

17.—Differences in Ages of Bridegrooms and Brides, 1933.

Year and Age Group of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Brides.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Year and Age Group of Brides.	Average Age of Brides.	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.
1933.				1933.			
All bridegrooms....	29.2	24.9	4.3	All brides.....	24.9	29.2	4.3
Under 20 years....	19.1	19.4	-0.3	Under 20 years....	18.5	24.6	6.1
20-24 years.....	22.9	21.3	1.6	20-24 years.....	22.3	26.6	4.3
25-29 years.....	27.3	23.4	3.9	25-29 years.....	27.1	30.0	2.9
30-34 years.....	32.1	25.8	6.3	30-34 years.....	32.1	35.1	3.0
35-39 years.....	37.2	28.6	8.6	35-39 years.....	37.3	40.9	3.6
40-44 years.....	42.3	32.4	9.9	40-44 years.....	42.3	46.5	4.2
45-49 years.....	47.4	36.8	10.6	45-49 years.....	47.3	52.0	4.7
50 years and over..	59.9	48.7	11.2	50 years and over..	58.9	61.5	2.6

18.—Average Ages of Parties Contracting Marriage, by Provinces, 1932 and 1933.

Province.	1932.			1933.		
	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Brides.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Brides.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.
Prince Edward Island.....	29.0	24.5	4.5	29.2	24.9	4.3
Nova Scotia.....	28.4	24.0	4.4	28.5	24.1	4.4
New Brunswick.....	28.9	24.4	4.5	28.6	24.1	4.5
Quebec.....	29.5	25.8	3.7	29.5	25.7	3.8
Ontario.....	28.9	24.9	4.0	28.9	25.0	3.9
Manitoba.....	29.7	24.7	5.0	29.7	24.8	4.9
Saskatchewan.....	28.9	23.5	5.4	28.8	23.5	5.3
Alberta.....	29.3	23.9	5.4	29.2	23.8	5.4
British Columbia.....	31.1	26.1	5.0	30.8	26.1	4.7
Canada (Exclusive of Territories).....	29.2	24.9	4.3	29.2	24.9	4.3

Nativity of Brides and Bridegrooms.—The majority of marriages contracted in the western provinces in past years have been between persons born outside Canada. This condition, however, is being gradually changed and, although in Alberta and British Columbia the majority of the bridegrooms in the marriages contracted in 1933 were born outside of Canada, the percentages in these and in most of the other provinces show a general reduction over the past few years. (See Table 19.) Canadian-born brides were in the majority in each province. In the Maritime Provinces and Quebec, the Canadian-born brides and grooms showed a marked predominance. Taking Canada as a whole, nearly 70 p.c. of all grooms and 79 p.c. of all brides in 1933 were born in Canada; these are the highest percentages shown for the period covered by the statistics.