

7.—Numbers and Percentages of Live Births in Canada to Fathers and Mothers of Specified Origins, 1926, 1937, and 1938—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 2,799	2,379	2,239	1.2	1.0	1.0
	1937 1,985	1,751	1,349	0.9	0.8	0.6
	1938 2,058	1,816	1,312	0.9	0.8	0.6
Japanese.....	1926 800	793	790	0.3	0.3	0.3
	1937 518	516	514	0.2	0.2	0.2
	1938 539	544	536	0.2	0.2	0.2
Negro.....	1926 350	382	312	0.2	0.2	0.1
	1937 391	457	351	0.2	0.2	0.2
	1938 402	474	354	0.2	0.2	0.2
Norwegian.....	1926 1,696	1,789	911	0.7	0.8	0.4
	1937 1,818	1,870	620	0.8	0.8	0.3
	1938 1,890	1,906	614	0.8	0.8	0.3
Polish.....	1926 1,988	2,172	1,487	0.9	0.9	0.6
	1937 2,749	3,039	1,822	1.2	1.4	0.8
	1938 2,804	3,160	1,797	1.2	1.4	0.8
Roumanian.....	1926 707	601	479	0.3	0.3	0.2
	1937 440	433	246	0.2	0.2	0.1
	1938 428	424	225	0.2	0.2	0.1
Russian.....	1926 2,210	2,041	1,636	0.9	0.9	0.7
	1937 1,261	1,298	834	0.6	0.6	0.4
	1938 1,282	1,323	825	0.6	0.6	0.4
Serbo-Croatian.....	1926 208	185	168	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1937 386	351	284	0.2	0.2	0.1
	1938 440	366	313	0.2	0.2	0.1
Swedish.....	1926 1,370	1,389	633	0.6	0.6	0.3
	1937 1,534	1,394	409	0.7	0.6	0.2
	1938 1,584	1,488	378	0.7	0.6	0.2
Swiss.....	1926 269	215	91	0.1	0.1	1
	1937 253	190	52	0.1	0.1	1
	1938 281	218	53	0.1	0.1	1
Syrian.....	1926 284	219	203	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1937 188	158	112	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1938 183	156	111	0.1	0.1	1
Ukrainian <sup>2</sup> .....	1926 5,072	5,255	4,665	2.2	2.3	2.0
	1937 5,776	6,777	5,057	2.6	3.1	2.3
	1938 5,950	6,965	5,049	2.6	3.0	2.2
Other.....	1926 210	165	96	0.1	0.1	1
	1937 274	256	129	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1938 231	213	98	0.1	0.1	1
Origin not specified.....	1926 6,635	1,038	321	2.9	0.4	0.1
	1937 9,007	1,434	280	4.1	0.7	0.1
	1938 9,730	1,260	292	4.2	0.5	0.1
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>1926 232,750</b>	<b>232,750</b>	<b>174,065<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>74.8<sup>4</sup></b>
	<b>1937 229,235</b>	<b>229,235</b>	<b>151,419<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>68.8<sup>4</sup></b>
	<b>1938 229,446</b>	<b>229,446</b>	<b>155,846<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67.9<sup>4</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup> Less than one-tenth of one per cent. <sup>2</sup> Including Galician and Bukovinian. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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 220,235 live births in the nine provinces of Canada in 1937, 8,574, or 3.89 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Figures for 1938 show a total of 229,446 live births, of which 9,228, or 4.02 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Out of this number, 4,799 were males and 4,429 females—a ratio of 1,084 males to every 1,000 females, as compared with 1,053 males per 1,000 females in 1937, and a general 1938 rate for all live births of 1,056 males to 1,000 females. (See Table 8.)