

**15.—Specific Fertility Rates of Women 15-49 Years of Age, by Provinces, 1943-45
with Three-Year Averages, 1930-32 and 1940-42—concluded**

Province and Year	Fertility Rates per 1,000 Women by Age Groups							Total Fertility	Gross Reproduction Rate ¹	
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49			
askatchewan.....	Av. 1930-32	30.1	157.5	191.7	151.7	112.1	50.3	6.6	3,500	1.699
	Av. 1940-42	24.4	131.5	158.8	126.4	86.7	35.6	4.8	2,841	1.374
	1943	23.8	138.9	183.2	137.3	92.8	34.5	4.6	3,076	1.473
	1944	23.0	133.4	173.7	138.5	92.1	37.4	3.8	3,010	1.462
	1945	25.7	136.7	181.0	138.8	95.6	37.3	4.4	3,098	1.495
lberta.....	Av. 1930-32	35.4	165.0	188.5	143.0	98.1	42.1	5.6	3,389	1.652
	Av. 1940-42	32.9	152.9	164.4	116.6	76.3	31.3	3.9	2,892	1.411
	1943	34.5	169.9	185.1	130.5	81.0	29.4	4.1	3,172	1.554
	1944	32.6	155.8	176.9	129.9	82.2	33.6	4.3	3,076	1.492
	1945	34.1	157.8	174.5	134.9	88.2	30.7	3.1	3,116	1.504
ritish Columbia....	Av. 1930-32	24.0	111.0	127.7	94.7	56.9	21.4	2.7	2,192	1.070
	Av. 1940-42	31.6	136.9	137.6	94.0	49.4	15.7	1.7	2,335	1.132
	1943	36.4	137.9	149.0	100.1	54.5	17.6	1.7	2,486	1.219
	1944	32.3	129.9	138.9	103.9	61.4	18.0	1.6	2,430	1.186
	1945	31.8	124.9	132.9	100.8	63.6	18.2	2.7	2,375	1.151
anada (Exclusive of the Territories)....	Av. 1930-32	29.6	136.6	174.4	144.9	103.2	44.9	5.6	3,195	1.554
	Av. 1940-42	30.6	138.2	160.7	124.6	81.4	32.3	3.7	2,857	1.388
	1943	32.1	146.4	175.4	131.8	86.5	31.8	3.5	3,037	1.476
	1944	31.2	142.5	169.5	133.9	88.0	32.9	3.4	3,007	1.455
	1945	31.4	142.4	166.3	133.4	90.3	33.3	3.7	3,004	1.455

¹ No correction has been made in these figures for under-registration of births. To this extent they are slightly lower than the figures in "Gross and Net Reproduction Rates, Canada and the Provinces, 30-42" published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Age of Parents.—The numerical and percentage distribution of legitimate live births by the ages of the parents, is given in Table 16, of illegitimate live births by the age of the mother, in Table 17, and of stillbirths by the age of the mother in Table 18. The average ages of the parents are also given.

It will be seen that the average age of parents is now slightly lower than it was in 1930-32. Besides the fertility rates at each age, two other factors help to determine the average age of parents having children. First, the average age of potential parents, that is, of the population between the ages of 15 and 50. The average age of men between 15 and 50 was 30.9 in 1931 and 30.7 in 1941; the average age of women was 30.4 in 1931 and again 30.4 in 1941. The changes are thus very small. Secondly, the proportion of first and second births in the total. Other things being equal, a high proportion of first and second births will result in a lower average age of parents. In 1930-32, first births were slightly less than one-quarter of all births, and second births less than one-fifth. First and second births thus were 43 p.c. of the total. In 1940-42, first births were over one-third of all births, and second births nearly one-quarter. First and second births together thus were 56 p.c. of the total. These changes are very great and account for the lower average age of parents.