

**Hospitalized Births.**—In 1957 over 90 p.c. of all Canadian births occurred in hospital. Table 4 indicates the rise in hospitalized births in each province since 1931. Although the percentages have increased steadily in all provinces, they still vary widely from province to province. The existence of prepaid or provincially sponsored hospital, maternity or medical care plans in some provinces, the unavailability of hospital facilities in others—particularly in remote rural areas—and preference for home delivery in some local areas are among the factors accounting for provincial variations in this respect. The noticeable increases in hospitalized births within recent years in those provinces that previously had the lowest proportion may be partly the result of increased hospital services being provided in those areas.

#### 4.—Percentage of Live Births Hospitalized, by Province, 1931-57

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.	Canada <sup>1</sup>
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
1931.....	11.2	19.0	12.1	7.3	38.2	43.6	32.5	47.8	65.0	..	..	26.8
1941.....	32.7	50.4	30.8	17.6	67.5	73.6	63.2	77.1	87.3	..	..	48.9
1951.....	88.3	87.2	70.7	53.0	93.1	93.1	95.2	93.6	97.3	87.4	32.8	79.1
1955.....	93.6	93.3	83.4	66.6	96.7	95.6	97.7	95.0	98.1	89.3	45.5	86.5
1956.....	95.2	93.9	84.7	71.2	97.3	95.8	97.6	96.6	98.3	87.7	44.6	88.4
1957.....	96.7	95.1	86.8	75.6	97.9	96.4	98.3	97.5	98.5	91.3	38.6	90.2

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of Newfoundland for which data are not available.

**Births in Urban Centres.**—Table 2, pp. 200-202, shows the number of births in 1956 and 1957, regardless of where they occurred, to mothers residing in urban centres of 10,000 population or over.

**Illegitimacy.\***—In 1957, 4 p.c. of the live births in Canada were illegitimate. This percentage is low compared with that of many countries of the world. In the five-year period 1926-30 it was 3 p.c., whereas the average of the years 1951-55 was 3.8 p.c.

\* The term "illegitimate", for statistical purposes, does not refer to births conceived out of wedlock but to those in which parents reported themselves as not having been married to each other at the time of the birth or the registration of the birth.

#### 5.—Illegitimate Live Births and Percentages of Total Live Births, by Province, 1931-57

Year	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.	Canada <sup>1</sup>
	ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS												
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Av. 1931-35..	205	74	652	373	2,431	2,707	501	651	613	330	..	..	8,333
" 1936-40..	246	83	766	415	2,539	2,939	505	663	643	475	..	..	9,030
" 1941-45..	406	107	1,074	591	3,003	3,751	597	673	852	889	..	..	11,536
" 1946-50..	441	152	1,244	754	3,382	4,256	766	914	1,202	1,516	..	..	14,375
" 1951-55..	426	139	1,082	659	4,086	4,065	969	1,044	1,481	1,898	53	50	15,951
1956.....	529	154	1,194	688	4,454	4,415	1,002	1,058	1,674	2,207	60	75	17,510
1957.....	635	142	1,168	711	4,506	4,796	1,070	1,168	1,810	2,473	63	87	18,629
PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS													
Av. 1931-35..	3.1	3.8	5.7	3.6	3.1	4.2	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.3	..	..	3.6
" 1936-40..	3.2	4.0	6.4	3.7	3.2	4.6	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.9	..	..	3.9
" 1941-45..	4.4	4.9	7.1	4.5	3.1	4.8	3.8	3.6	4.5	5.0	..	..	4.2
" 1946-50..	3.6	5.3	6.9	4.5	2.9	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.9	5.9	..	..	4.1
" 1951-55..	3.2	5.1	5.9	4.0	3.2	3.2	4.5	4.4	4.8	6.1	12.9	7.5	3.8
1956.....	3.6	5.8	6.2	4.2	3.3	3.1	4.6	4.4	4.8	6.1	12.5	9.6	3.9
1957.....	4.1	5.3	6.0	4.2	3.2	3.2	4.8	4.9	5.1	6.4	12.8	9.7	4.0

<sup>1</sup> Figures for Newfoundland are included for 1949-57 only, and those for the Yukon and Northwest Territories for 1951-57 only.