

Ages of Parents.—The numerical distribution of legitimate live births by ages of parents for the years 1942 and 1943 is shown in Table 7. Nearly 34 p.c. of the births in 1942 and nearly 33 p.c. in 1943 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 12·8 p.c. and 12·7 p.c. were under 25 years in 1942 and 1943 and 15·5 p.c. in both years were 40 years or over. The percentages of both fathers and mothers under 25 years were 23·0 and 22·7, respectively, in the years 1942 and 1943.

7.—Legitimate Live Births, by Ages of Parents, 1942 and 1943

Ages	Numbers						Percentages					
	Total Parents		Fathers		Mothers		Total Parents		Fathers		Mothers	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
Under 20 years...	15,759	15,776	1,328	1,616	14,431	14,160	3·0	2·9	0·5	0·6	5·5	5·2
20-24 years.....	104,347	107,633	32,162	32,952	72,185	74,681	20·0	19·8	12·3	12·1	27·6	27·5
25-29 years.....	153,021	157,967	73,489	74,826	79,532	83,141	29·3	29·0	28·2	27·5	30·5	30·6
30-34 years.....	121,458	128,487	68,299	72,106	53,159	56,381	23·3	23·6	26·2	26·5	20·4	20·7
35-39 years.....	75,341	80,193	45,177	48,136	30,164	32,057	14·4	14·7	17·3	17·7	11·6	11·8
40-44 years.....	34,549	36,195	24,006	25,662	10,543	10,533	6·6	6·7	9·2	9·4	4·0	3·9
45-49 years.....	11,776	11,960	10,736	10,939	1,040	1,021	2·3	2·2	4·1	4·0	0·4	0·4
50 years or over...	5,864	5,703	5,844	5,685	20	18	1·1	1·0	2·2	2·1	1	1
Totals, Stated												
Ages.....	522,115	543,914	261,041	271,922	261,074	271,992	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0
Ages not stated...	335	298	184	184	151	114	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals, All Ages.	522,450	544,212	261,225	272,106	261,225	272,106	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Less than one-tenth of one per cent.

Birthplaces of Parents.—Table 8 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, 76·6 in 1942 and 77·3 in 1943.

8.—Numbers and Percentages of Live Births to Fathers and Mothers Born in Specified Countries, 1926 and 1941-43

NOTE.—Comparable statistics for earlier years, after 1926, will be found in previous Year Books commencing with the 1929 edition.

Country of Birth of Parents and Year	Numbers of Births with Father, Mother or Both Parents Born in Specified Country			Percentages of Births with Father, Mother or Both Parents Born in Specified Country		
	Father	Mother	Both Parents	Father	Mother	Both Parents
Canada.....						
1926	159,438	166,999	142,882	68·5	71·8	61·4
1941	205,234	226,346	193,256	80·4	85·7	75·7
1942	231,571	243,466	208,661	81·4	89·4	76·6
1943	232,342	255,091	219,268	81·9	90·0	77·3
England.....						
1926	18,304	18,808	9,658	7·9	8·1	4·1
1941	9,316	6,133	1,518	3·6	2·4	0·6
1942	9,375	6,404	1,493	3·4	2·4	0·5
1943	9,445	6,148	1,465	3·3	2·2	0·5