

18.—Numbers and Percentages of Live Births by Nativity of Parents, 1944-46, with Five-Year Averages, 1936-45

NOTE.—Figures for 1944 to 1946 are by place of residence; for previous years by place of occurrence.

Country of Birth of Parents and Year	Numbers			Percentages			
	Father	Mother	Both Parents	Father	Mother	Both Parents	
Canada.....	Av. 1936-40	174,282	193,423	162,129	76.2	84.6	70.9
	Av. 1941-45	226,901	248,910	213,996	82.0	89.9	77.3
	1944	234,488	257,638	221,865	82.5	90.7	78.0
	1945	240,868	262,008	226,931	83.4	90.7	78.6
	1946	280,169	297,886	259,953	84.7	90.1	78.6
British Empire (other than Canada).....	Av. 1936-40	18,052	13,790	4,209	7.9	6.0	1.8
	Av. 1941-45	15,619	11,351	2,379	5.6	4.1	0.9
	1944	15,185	10,625	2,170	5.4	3.7	0.8
	1945	13,828	11,544	1,871	4.8	4.0	0.6
	1946	16,106	17,261	2,204	4.9	5.2	0.7
United States.....	Av. 1936-40	8,107	7,692	1,760	3.6	3.4	0.8
	Av. 1941-45	7,300	6,436	1,182	2.6	2.3	0.4
	1944	7,211	6,273	1,073	2.5	2.2	0.4
	1945	6,827	6,035	988	2.4	2.1	0.3
	1946	7,089	6,574	843	2.1	2.0	0.3
Other foreign countries.....	Av. 1936-40	19,163	12,922	8,880	8.3	5.6	3.9
	Av. 1941-45	15,330	9,487	5,301	5.5	3.4	1.9
	1944	15,112	9,102	4,852	5.3	3.2	1.7
	1945	14,112	8,529	4,265	4.9	3.0	1.5
	1946	13,639	8,503	3,790	4.1	2.6	1.1
Birthplace unspecified.....	Av. 1936-40	9,163	940	63	4.0	0.4	1
	Av. 1941-45	11,683	648	48	4.2	0.2	1
	1944	12,224	582	39	4.3	0.2	1
	1945	13,095	614	34	4.5	0.2	1
	1946	13,729	508	15	4.2	0.2	1
<b>Totals.....</b>	Av. 1936-40	<b>228,767</b>	<b>228,767</b>	<b>177,041<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>77.4<sup>3</sup></b>
	Av. 1941-45	<b>276,832</b>	<b>276,832</b>	<b>222,906<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>80.5<sup>3</sup></b>
	1944	<b>284,220</b>	<b>284,220</b>	<b>229,999<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>80.9<sup>3</sup></b>
	1945	<b>288,730</b>	<b>288,730</b>	<b>234,089<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>81.1<sup>3</sup></b>
	1946	<b>330,732</b>	<b>330,732</b>	<b>266,805<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>80.7<sup>3</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup> Less than one-tenth of one per cent.      <sup>2</sup> This figure gives the number of children whose fathers and mothers were born in the same country. The difference between this figure and the total number of births represents the number of children whose parents were born in different countries.      <sup>3</sup> This is the percentage of children whose fathers and mothers were born in the same country.

**Origin of Parents.**—Table 19 shows the numbers and percentages of children born to parents of the principal racial or ethnic groups in Canada. A person's origin is usually traced through the father. For example, if the father is English and the mother French, the person's origin is said to be English. Illegitimate children, however, are usually classified by the origin of their mother, since the origin of the father is seldom known.

Table 19 shows that about two-thirds of Canadian children are born to parents who are both of the same origin; one-third are born to parents of different origins. A certain amount of this inter-mixture has no doubt been going on for many years. It is clear that, in addition to biological factors, geography, language, religion and economic resources contribute to the formation of different ethnic or cultural groups.