

18.—Live Births, by Nativity of Parents, 1947-50

Country of Birth of Parents and Year	Numbers			Percentages		
	Father	Mother	Both Parents	Father	Mother	Both Parents
Canada (exclusive of Newfoundland and the Territories)						
1947	307,293	317,762	278,810	85.6	88.5	77.6
1948	297,939	311,661	274,454	85.8	89.7	79.0
1949	302,457	317,955	280,734	85.5	89.9	79.3
1950	307,088	323,739	287,866	85.8	90.5	80.4
Commonwealth (other than Canada)						
1947	16,814	24,725	2,511	4.7	6.9	0.7
1948	15,100	19,510	2,443	4.3	5.6	0.7
1949	14,811	18,099	2,701	4.2	5.1	0.8
1950	12,833	14,826	2,079	3.6	4.1	0.6
United States						
1947	7,217	6,631	811	2.0	1.8	0.2
1948	6,658	6,433	739	1.9	1.9	0.2
1949	6,389	6,221	740	1.8	1.8	0.2
1950	6,142	5,916	709	1.7	1.7	0.2
Other foreign countries						
1947	13,107	9,434	3,318	3.7	2.6	0.9
1948	12,425	9,127	3,408	3.6	2.6	1.0
1949	13,988	10,786	4,753	4.0	3.0	1.3
1950	16,060	12,623	6,566	4.5	3.5	1.8
Unspecified						
1947	14,663	542	21	4.1	0.2	--
1948	15,185	576	27	4.4	0.2	--
1949	16,213	797	103	4.6	0.2	--
1950	15,784	803	94	4.4	0.2	--
Totals						
1947	359,094	359,094	285,471¹	100.0	100.0	79.5¹
1948	347,307	347,307	281,071¹	100.0	100.0	80.9¹
1949	353,858	353,858	289,031¹	100.0	100.0	81.7¹
1950	357,907	357,907	297,314¹	100.0	100.0	83.1¹

¹ These figures or percentages are of the 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.

Ethnic Origins of Parents.—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 particulars of the father are seldom known.

Table 19 shows that about 60 p.c. of Canadian children are born to parents who are of the same ethnic origin.

19.—Live Births to Parents of Specified Origins, 1947-50

(Exclusive of Newfoundland and the Territories)

Origin of Parents and Year	Numbers			Percentages		
	Father	Mother	Both Parents	Father	Mother	Both Parents
English						
1947	78,247	86,078	45,109	21.8	24.0	12.6
1948	72,612	78,991	41,207	20.9	22.7	11.9
1949	73,241	79,578	41,659	20.7	22.5	11.8
1950	72,643	78,643	40,876	20.3	22.0	11.4
Irish						
1947	36,003	35,567	10,742	10.0	9.9	3.0
1948	33,737	33,762	10,187	9.7	9.7	2.9
1949	34,137	34,204	10,385	9.6	9.7	2.9
1950	34,242	34,488	10,444	9.6	9.6	2.9
Scottish						
1947	38,029	38,110	11,852	10.6	10.6	3.3
1948	35,654	35,840	11,083	10.3	10.3	3.2
1949	36,050	35,933	11,301	10.2	10.2	3.2
1950	35,599	35,625	11,073	9.9	10.0	3.1