

9.—Numbers and Percentages of Live Births to Fathers and Mothers of Specified Origins, 1926 and 1941-43—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	
Swedish.....	1926	1,370	1,389	633	0.6	0.6	0.3
	1941	1,701	1,625	375	0.7	0.6	0.1
	1942	1,722	1,605	303	0.6	0.6	0.1
	1943	1,831	1,758	335	0.6	0.6	0.1
Syrian.....	1926	284	219	203	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1941	227	194	112	0.1	0.1	1
	1942	249	180	105	0.1	0.1	1
	1943	249	182	96	0.1	0.1	1
Ukrainian ²	1926	5,072	5,255	4,665	2.2	2.3	2.0
	1941	6,281	7,289	5,024	2.5	2.9	2.0
	1942	6,527	7,677	5,015	2.4	2.8	1.8
	1943	6,903	8,047	5,223	2.4	2.8	1.8
Yugoslavic.....	1926	208	185	168	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1941	431	349	254	0.2	0.1	0.1
	1942	390	329	223	0.1	0.1	0.1
	1943	382	340	206	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other.....	1926	1,337	1,091	316	0.6	0.5	0.1
	1941	2,108	1,728	339	0.8	0.7	0.1
	1942	1,787	1,494	232	0.7	0.5	0.1
	1943	1,964	1,768	306	0.7	0.6	0.1
Origin not specified.....	1926	6,635	1,038	321	2.9	0.4	0.1
	1941	10,531	952	196	4.1	0.4	0.1
	1942	11,516	1,021	182	4.2	0.4	0.1
	1943	12,055	1,119	278	4.3	0.4	0.1
Totals.....	1926	232,750	232,750	174,065³	100.0	100.0	74.8⁴
	1941	255,317	255,317	166,942³	100.0	100.0	65.4⁴
	1942	272,313	272,313	176,376³	100.0	100.0	64.8⁴
	1943	283,580	283,580	183,123³	100.0	100.0	64.6⁴

¹ Less than one-tenth of one per cent.

² Including all Ruthenian Russians.

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 steady increase of illegitimacy that is noticeable in recent years is due, in some measure, to the more complete registration of children born out of lawful wedlock. This has been brought about through the co-operation of and by an intelligent human approach to the problem of illegitimacy by the social welfare agencies and provincial registration officials.

Of the 272,313 live births in the nine provinces of Canada in 1942, 11,088, or 4.07 p.c., were registered as the issue of unmarried mothers. Figures for 1943 show a total of 283,580 live births, of which 11,474, or 4.05 p.c., were registered as the issue of unmarried mothers. Out of this number, 5,881 were males and 5,593 females—a ratio of 1,051 males to every 1,000 females, as compared with 1,081 males per 1,000 females in 1942, and a general 1943 rate for all live births of 1,057 males to 1,000 females.