

36.—Marriages and Marriage Rates, by Provinces, with Percentage Distribution of Bridegrooms and Brides by Nativity, 1944-47—concluded

Province and Year	Marriages		Percentage Distribution of Bridegrooms and Brides, by Nativity					
	Total	Rate per 1,000 Popu- lation	Born in Province Where Married		Born in Other Provinces		Born Outside Canada	
			Grooms	Brides	Grooms	Brides	Grooms	Brides
No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	
Ontario.....1944	31,227	7.9	80.3	82.0	8.6	9.2	11.1	8.9
1945	34,137	8.5	74.5	78.7	12.1	11.1	13.4	10.2
1946	46,073	11.2	73.7	77.4	12.2	11.3	14.1	11.4
1947	44,056	10.5	73.6	76.1	11.8	10.9	14.5	13.0
Manitoba.....1944	6,294	8.6	60.6	73.3	19.8	14.6	19.5	12.1
1945	6,579	8.9	62.8	73.8	20.0	15.9	17.3	10.4
1946	8,594	11.8	68.1	74.3	17.3	15.6	14.6	10.1
1947	7,712	10.4	70.9	75.4	15.9	13.8	13.3	10.8
Saskatchewan.....1944	5,919	7.0	67.4	82.2	14.6	8.5	18.0	9.3
1945	6,369	7.5	70.5	82.8	14.6	8.7	14.9	8.4
1946	8,279	9.9	74.9	84.0	13.0	7.9	12.2	8.0
1947	7,674	9.1	76.7	83.7	11.5	7.0	11.7	9.3
Alberta.....1944	7,299	8.9	45.7	61.6	24.4	21.1	29.9	17.2
1945	7,310	8.8	49.9	63.9	23.7	20.3	26.4	15.8
1946	9,478	11.8	56.7	66.3	22.5	19.4	20.8	14.3
1947	8,797	10.7	58.1	65.7	23.3	19.3	18.6	15.0
British Columbia.....1944	8,434	9.0	29.9	40.3	41.5	41.2	28.6	18.4
1945	9,262	9.8	30.3	40.2	43.2	42.0	26.5	17.9
1946	11,762	11.7	34.5	40.2	41.0	43.6	24.5	16.2
1947	11,852	11.4	33.7	38.7	43.0	43.7	23.3	17.6
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories).....1944	101,496	8.5	72.7	79.5	14.2	11.9	13.1	8.6
1945	108,631	8.9	71.4	78.4	15.6	12.7	13.0	8.9
1946	134,088	10.9	72.8	77.6	14.6	13.1	12.6	9.3
1947	127,311	10.1	73.5	76.9	14.2	12.7	12.4	10.4

Age and Marital Status of Bridegrooms and Brides.—The distribution of bridegrooms and brides by age and marital status is shown in Table 37. Over 90 p.c. of the marriages in 1947 were between persons who had not previously been married. The average age at marriage of bachelors is about 27 years and that of spinsters between 24 and 25 years. The average age of widowers and widows at the time of re-marriage is more than 20 years higher than that of bachelors and spinsters, being 50.3 years in 1940-42 and 52.5 in 1947 for widowers and 46.4 and 44.7, respectively, for widows. The age distribution of widowers and widows at the time of re-marriage is, of course, very different from that of bachelors and spinsters.

Widowers and widows were each 5 p.c., of all bridegrooms and brides in 1947, compared with 3.8 and 2.7 p.c., respectively, in 1940-42. Marriages of divorced persons made up 4.0 p.c. of the total in 1947.