

Stillbirths.—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.

13.—Stillbirths and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Provinces, 1945-48, with Averages, 1941-45

(Exclusive of the Territories)

Year	Born to All Mothers										Born to Unmarried Mothers	
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada	No.	P.C. of Total
STILBIRTHS												
Av. 1941-45.....	50	385	291	2,797	1,982	344	349	329	308	6,835	355	5.20
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
1948.....	50	335	350	2,769	1,972	315	347	372	339	6,849	325	4.75
RATES PER 1,000 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	
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	
1948.....	17.6	18.8	20.3	24.1	18.9	16.7	16.1	15.5	13.0	19.7	21.8	

Multiple Births.—Approximately one confinement in 85 in Canada results in the birth of more than one child. In the period 1926-48 there have been 69,489 such confinements, of which 68,849 were twins and 631 were triplets. There have been eight sets of quadruplets. The Dionne quintuplets were born in 1934.

The proportion of stillbirths is higher among multiple than among single births. It is about twice as high for twins and between three and five times as high for triplets.

14.—Single and Multiple Births, Live and Stillborn, 1945-48

(Exclusive of the Territories)

Confinements and Births	Numbers				Percentages			
	1945	1946	1947	1948	1945	1946	1947	1948
Confinements—								
Single.....	288,734	330,405	358,385	346,160	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
Twin.....	3,283	3,664	4,031	3,940	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Triplet.....	30	40	36	36	--	--	--	--
Quadruplet.....	2	--	--	2	--	--	--	--
Totals, Confinements	292,049	334,109	362,452	350,138	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Births—								
Single—								
Live.....	282,330	323,586	351,281	339,624	97.8	97.9	98.0	98.1
Stillborn.....	6,404	6,819	7,104	6,536	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9
Twin—								
Live.....	6,310	7,034	7,712	7,578	96.1	96.0	95.7	96.2
Stillborn.....	256	294	350	302	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.8
Triplet—								
Live.....	83	112	101	97	92.2	93.3	93.5	89.8
Stillborn.....	7	8	7	11	7.8	6.7	6.5	10.2
Quadruplet—								
Live.....	7	--	--	8	87.5	--	--	100.0
Stillborn.....	1	--	--	--	12.5	--	--	--
Totals, Births	295,398	337,853	366,555	354,156	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Live.....	288,730	330,732	359,094	347,307	97.7	97.9	98.0	98.1
Stillborn.....	6,668	7,121	7,461	6,849	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.9