

The Vital Statistics Branch has inaugurated a series of reports classifying vital statistics in Canada by place of residence. The first report, based on 1935 figures, was published in 1938 and the report based on 1936 figures was issued in 1939. These reports show: (1) births according to residence of mother; (2) deaths according to place of residence and place of occurrence for cities and towns of 5,000 population or over, and for the remaining parts of counties or census divisions; (3) deaths according to residence and cause of death, by provinces; (4) the same information as in (3) for cities of 40,000 population or over; (5) the same information for places of 5,000 population or over but under 40,000. Deaths according to residences and causes for counties and census divisions, exclusive of places of 5,000 population or over are also given and the 1936 report covers live births, stillbirths, and deaths under one year and under one month. These reports are in three Parts and may be obtained from the Dominion Statistician, price 25 cents for each Part.

Yukon and the Northwest Territories.—The vital statistics of Yukon and the Northwest Territories have been collected and compiled since 1924. They are not, however, presented with those of the nine provinces in the tables of this chapter because the figures are not regarded as complete, the details are in many cases not available, and the small and varying population is not known with sufficient accuracy for each year to enable the rates to be calculated. As these territories contain less than 1/700th of the population of Canada, their vital statistics are a negligible factor in the total. Births, marriages, and deaths in Yukon and the Northwest Territories, for the years 1924-38 are summarized in the following statement.

VITAL STATISTICS OF YUKON AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, 1924-38.

Year.	Yukon.			Northwest Territories.		
	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
1924.....	31	5	38	95	39	47
1925.....	22	17	63	57	35	32
1926.....	27	12	12	75	3	51
1927.....	29	19	33	126	20	133
1928.....	30	13	46	222	30	367
1929.....	35	10	54	133	29	168
1930.....	45	17	69	232	36	206
1931.....	40	24	66	141	36	106
1932.....	44	26	62	195	33	122
1933.....	58	15	60	179	26	128
1934.....	44	29	48	203	47	154
1935.....	58	27	69	231	63	175
1936.....	38	26	82	229	68	177
1937.....	74	37	77	210	45	147
1938 ¹	70	36	61	223	63	179

¹ Preliminary figures.

Section 1.—Births.

Throughout almost the whole of the civilized world the birth rate has, in the past generation, been on the decline, though the consequent reduction in the rate of natural increase has been partly offset by the synchronous decline in the death rate.

The crude birth rate of England and Wales, for example, was 35.4 per 1,000 population for the average of the decennium 1871-80, 32.5 in 1881-90, and 29.9 in