

11.—Marriages in Canada, by Marital Status and Ages of Contracting Parties, 1941 and 1942

Ages	Total Contracting Parties		Bridegrooms						Brides					
			Bachelors		Widowers		Divorced Men		Spinsters		Widows		Divorced Women	
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
Under														
20 years...	26,608	28,910	3,054	3,984	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	23,539	24,908	11	13	3	5
20-24 years...	93,656	99,290	41,315	44,089	33	36	26	22	52,088	54,931	93	99	103	133
25-29 years...	68,169	66,542	40,828	39,947	200	192	149	196	26,458	25,591	227	259	307	357
30-34 years...	27,596	28,805	17,385	18,061	359	370	283	286	8,868	9,361	349	381	352	346
35-39 years...	11,906	13,124	7,154	7,718	489	500	278	325	3,385	3,883	408	443	192	255
40-44 years...	5,693	6,653	2,964	3,376	516	549	232	246	1,403	1,756	453	529	125	197
45-49 years...	3,477	4,128	1,511	1,837	543	605	152	168	767	916	434	486	70	116
50-54 years...	2,425	2,683	899	1,003	608	666	75	85	382	454	420	429	41	46
55-59 years...	1,622	1,902	460	572	591	662	49	46	193	269	316	327	13	26
60-64 years...	1,157	1,265	231	304	511	521	16	27	111	135	284	271	4	7
65 years or over.....	1,267	1,409	191	207	682	765	9	13	63	88	319	335	3	1
Age not stated.....	108	33	45	14	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	59	19	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals.....	243,684	254,744	116,037	121,092	4,536	4,866	1,269	1,414	117,314	122,311	3,315	3,572	1,213	1,489

Nativity of Brides and Bridegrooms.—When the registration area was established in 1921 the majority of marriages solemnized in the western provinces were between persons born outside of Canada. This situation has rapidly reversed as the percentage of foreign-born bridegrooms and brides show a general reduction (see Table 12). Both Canadian-born brides and bridegrooms are now in the majority in each province, while in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Ontario they show a marked predominance. Taking Canada as a whole, 88 p.c. of all bridegrooms and 92 p.c. of all brides in 1941 and 1942 were born in Canada; the 1942 figures are the highest percentage shown for any year of the period covered by the statistics.

12.—Percentage Distribution of Grooms and Brides, by Nativity and Provinces, 1941 and 1942, with Five-Year Averages, 1921-40

NOTE.—For figures for single years 1921-40, see previous editions of the Year Book beginning with the 1929 edition.

Province and Year		Marriages		Percentage Distribution of Grooms and Brides, by Nativity					
				Born in Province of Residence		Born in Other Provinces		Born Outside Canada	
		Total	Per 1,000 Population	Grooms	Brides	Grooms	Brides	Grooms	Brides
		No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island.	Av. 1921-25	473	5.4	90.8	93.8	5.1	2.6	4.1	3.7
	Av. 1926-30	473	5.4	90.8	93.5	4.1	2.9	5.1	3.6
	Av. 1931-35	496	5.5	89.7	92.6	4.7	3.6	5.6	3.8
	Av. 1936-40	623	6.6	88.4	92.9	6.3	4.5	5.3	2.6
	1941	673	7.1	78.8	86.6	15.0	9.4	6.2	4.0
	1942	778	8.6	75.1	87.5	13.5	10.0	11.4	2.4