

22.—Marriages by Religious Denominations of Contracting Parties 1955 and 1956—concluded

Denomination of Bridegroom	Denomination of Bride										Total Marriages	P.C. of Grooms
	Angli-can	Bap-tist	East-ern Orth-odox	Jew-ish	Luth-eran	Pres-byter-ian	Roman Cath-olic ¹	United Church	Other Sects	Not Stated		
1956	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Anglican.....	8,059	610	90	12	421	799	1,920	3,473	567	4	15,955	12.0
Baptist.....	655	2,166	21	3	124	154	439	977	305	—	4,844	3.6
Eastern Orthodox.....	133	30	1,178	1	66	29	378	201	62	—	2,078	1.6
Jewish.....	23	5	3	1,559	13	15	50	25	18	—	1,711	1.3
Lutheran.....	496	154	67	4	2,799	185	843	850	306	—	5,704	4.3
Presbyterian.....	901	223	27	3	168	1,957	676	1,261	170	1	5,387	4.1
Roman Catholic ¹	1,791	379	295	24	876	458	55,593	2,224	819	5	62,464	47.1
United Church.....	3,264	859	179	6	675	1,071	2,212	15,374	816	2	24,458	18.4
Other.....	638	275	47	15	350	195	1,029	1,144	6,392	4	10,088	7.6
Not stated.....	1	1	—	—	—	—	5	4	—	11	26	—
Totals.....	15,961	4,702	1,907	1,627	5,492	4,863	63,145	25,533	9,459	24	132,713	100.0
P.C. of brides.....	12.0	3.5	1.4	1.2	4.1	3.7	47.6	19.2	7.1	—	100.0	71.6 ²

¹ Includes Greek Catholic. ² Percentage of marriages between contracting parties of the same religious denomination.

Subsection 2.—Dissolutions of Marriage (Divorces)

For many years after Confederation the number of divorces granted in Canada was small. There were fewer than 20 divorces in every year before 1900, 21 in 1903, 51 in 1909 and 60 in 1913. These numbers represent less than one per 1,000 of the yearly number of marriages.

At the end of World War I in 1918 the number of divorces increased. The generally unsettled conditions and the long separation of men on Active Service from their wives may have contributed to this increase. Changes in law and procedure may also have been a further factor—at present, Quebec and Newfoundland are the only provinces in which applicants for divorce must secure a private Act of Parliament. The number of divorces increased from 11 in 1900 to a peak of 8,199 in 1947, declining gradually to a postwar low of 5,263 in 1951. Since then the annual number has been fluctuating between 5,600 and 6,100.

23.—Dissolutions of Marriage (Divorces) by Province, Alternate Years 1916-50 and 1951-56

Note.—Figures for the years 1900-49 are given in the 1956 Year Book, p. 230.

Year	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1916.....	—	—	14	11	1	18	2	2	1	18	67
1918.....	—	—	24	10	2	10	—	1	2	65	114
1920.....	—	—	45	15	9	89	42	20	112	136	468
1922.....	—	—	35	12	6	91	97	35	129	138	543
1924.....	—	—	42	15	13	113	77	26	118	136	540
1926.....	—	—	19	12	10	111	85	50	154	167	608
1928.....	—	—	28	13	24	213	79	57	173	203	790
1930.....	—	—	19	27	41	204	114	64	151	255	875
1932.....	—	—	35	26	27	343	114	66	150	245	1,006
1934.....	—	—	33	17	38	365	126	67	170	306	1,122
1936.....	—	—	41	38	40	519	179	84	218	451	1,570
1938.....	—	2	51	39	83	824	205	126	271	625	2,226
1940.....	—	—	60	52	62	916	206	125	274	674	2,369
1942.....	—	2	70	69	71	1,185	284	209	375	824	3,089
1944.....	—	3	93	78	108	1,471	316	226	484	1,009	3,788