

Origins of Parents.—Tables 10 and 10A give the numbers and percentages of births for 1931 and 1932, distributed by the principal origins.

10.—Numbers and Percentages of Births (Exclusive of Stillbirths) in Canada to Fathers and Mothers of Specified Origins, 1931.

Origin of Parents.	Numbers of Births with Father, Mother or Both Parents of Specified Origin.			Percentages of Births with Father, Mother or Both Parents of Specified Origin.		
	Father.	Mother.	Both Parents.	Father.	Mother.	Both Parents.
	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
English.....	49,772	52,741	34,106	20.7	21.9	14.2
Irish.....	21,729	20,898	9,284	9.0	8.7	3.9
Scottish.....	22,516	22,797	9,884	9.4	9.5	4.1
Welsh.....	972	779	170	0.4	0.3	0.1
French.....	90,500	93,904	85,962	37.6	39.0	35.7
German.....	11,411	12,112	8,196	4.7	5.0	3.4
Armenian.....	61	54	52	1	1	1
Austrian.....	975	1,055	730	0.4	0.4	0.3
Belgian.....	670	589	355	0.3	0.2	0.1
Bulgarian.....	59	28	22	1	1	1
Chinese.....	271	229	228	0.1	0.1	0.1
Czech and Slovak.....	843	847	668	0.4	0.4	0.3
Danish.....	759	648	324	0.3	0.3	0.1
Dutch.....	2,550	2,520	1,392	1.1	1.0	0.6
Finnish.....	729	921	635	0.3	0.4	0.3
Greek.....	235	141	136	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hebrew.....	2,160	2,135	2,096	0.9	0.9	0.9
Hindu.....	50	43	42	1	1	1
Hungarian.....	1,248	1,305	1,122	0.5	0.5	0.5
Icelandic.....	394	412	226	0.2	0.2	0.1
Indian.....	2,796	3,316	2,653	1.2	1.4	1.1
Italian.....	2,655	2,288	2,044	1.1	1.0	0.8
Japanese.....	842	838	836	0.4	0.3	0.3
Negro.....	350	385	317	0.1	0.2	0.1
Norwegian.....	1,833	1,979	907	0.8	0.8	0.4
Polish.....	3,441	3,842	2,681	1.4	1.6	1.1
Roumanian.....	599	559	404	0.2	0.2	0.2
Russian.....	1,884	1,723	1,331	0.8	0.7	0.6
Serbo-Croatian.....	535	510	451	0.2	0.2	0.2
Swedish.....	1,532	1,436	614	0.6	0.6	0.3
Swiss.....	324	258	95	0.1	0.1	1
Syrian.....	243	209	175	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ukrainian ⁴	6,315	6,849	5,698	2.6	2.8	2.4
Other.....	303	289	169	0.1	0.1	0.1
Origin not specified.....	8,917	1,834	404	3.7	0.8	0.2
Totals.....	240,473	240,473	174,409²	100.0	100.0	72.5³

For footnotes see end of Table 10A, page 184.

Illegitimacy.—The ratio of illegitimate to total births is, generally speaking, low in Canada as compared with other countries. The steady increase which is noticeable in recent years is probably due, in some measure, to more complete data.

Out of 240,473 live births in the nine provinces of Canada in 1931, 8,365 or 3.48 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Figures for 1932 show a total of 235,666 live births, of which 8,460 or 3.59 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Out of this number 4,366 were males and 4,094 females—a ratio of 1,066 males to every 1,000 females, as compared with 1,088 males per 1,000 females in 1931, and a general 1932 rate for all births of 1,057 males to 1,000 females. In 1933 there were 222,868 live births and 8,426 or 3.78 p.c. of these were illegitimate. Of the illegitimate, 4,362 were males and 4,064 were females—a ratio of 1,073 males to 1,000 females. (See Table 11.)