

5.—Live Births and Stillbirths Classified as Single and Multiple, by Sex, 1941 and 1942

NOTE.—For statistics for the years 1926-35, see p. 162 of the 1938 Year Book and for the years 1936-40, see p. 119 of the 1942 Year Book.

Year and Sex	Total Births		Single Births		Twins			Triplets		
	Born Alive	Still-born	Born Alive	Still-born	Total	Children		Total	Children	
						Born Alive	Still-born		Born Alive	Still-born
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1941—										
Totals.....	255,317	6,882	249,809	6,548	2,888	5,445	331	22	63	3
Male.....	131,175	3,846	128,417	3,666	-	2,727	178	-	31	2
Female...	124,142	3,036	121,392	2,882	-	2,718	153	-	32	1
1942—										
Totals.....	272,313	7,132	266,475	6,856	3,018	5,770	266	26	68	10
Male.....	140,584	3,891	137,649	3,754	-	2,902	134	-	33	3
Female....	131,729	3,241	128,826	3,102	-	2,868	132	-	35	7

Ages of Parents.—The numerical distribution of legitimate live births by ages of parents for the years 1941 and 1942 is shown in Table 6. Nearly 34 p.c. of the births in 1941 and 1942 were to married mothers under 25 years of age, while less than 5 p.c. were to mothers who had passed their 40th birthday. Of the fathers 12.7 p.c. and 12.8 p.c. were under 25 years in 1941 and 1942 and 15.8 p.c. and 15.5 p.c. were 40 years or over. The percentages of both fathers and mothers under 25 years were 22.9 and 23.0, respectively, in the years 1941 and 1942.

6.—Legitimate Live Births in Canada, by Ages of Parents, 1941 and 1942

Ages	Numbers						Percentages					
	Total Parents		Fathers		Mothers		Total Parents		Fathers		Mothers	
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
Under 20 years...	15,388	15,759	1,203	1,328	14,185	14,431	3.1	3.0	0.5	0.5	5.8	5.5
20-24 years.....	97,042	104,347	29,857	32,162	67,185	72,185	19.8	20.0	12.2	12.3	27.4	27.6
25-29 years.....	143,645	153,021	69,184	73,489	74,461	79,532	29.3	29.3	28.2	28.2	30.4	30.5
30-34 years.....	112,920	121,458	63,436	68,299	49,484	53,159	23.0	23.3	25.9	26.2	20.2	20.4
35-39 years.....	71,015	75,341	42,508	45,177	28,507	30,164	14.5	14.4	17.4	17.3	11.6	11.6
40-44 years.....	32,874	34,549	22,711	24,006	10,163	10,543	6.7	6.6	9.3	9.2	4.1	4.0
45-49 years.....	11,616	11,776	10,567	10,736	1,049	1,040	2.4	2.3	4.3	4.1	0.4	0.4
50 years or over...	5,534	5,864	5,515	5,844	19	20	1.1	1.1	2.3	2.2	1	1
Totals, Stated	490,034	522,115	244,981	261,041	245,053	261,074	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Ag. not stated..	398	335	235	184	163	151	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals, All Ages.	490,432	522,450	245,216	261,225	245,216	261,225	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Less than one-tenth of one per cent.

Birthplaces of Parents.—Table 7 furnishes some idea of the extent that the coming generation of Canadian born will be the offspring of Canadian-born, British-born or foreign-born parents. The term "country not specified", under country of birth, includes for the father illegitimate births and births of incomplete record, while for the mother it includes births of incomplete record only. The percentage of births for which both parents were born in Canada rose from 61.4 in 1926 to 75.7 in 1941 and 76.6 in 1942.