

In a country with a fairly young population such as Canada, in which immigration has been large, an excess of males is to be expected. The higher rate of natural increase for females is the means by which this excess is gradually reduced. Eventually, there will, no doubt, be an excess of females in the total population as there now is in most European countries.

32.—Natural Increase and Rates of Natural Increase, by Sex and by Provinces, 1944-46

NOTE.—Figures are by place of residence.

Province and Year	Excess of Births Over Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population	Males		Females	
			Number	Rate per 1,000 Males	Number	Rate per 1,000 Females
Prince Edward Island.....1944	1,360	14.9	670	14.2	690	15.6
.....1945	1,370	14.8	712	14.9	658	14.9
.....1946	1,919	20.4	968	20.0	951	20.9
Nova Scotia.....1944	9,369	15.3	4,698	15.1	4,671	15.6
.....1945	9,902	15.9	4,996	15.8	4,906	16.1
.....1946	11,868	19.4	5,867	18.8	6,001	20.0
New Brunswick.....1944	8,336	18.0	4,177	17.6	4,159	18.5
.....1945	8,828	18.9	4,364	18.2	4,464	19.5
.....1946	11,408	23.8	5,682	23.2	5,726	24.3
Quebec.....1944	67,449	19.3	34,104	19.4	33,345	19.2
.....1945	70,935	19.9	35,580	19.9	35,355	20.0
.....1946	77,595	21.4	39,218	21.5	38,377	21.2
Ontario.....1944	38,309	9.7	18,826	9.4	19,483	9.9
.....1945	39,475	9.8	19,254	9.5	20,221	10.2
.....1946	57,688	14.1	28,536	13.8	29,152	14.3
Manitoba.....1944	9,307	12.7	4,487	11.8	4,820	13.7
.....1945	9,703	13.2	4,650	12.3	5,053	14.2
.....1946	12,257	16.9	5,910	15.8	6,347	17.9
Saskatchewan.....1944	11,684	13.8	5,500	12.1	6,184	15.8
.....1945	12,497	14.8	5,927	13.1	6,570	16.8
.....1946	15,011	18.0	7,108	16.1	7,903	20.2
Alberta.....1944	13,052	16.0	6,155	14.1	6,897	18.1
.....1945	13,485	16.3	6,408	14.6	7,077	18.3
.....1946	15,583	19.4	7,253	17.1	8,330	22.0
British Columbia.....1944	9,302	10.0	3,722	7.6	5,580	12.5
.....1945	9,121	9.6	3,670	7.5	5,451	11.9
.....1946	12,472	12.4	5,244	10.1	7,228	15.0
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories).....1944	168,168	14.1	82,339	13.5	85,829	14.7
.....1945	175,316	14.5	85,561	13.8	89,755	15.2
.....1946	215,801	17.5	105,786	16.9	110,015	18.2

Natural Increase in Urban Centres.—The classification of births and deaths by place of residence makes it possible to calculate rates of natural increase for urban centres; the figures are given in Table 33. In most of the larger cities, the rate is lower than in their respective provinces. Urban population is also increased by the influx of people from the rural areas.