

(see Table 14), 286.91 out of every 1,000 of the population of Canada were children under 10 years of age and over half the total population (526.76 out of every 1,000) were under 20 years of age. But with the growing urbanization of population, the average age at marriage increased and children came to be regarded as a liability rather than an asset. Thus in 1911, out of every 1,000 of the population, only 231.83 were under 10 years of age and 423.42 under 20 years of age. In 1921, however, 239.67 per 1,000 of the population were under 10 years of age and 434.81 per 1,000 under 20 years. In 1931, the number of children under 10 years of age had dropped to 212.51 per 1,000 of the population, and of persons under 20 to 416.20 per 1,000.

Table 15 shows the varying age distribution of the population of the different provinces, while Table 16 gives details of the age distribution of the population of the Dominion, by sex, for the census years 1881 to 1931.

14.—Proportion per 1,000 of the Population by Age Periods, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911, 1921 and 1931.

Age Period.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.
Under 1 year.....	30.567	28.019	24.923	24.497	25.734	23.858	19.531
1—4 years.....	115.649	108.507	99.964	95.210	97.413	96.482	84.009
5—9 “.....	140.691	128.231	121.242	114.664	108.685	119.338	109.162
10—19 “.....	239.854	227.404	219.710	210.906	191.585	195.138	203.689
20—29 “.....	171.436	175.957	178.080	173.549	189.335	159.041	163.583
30—39 “.....	111.404	113.099	122.080	129.259	141.938	146.247	134.666
40—49 “.....	79.995	83.817	88.441	98.494	100.071	109.481	118.660
50—59 “.....	54.788	58.087	62.360	67.886	69.121	73.062	82.463
60 and over.....	55.128	63.270	70.142	76.397	71.027	74.917	88.882
Not given.....	0.488	23.589	13.059	9.137	5.090	2.419	0.363

15.—Proportion per 1,000 of the Population by Age Periods, by Provinces, 1931, with Totals for 1921.

Province.	0-9 Years.	10-19 Years.	20-44 Years.	45-69 Years.	70 Years and Over.	Age Not Given.
Prince Edward Island.....	212.47	207.97	308.15	206.52	64.81	0.08
Nova Scotia.....	215.36	214.17	320.93	198.39	50.93	0.22
New Brunswick.....	239.83	219.63	317.25	181.18	41.95	0.17
Quebec.....	245.89	214.20	352.95	157.69	29.05	0.23
Ontario.....	186.63	185.67	373.92	212.28	41.20	0.25
Manitoba.....	203.29	219.27	365.99	185.52	25.72	0.20
Saskatchewan.....	234.80	228.98	353.08	163.81	19.12	0.21
Alberta.....	217.98	210.00	374.07	178.47	19.32	0.16
British Columbia.....	160.07	175.97	377.16	254.66	29.97	2.17
Canada, 1931¹.....	212.70	203.69	360.50	189.52	33.22	0.36
Canada, 1921¹.....	239.67	195.14	365.27	169.38	38.13	2.42

¹ The statistics for Yukon and the Northwest Territories are included in the totals.