females. The somewhat lower 1930 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.