

1.—Summary of Principal Vital Statistics, by Province, 1921-51—concluded

Province and Year	Live Births		Deaths		Natural Increase		Infant Mortality ²		Maternal Mortality		Marriages	
	No.	Rate ¹	No.	Rate ¹	No.	Rate ¹	No.	Rate ²	No.	Rate ²	No.	Rate ¹
Canada—⁴												
Av. 1921-25	247,538	27.4	101,260	11.2	146,277	16.2	24,337	98	1,226	5.0	66,078	7.3
“ 1926-30	236,521	24.1	108,925	11.1	127,596	13.0	22,063	93	1,339	5.7	71,886	7.3
“ 1931-35	228,352	21.5	103,602	9.8	124,750	11.7	17,101	75	1,153	5.0	68,594	6.5
“ 1936-40	228,767	20.5	109,514	9.8	119,253	10.7	14,701	64	1,043	4.6	96,824	8.7
“ 1941-45	276,832	23.5	115,141	9.8	161,688	13.7	15,093	55	791	2.9	113,936	9.7
“ 1946-50	354,869	27.4	119,975	9.3	234,894	18.1	15,620	44	523	1.5	126,687	9.8
1946	330,732	27.0	114,931	9.4	215,801	17.6	15,434	47	595	1.8	134,088	10.9
1947	359,094	28.7	117,725	9.4	241,369	19.3	16,336	45	554	1.5	127,311	10.2
1948	347,307	27.1	119,384	9.3	227,923	17.8	15,164	44	510	1.5	123,314	9.6
1949	366,139	27.3	124,047	9.2	242,092	18.1	15,843	43	536	1.5	123,877	9.2
1950	371,071	27.1	123,789	9.0	247,282	18.1	15,324	41	420	1.1	124,845	9.1
1951	380,101	27.2	125,454	9.0	254,647	18.2	14,584	38	405	1.1	128,230	9.2

¹ Per 1,000 population. ² Under one year of age. ³ Per 1,000 live births. ⁴ Figures for Newfoundland are included for 1949-51 only.

Section 2.—Births

International Comparisons.—A comparison of the birth rates in Canada and the provinces with those in other countries is shown in Table 2.

2.—Birth Rates per 1,000 Population of Various Countries compared with Canada and the Provinces, 1951

(Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the United Nations* and other official publications. In certain cases final figures are not available and provisional data are used.)

Country or Province	Birth Rate	Country or Province	Birth Rate	Country	Birth Rate
Venezuela.....	44.3	Canada—concluded		Netherlands, The.....	22.3
Mexico.....	44.2	Ontario.....	25.0	Ireland, Republic of.....	21.2
Ceylon.....	37.3	British Columbia.....	24.1	Northern Ireland.....	20.7
Chile.....	32.4			Spain.....	20.1
				France ²	19.1
Canada	27.2	Japan.....	25.6	Norway.....	18.5
Newfoundland.....	32.5	Union of South Africa.....	25.5	Italy.....	18.1
New Brunswick.....	31.2	Peru.....	25.3	Denmark.....	17.8
Quebec.....	29.8	India ¹	25.0	Scotland.....	17.7
Alberta.....	28.8	United States.....	24.5	Switzerland.....	17.2
Prince Edward Island.....	27.1	New Zealand.....	24.4	Belgium.....	16.4
Nova Scotia.....	26.6	Portugal.....	24.2	Western Germany.....	15.7
Saskatchewan.....	26.1	Finland.....	23.0	Sweden.....	15.6
Manitoba.....	25.7	Australia.....	22.9	England and Wales.....	15.5
		Czechoslovakia.....	22.9 ²	Austria.....	14.9

¹ Registration area only. ² 1950. ³ Excluding infants born alive but who died before registration of birth.

Canadian Births.—In Canada, the birth rate in 1921 was 29 per 1,000. Since a rate of 35 per 1,000 is very high for countries of modern western civilization the Canadian birth rate had probably not fallen far or for long before then. It fell continuously until 1937 when it was 20 per 1,000 but then, owing to economic recovery and the War, it rose to 22 in 1940, to 24 in 1943 and reached its highest point in 1947 at 28.7. As was the case in most other countries, there was a slight decline in 1948 and the Canadian rate has remained remarkably steady at just over 27 for the four years 1948-51. The birth rates in the provinces followed the same general trend, but in the Maritimes the fall stopped before 1930.