

Illegitimacy.—Less than 5 p.c. of live births in Canada are illegitimate. This percentage is comparatively low. The percentage in the five-year period 1926-30 was 3.01 and in 1941-45 it was 4.17. The apparent increase 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, 1944-47, with Averages, 1941-45

Item	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada ¹
	ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS									
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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
1947.....	149	1,325	767	3,183	4,748	744	961	1,159	1,502	14,538
PERCENTAGES TO TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS										
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
1947.....	5.0	6.9	4.3	2.8	4.4	3.6	4.1	4.7	5.7	4.05

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, 1944-47 with Averages, 1941-45

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, STILLBIRTHS												
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
1947.....	58	401	344	3,029	2,176	336	362	415	340	7,461	338	4.53
RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS											Per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	
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	
1947.....	19.4	20.8	19.4	26.2	20.0	16.5	15.5	16.8	12.9	20.8	23.2	

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.