

**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 the mother since the particulars of the father are seldom known.

Table 14 shows that about 60 p.c. of Canadian children born in 1951 were born to parents of the same ethnic origin, whereas in 1931 over 72 p.c. were born to parents of the same origin.

#### 14.—Live Births to Parents of Specified Origins, 1921, 1931, 1941 and 1951

(Exclusive of Newfoundland and the Territories)

Origin of Parents and Year	Numbers			Percentages		
	Father	Mother	Both Parents	Father	Mother	Both Parents
English.....	1921 <sup>1</sup> 56,662	59,180	43,348	33.5	35.0	25.7
	1931 49,772	52,741	34,106	20.7	21.9	14.2
	1941 51,470	54,073	30,393	20.2	21.2	11.9
	1951 73,502	79,901	40,698	20.0	21.7	11.0
Irish.....	1921 <sup>1</sup> 18,924	17,738	8,761	11.2	10.5	5.2
	1931 21,729	20,898	9,284	9.0	8.7	3.9
	1941 23,413	23,185	7,864	9.2	9.1	3.1
	1951 35,538	35,616	10,708	9.6	9.7	2.9
Scottish.....	1921 <sup>1</sup> 22,284	22,118	11,326	13.2	13.1	6.7
	1931 22,516	22,797	9,884	9.4	9.5	4.1
	1941 24,146	24,184	8,134	9.5	9.5	3.2
	1951 36,779	36,615	11,125	10.0	9.9	3.0
French.....	1921 <sup>1</sup> 17,908	18,858	15,205	10.6	11.2	9.0
	1931 90,500	93,904	85,962	37.6	39.0	35.7
	1941 98,946	103,772	92,362	38.8	40.6	36.2
	1951 133,256	138,876	120,641	36.2	37.7	32.8
Other.....	1921 <sup>1</sup> 31,628	31,319	24,125	18.7	18.5	14.3
	1931 47,039	48,299	34,769	19.6	21.0	14.5
	1941 46,811	49,151	27,993	18.2	19.2	10.9
	1951 73,681	76,730	37,315	20.0	20.8	10.1
Unspecified.....	1921 <sup>1</sup> 21,573	19,766	17,328	12.8	11.7	10.3
	1931 8,917	1,834	404	3.7	0.8	0.2
	1941 10,531	952	196	4.1	0.4	0.1
	1951 15,607	625	46	4.2	0.2	--
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>1921<sup>1</sup> 168,979</b>	<b>168,979</b>	<b>120,093<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>71.1<sup>2</sup></b>
	<b>1931 240,473</b>	<b>240,473</b>	<b>174,409<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>72.5<sup>2</sup></b>
	<b>1941 255,317</b>	<b>255,317</b>	<b>166,942<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>65.4<sup>2</sup></b>
	<b>1951 368,363</b>	<b>368,363</b>	<b>220,533<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>59.9<sup>2</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the Province of Quebec. <sup>2</sup> These figures or percentages are of children whose fathers and mothers are of the same origin. The difference between this figure and the total number of births represents the number of children whose parents are of different origins.

### Section 3.—Deaths

Declines in the death rate have been recorded in many countries during the past twenty years. Crude death rates should be used with caution in comparing the mortality levels of different populations, for they are affected by differences in the age composition of the population as well as by differences in the levels of mortality.

#### Subsection 1.—General Mortality

**International Comparisons.**—A comparison of the death rates in Canada and the provinces with those in other countries is shown in Table 15. It will be noted that the Canadian death rate is among the lowest in the world and that most of the provinces have lower rates than most other countries.