

7.—Numbers and Percentages of Births (Exclusive of Stillbirths) in Canada to Fathers and Mothers of Specified Origins, 1926, 1936, and 1937—concluded.

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.
Italian.....	1926	2,789	2,379	2,239	1.2	1.0	1.0
	1936	2,023	1,734	1,387	0.9	0.8	0.6
	1937	1,985	1,751	1,349	0.9	0.8	0.6
Japanese.....	1926	800	793	780	0.3	0.3	0.3
	1936	573	571	568	0.3	0.3	0.3
	1937	518	516	514	0.2	0.2	0.2
Negro.....	1926	350	382	312	0.2	0.2	0.1
	1936	388	452	342	0.2	0.2	0.2
	1937	391	457	351	0.2	0.2	0.2
Norwegian.....	1926	1,696	1,789	911	0.7	0.8	0.4
	1936	1,786	1,887	668	0.8	0.9	0.3
	1937	1,818	1,870	620	0.8	0.8	0.3
Polish.....	1926	1,988	2,172	1,487	0.9	0.9	0.6
	1936	2,789	3,184	1,926	1.3	1.4	0.9
	1937	2,749	3,039	1,822	1.2	1.4	0.8
Roumanian.....	1926	707	601	479	0.3	0.3	0.2
	1936	449	417	242	0.2	0.2	0.1
	1937	440	433	246	0.2	0.2	0.1
Russian.....	1926	2,210	2,041	1,636	0.9	0.9	0.7
	1936	1,339	1,247	841	0.6	0.6	0.4
	1937	1,261	1,298	834	0.6	0.6	0.4
Serbo-Croatian.....	1926	208	185	168	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1936	417	369	316	0.2	0.2	0.1
	1937	386	351	284	0.2	0.2	0.1
Swedish.....	1926	1,370	1,389	633	0.6	0.6	0.3
	1936	1,492	1,377	420	0.7	0.6	0.2
	1937	1,534	1,394	409	0.7	0.6	0.2
Swiss.....	1926	260	215	91	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1936	279	203	43	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1937	253	190	52	0.1	0.1	0.1
Syrian.....	1926	284	219	203	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1936	214	167	125	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1937	188	158	112	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ukrainian ²	1926	5,072	5,255	4,665	2.2	2.3	2.0
	1936	5,842	6,731	5,164	2.7	3.1	2.3
	1937	5,776	6,777	5,057	2.6	3.1	2.3
Other.....	1926	210	165	96	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1936	249	260	125	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1937	274	256	129	0.1	0.1	0.1
Origin not specified.....	1926	6,635	1,038	321	2.9	0.4	0.1
	1936	9,012	1,360	217	4.1	0.6	0.1
	1937	9,007	1,434	280	4.1	0.7	0.1
Totals.....	1926	232,750	232,750	174,065 ³	100.0	100.0	74.8 ⁴
	1936	220,371	220,371	152,351 ³	100.0	100.0	69.1 ⁴
	1937	220,235	220,235	151,419 ³	100.0	100.0	68.8 ⁴

¹ Less than one-tenth of one per cent. ² Including "Galician" and "Bukovinian". ³ This figure gives the number of children whose fathers and mothers have the same origin. The difference between this figure and the total number of births represents the number of children whose fathers and mothers are of different origins. ⁴ This excludes the percentage of "mixed parentage", i.e., parents not of the same origin.

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 220,371 live births in the nine provinces of Canada in 1936, 8,633, or 3.92 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Figures for 1937 show a total of 220,235 live births, of which 8,574, or 3.89 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Out of this number, 4,398 were males and 4,176 females—a ratio of 1,053 males to every 1,000 females, as compared with 1,085 males per 1,000 females in 1936, and a general 1937 rate for all live births of 1,057 males to 1,000 females. (See Table 8.)