

3.—Live Births by Sex, and Ratio of Males to Females, by Provinces, 1941-43, with Five-Year Averages, 1921-40—concluded

Province and Year	Total Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Population	Males		Females		Males to 1,000 Females	
			Number	P.C. of Total	Number	P.C. of Total		
Alberta.....	Av. 1921-25	15,461	26.0	7,887	51.0	7,574	49.0	1,041
	Av. 1926-30	15,924	24.2	8,153	51.2	7,771	48.8	1,049
	Av. 1931-35	16,557	22.1	8,505	51.4	8,051	48.6	1,056
	Av. 1936-40	16,282	20.8	8,295	50.9	7,987	49.1	1,039
	1941	17,308	21.7	8,882	51.3	8,426	48.7	1,054
	1942	18,317	23.6	9,417	51.4	8,900	48.6	1,058
	1943	19,290	24.4	9,840	51.0	9,450	49.0	1,041
British Columbia.....	Av. 1921-25	10,256	18.4	5,310	51.8	4,946	48.2	1,074
	Av. 1926-30	10,355	16.2	5,266	50.8	5,090	49.2	1,035
	Av. 1931-35	10,005	14.0	5,136	51.3	4,869	48.7	1,055
	Av. 1936-40	12,106	15.6	6,214	51.3	5,891	48.7	1,055
	1941	15,038	18.4	7,694	51.2	7,344	48.8	1,048
	1942	16,808	19.3	8,681	51.6	8,127	48.4	1,068
	1943	18,802	20.9	9,583	51.0	9,219	49.0	1,039
Canada ¹ (Exclusive of the Territories).....	Av. 1926-30	236,521	24.1	121,553	51.4	114,968	48.6	1,057
	Av. 1931-35	228,352	21.5	117,142	51.3	111,211	48.7	1,053
	Av. 1936-40	228,767	20.5	117,433	51.3	111,334	48.7	1,055
	1941	255,317	22.2	131,175	51.4	124,142	48.6	1,057
	1942	272,313	23.4	140,584	51.6	131,729	48.4	1,067
	1943	283,580	24.0	145,725	51.4	137,855	48.6	1,057

¹ Quebec was not included in the registration area prior to 1926.

Nativity of Mothers.—The influence of the limited immigration in recent years is reflected in the figures of Table 4. In the Prairie Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the percentages born to foreign-born mothers in 1933 were 25.9, 36.3 and 40.4, respectively; in 1943 they were 9.9, 13.2 and 17.3, respectively. Thus there is a heavy percentage decline in the number of first-generation children born in the West.

4.—Percentages of Legitimate Children Born Alive to Canadian-Born, British-Born or Foreign-Born Mothers, by Provinces, 1940-43

Province	Nativity of Mothers											
	Canadian Born				British Born				Foreign Born			
	1940	1941	1942	1943	1940	1941	1942	1943	1940	1941	1942	1943
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island...	95.6	96.6	95.4	95.8	0.8	0.9	1.7	1.8	3.6	2.5	2.9	2.3
Nova Scotia.....	91.8	92.3	92.8	91.9	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.7	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.4
New Brunswick.....	95.0	95.5	95.3	95.5	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.7
Quebec.....	96.7	97.1	97.2	97.4	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.6
Ontario.....	83.8	85.6	86.4	87.0	8.9	7.8	7.2	6.7	7.3	6.6	6.4	6.3
Manitoba.....	81.8	83.7	85.3	85.8	5.2	4.6	4.4	4.3	12.9	11.6	10.3	9.9
Saskatchewan.....	77.1	79.6	81.7	83.3	4.5	3.7	3.6	3.6	18.5	16.6	14.7	13.2
Alberta.....	70.9	73.4	75.7	77.5	6.5	5.9	5.7	5.2	22.7	20.7	18.6	17.3
British Columbia.....	74.7	77.6	79.1	81.6	12.0	10.9	10.1	8.6	13.3	11.6	10.7	9.8
Canada¹	87.2	88.7	89.5	90.0	5.1	4.5	4.3	4.1	7.7	6.7	6.2	5.9

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

Fertility Rates.—The crude birth rate of a young country is subject to influences that vitiate comparison with older lands. These influences are the result, to some extent, of differences in age or sex constitution or in conjugal condition. For this reason birth rates are frequently based on the number of births per thousand women within suitably chosen age groups. Such rates are commonly known as fertility rates. See also the article at pp. 100-115 of the 1942 Year Book.