

Illegitimacy.—Less than 5 p.c. of live births in Canada are illegitimate. This percentage is comparatively low. The apparent increase since 1926 is partly due to the more complete registration of illegitimate births, brought about by the co-operation of provincial registration officials and social welfare agencies, and by their more sensible and sympathetic treatment of illegitimacy.

10.—Illegitimate Live Births, and Percentages of Total Live Births, by Provinces, 1944-46, with Five-Year Averages, 1926-45

NOTE.—Figures are by place of occurrence previous to 1941; for 1941 and subsequent years by place of residence.

Item		P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada ¹
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Totals—Illegitimate Live Births—											
Av. 1926-30		42	558	299	2,334	2,196	501	489	479	240	7,138
Av. 1931-35		74	652	373	2,431	2,707	501	651	613	330	8,333
Av. 1936-40		83	766	415	2,539	2,939	506	663	643	475	9,030
Av. 1941-45		115	1,067	619	3,001	3,712	595	697	849	879	11,534
1944		101	1,165	698	3,098	3,764	653	703	849	1,048	12,079
1945		138	1,228	761	3,058	4,075	677	829	1,050	1,121	12,937
1946		149	1,288	773	3,031	4,165	750	959	1,218	1,262	13,595
Percentages—Illegitimate to Total Live Births—											
Av. 1926-30		2.4	5.1	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.5	2.3	3.0	2.3	3.01
Av. 1931-35		3.8	5.7	3.6	3.1	4.2	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.65
Av. 1936-40		4.0	6.4	3.7	3.2	4.6	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.95
Av. 1941-45		5.3	7.1	4.8	3.1	4.8	3.8	3.8	4.5	5.0	4.17
1944		4.4	7.5	5.2	3.0	4.8	4.1	3.9	4.4	5.5	4.25
1945		6.1	7.9	5.6	2.9	5.2	4.2	4.4	5.3	5.9	4.48
1946		5.3	7.2	4.7	2.7	4.3	4.0	4.5	5.5	5.6	4.11

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

Stillbirths.—Table 11 shows the number of stillbirths in Canada and the provinces, together with the rates per 1,000 live births. The rate of stillbirths has been falling since 1926, though not equally in all provinces. The rate of illegitimate stillbirths per 1,000 illegitimate live births is considerably higher than the rate of legitimate stillbirths, and consequently higher than the over-all rate.

11.—Stillbirths, and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Provinces, 1944-46 with Five-Year Averages, 1926-45

NOTE.—Figures are by place of occurrence previous to 1941; for 1941 and subsequent years by place of residence.

Item	Born to All Mothers										Born to Unmarried Mothers		
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada ¹	No.	P.C. of Total	
Totals—													
Av. 1926-30	43	365	283	2,212	2,761	479	551	467	297	7,458	356	4.77	
Av. 1931-35	67	401	302	2,337	2,284	383	488	421	247	6,930	381	5.50	
Av. 1936-40	61	334	282	2,386	2,008	340	393	359	248	6,410	337	5.26	
Av. 1941-45	50	385	291	2,797	1,982	344	349	329	308	6,835	355	5.20	
1944	42	405	283	2,814	1,866	315	344	335	301	6,705	369	5.50	
1945	40	327	267	2,880	1,844	327	334	312	337	6,668	336	5.04	
1946	63	378	321	2,927	2,016	360	372	363	321	7,121	353	4.96	
Rates per 1,000 Live Births—													
Av. 1926-30	24.8	33.1	27.4	26.7	40.2	33.3	25.9	29.3	28.7	31.5		49.9	
Av. 1931-35	34.2	34.9	28.9	29.6	35.1	28.0	24.0	25.4	24.7	30.3		45.7	
Av. 1936-40	29.7	27.7	25.4	30.4	31.2	25.2	21.0	22.0	20.5	28.0		37.3	
Av. 1941-45	23.0	25.5	22.4	28.5	25.6	21.8	18.9	17.4	17.4	24.7		30.8	
1944	18.4	26.0	21.0	27.5	23.9	19.7	19.0	17.3	15.8	23.6		30.5	
1945	17.7	21.1	19.5	27.6	23.3	20.1	17.6	15.6	17.9	23.1		26.0	
1946	22.6	21.1	19.7	26.3	20.7	19.2	17.4	16.4	14.2	21.5		26.0	

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.