

7.—Numbers and Percentages of Live Births to Fathers and Mothers of Specified Origins, 1926, 1939 and 1940—concluded

Origin of Parents and Year	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
.....1939	1,965	1,762	1,195	0.9	0.8	0.5
.....1940	2,108	1,877	1,241	0.9	0.8	0.5
Japanese.....1926	800	793	790	0.3	0.3	0.3
.....1939	472	472	467	0.2	0.2	0.2
.....1940	482	485	479	0.2	0.2	0.2
Negro.....1926	350	382	312	0.2	0.2	0.1
.....1939	404	461	363	0.2	0.2	0.2
.....1940	432	530	402	0.2	0.2	0.2
Norwegian.....1926	1,696	1,789	911	0.7	0.8	0.4
.....1939	1,860	1,933	588	0.8	0.8	0.3
.....1940	2,056	2,090	593	0.8	0.9	0.2
Polish.....1926	1,988	2,172	1,487	0.9	0.9	0.6
.....1939	2,696	3,075	1,667	1.2	1.3	0.7
.....1940	3,087	3,492	1,727	1.3	1.4	0.7
Roumanian.....1926	707	601	479	0.3	0.3	0.2
.....1939	430	434	224	0.2	0.2	0.1
.....1940	482	535	221	0.2	0.2	0.1
Russian.....1926	2,210	2,041	1,636	0.9	0.9	0.7
.....1939	1,353	1,322	831	0.6	0.6	0.4
.....1940	1,547	1,656	941	0.6	0.7	0.4
Serbo-Croatian.....1926	208	185	168	0.1	0.1	0.1
.....1939	376	329	266	0.2	0.1	0.1
.....1940	446	392	307	0.2	0.2	0.1
Swedish.....1926	1,370	1,389	633	0.6	0.6	0.3
.....1939	1,505	1,442	376	0.7	0.6	0.2
.....1940	1,603	1,518	340	0.7	0.6	0.1
Swiss.....1926	269	215	91	0.1	0.1	1
.....1939	309	202	59	0.1	0.1	1
.....1940	439	349	110	0.2	0.1	1
Syrian.....1926	284	219	203	0.1	0.1	0.1
.....1939	188	150	94	0.1	0.1	1
.....1940	236	191	121	0.1	0.1	1
Ukrainian ²1926	5,072	5,255	4,665	2.2	2.3	2.0
.....1939	5,928	6,931	4,990	2.6	3.0	2.2
.....1940	6,449	7,477	5,228	2.6	3.1	2.1
Other.....1926	210	165	96	0.1	0.1	1
.....1939	280	254	107	0.1	0.1	1
.....1940	290	241	94	0.1	0.1	1
Origin not specified.....1926	6,635	1,038	321	2.9	0.4	0.1
.....1939	9,577	1,461	285	4.2	0.6	0.1
.....1940	10,094	1,209	265	4.1	0.5	0.1
Totals.....1926	232,750	232,750	174,065 ³	100.0	100.0	74.8 ⁴
.....1939	229,468	229,468	155,148 ³	100.0	100.0	67.6 ⁴
.....1940	244,316	244,316	161,953 ³	100.0	100.0	66.3 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 were 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 that is noticeable in recent years is due, probably, in some measure, to more complete data.

Of the 229,468 live births in the nine provinces of Canada in 1939, 9,105, or 3.97 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Figures for 1940 show a total of 244,316 live births, of which 9,609, or 3.93 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Out of this number, 4,885 were males and 4,724 females—a ratio of 1,034 males to every 1,000 females, as compared with 1,034 males per 1,000 females in 1939, and a general 1940 rate for all live births of 1,052 males to 1,000 females. (See Table 8.)