

7.—Numbers and Percentages of Live Births to Fathers and Mothers of Specified Origins, 1926, 1938 and 1939—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
	1938	2,058	1,816	1,312	0.9	0.8	0.6
	1939	1,965	1,762	1,195	0.9	0.8	0.5
Japanese.....	1926	800	793	790	0.3	0.3	0.3
	1938	539	544	536	0.2	0.2	0.2
	1939	472	472	467	0.2	0.2	0.2
Negro.....	1926	350	382	312	0.2	0.2	0.1
	1938	402	474	354	0.2	0.2	0.2
	1939	404	461	363	0.2	0.2	0.2
Norwegian.....	1926	1,696	1,789	911	0.7	0.8	0.4
	1938	1,890	1,906	614	0.8	0.8	0.3
	1939	1,860	1,933	588	0.8	0.8	0.3
Polish.....	1926	1,988	2,172	1,487	0.9	0.9	0.6
	1938	2,804	3,160	1,797	1.2	1.4	0.8
	1939	2,696	3,075	1,667	1.2	1.3	0.7
Roumanian.....	1926	707	601	479	0.3	0.3	0.2
	1938	428	424	225	0.2	0.2	0.1
	1939	430	434	224	0.2	0.2	0.1
Russian.....	1926	2,210	2,041	1,636	0.9	0.9	0.7
	1938	1,282	1,323	825	0.6	0.6	0.4
	1939	1,353	1,322	831	0.6	0.6	0.4
Serbo-Croatian.....	1926	208	185	168	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1938	440	366	313	0.2	0.2	0.1
	1939	376	329	266	0.2	0.1	0.1
Swedish.....	1926	1,370	1,389	633	0.6	0.6	0.3
	1938	1,584	1,488	878	0.7	0.6	0.2
	1939	1,505	1,442	376	0.7	0.6	0.2
Swiss.....	1926	269	215	91	0.1	0.1	<sup>1</sup>
	1938	281	218	53	0.1	0.1	<sup>1</sup>
	1939	309	202	59	0.1	0.1	<sup>1</sup>
Syrian.....	1926	284	219	203	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1938	183	156	111	0.1	0.1	<sup>1</sup>
	1939	188	150	94	0.1	0.1	<sup>1</sup>
Ukrainian <sup>2</sup> .....	1926	5,072	5,255	4,665	2.2	2.3	2.0
	1938	5,950	6,965	5,049	2.6	3.0	2.2
	1939	5,928	6,931	4,990	2.6	3.0	2.2
Other.....	1926	210	165	96	0.1	0.1	<sup>1</sup>
	1938	231	213	98	0.1	0.1	<sup>1</sup>
	1939	280	254	107	0.1	0.1	<sup>1</sup>
Origin not specified.....	1926	6,635	1,038	321	2.9	0.4	0.1
	1938	9,730	1,260	292	4.2	0.5	0.1
	1939	9,577	1,461	285	4.2	0.6	0.1
Totals.....	1926	232,750	232,750	174,065 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	100.0	74.8 <sup>4</sup>
	1938	229,446	229,446	155,846 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	100.0	67.9 <sup>4</sup>
	1939	229,468	229,468	155,148 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	100.0	67.6 <sup>4</sup>

<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 that is noticeable in recent years is due, probably, in some measure, to more complete data.

Out of 229,446 live births in the nine provinces of Canada in 1938, 9,228, or 4.02 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Figures for 1939 show a total of 229,468 live births, of which 9,105, or 3.97 p.c. were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Out of this number, 4,628 were males and 4,477 females—a ratio of 1,034 males to every 1,000 females, as compared with 1,084 males per 1,000 females in 1938, and a general 1939 rate for all live births of 1,051 males to 1,000 females. (See Table 8.)