

34.—Marriages and Marriage Rates, by Provinces, with Percentage Distribution of Bridegrooms and Brides by Nativity, 1947-50

Province and Year	Total Marriages	Rate per 1,000 Population	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.
Newfoundland.....	1949	2,445	7.0	94.9 ¹	98.8 ¹	1.1 ¹	0.3 ¹	4.0 ¹	0.9 ¹
	1950	2,515	7.2	89.6 ¹	97.8 ¹	1.3 ¹	1.2 ¹	9.0 ¹	1.0 ¹
Prince Edward Island.....	1947	676	7.2	85.9	88.5	8.6	5.5	5.5	6.1
	1948	635	6.8	86.0	91.8	8.5	3.8	5.5	4.4
	1949	619	6.6	85.0	92.9	10.2	3.6	4.8	3.6
	1950	616	6.4	82.5	91.6	13.0	4.4	4.5	4.1
Nova Scotia.....	1947	5,861	9.4	80.9	84.0	11.2	6.9	7.8	9.0
	1948	5,093	8.0	80.1	84.3	12.3	6.8	7.7	8.9
	1949	5,058	7.8	79.6	85.3	13.6	9.4	6.8	5.3
	1950	5,065	7.9	77.7	85.2	16.5	10.3	5.9	4.5
New Brunswick.....	1947	5,189	10.6	78.6	84.6	10.5	7.2	10.9	8.3
	1948	4,640	9.2	78.4	84.2	10.4	7.3	11.2	8.4
	1949	4,251	8.2	79.8	84.6	10.7	7.9	9.5	7.5
	1950	4,376	8.5	78.5	85.1	11.5	7.2	10.1	7.7
Quebec.....	1947	35,494	9.6	88.0	89.9	6.4	5.9	5.6	4.2
	1948	34,646	9.1	86.9	89.3	6.7	6.0	6.5	4.8
	1949	33,485	8.6	85.8	88.1	6.4	6.1	7.8	5.8
	1950	34,093	8.6	86.2	88.6	6.3	6.0	7.5	5.5
Ontario.....	1947	44,056	10.5	73.6	76.1	11.8	10.9	14.5	13.0
	1948	43,242	10.1	72.0	75.9	12.0	11.0	15.9	13.0
	1949	43,304	9.8	68.9	74.2	12.8	11.5	18.3	14.3
	1950	43,744	9.8	67.5	73.3	13.5	11.8	19.0	14.9
Manitoba.....	1947	7,712	10.4	70.9	75.4	15.9	13.8	13.3	10.8
	1948	7,325	9.7	70.2	75.7	14.5	13.4	15.4	10.9
	1949	7,265	9.3	67.8	74.2	15.2	13.2	17.0	12.6
	1950	7,128	9.3	68.5	74.3	14.8	13.2	16.7	12.4
Saskatchewan.....	1947	7,674	9.1	76.7	83.7	11.5	7.0	11.7	9.3
	1948	7,171	8.4	76.4	85.7	11.6	6.3	11.9	7.9
	1949	7,037	8.2	76.1	85.5	11.4	6.0	12.5	8.4
	1950	6,904	8.3	77.6	86.0	10.8	6.5	11.5	7.5
Alberta.....	1947	8,797	10.7	58.1	65.7	23.3	19.3	18.6	15.0
	1948	8,844	10.5	56.8	66.5	23.6	20.1	19.6	13.4
	1949	9,037	10.4	55.3	65.8	23.8	19.2	20.9	15.0
	1950	9,294	10.2	54.2	65.5	25.3	19.9	20.5	14.6
British Columbia.....	1947	11,852	11.4	33.7	38.7	43.0	43.7	23.3	17.6
	1948	11,718	10.8	33.8	38.1	43.0	45.4	23.1	16.5
	1949	11,376	10.2	33.6	39.2	44.0	44.2	22.5	16.6
	1950	11,110	9.8	34.8	39.6	43.4	45.1	21.8	15.3
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories).....	1947	127,311	10.1	73.5	76.9	14.2	12.7	12.4	10.4
	1948	123,314	9.6	72.3	76.7	14.3	13.0	13.4	10.3
	1949	123,877	9.2	70.9 ¹	76.1 ¹	14.6 ¹	12.9 ¹	14.5 ¹	11.0 ¹
	1950	124,845	9.1	70.6 ¹	76.1 ¹	14.8 ¹	13.1 ¹	14.6 ¹	10.8 ¹

¹ Excluding "not stated" birthplace.

Age and Marital Status of Bridegrooms and Brides.—Over 91 p.c. of the marriages in 1950 were between persons who had not previously been married; 5 p.c. of the brides and grooms had been widowed, while almost 4 p.c. of the marriages were of divorced persons. The average age at marriage of bachelors is about 27 years and that of spinsters about 24 years. The average age of widowers and widows at the time of re-marriage is almost double that of bachelors and spinsters. Nine out of ten spinsters married in 1950 were less than 30 years of age—7 out of 10 below 25 years—while 8 out of 10 bachelors were less than 30 and about one-half of the total were below 25 years of age.