

18.—Natural Increase and Rates per 1,000 Population, by Sex and Province, 1931-57—concluded

Province or Territory and Year	Excess of Births Over Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population	Males		Females		
			Number	Rate per 1,000 Males	Number	Rate per 1,000 Females	
Alberta.....	1931	11,950	16.4	5,843	14.6	6,107	18.4
	1941	10,923	13.7	5,016	11.8	5,907	16.0
	1951	19,836	21.2	9,331	19.0	10,505	23.5
	1956	27,165	24.2	13,069	22.3	14,096	26.2
	1957	27,463	23.7	13,153	21.7	14,310	25.8
British Columbia.....	1931	4,290	6.2	1,604	4.2	2,686	8.7
	1941	6,533	8.0	2,342	5.4	4,191	10.9
	1951	16,439	14.1	7,107	11.9	9,332	16.4
	1956	22,826	16.3	10,183	14.1	12,643	18.6
	1957	25,033	16.9	11,145	14.5	13,888	19.3
Yukon.....	1951	257	28.6	115	20.9	142	39.4
	1956	396	33.0	200	29.0	196	37.0
	1957	401	33.4	195	28.7	206	39.6
Northwest Territories.....	1951	365	22.8	164	18.2	201	28.7
	1956	494	26.0	236	21.1	258	31.9
	1957	575	30.3	258	23.5	317	39.6
Canada.....	1931 ¹	135,956	13.1	67,093	12.5	68,863	13.8
	1941 ¹	140,678	12.2	67,323	11.4	73,355	13.1
	1951	255,269	18.2	124,354	17.5	130,915	18.9
	1956	318,778	19.8	155,121	19.0	163,657	20.6
	1957	332,514	20.1	161,173	19.2	171,341	21.0

Excludes Newfoundland and the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Natural Increase in Urban Centres.—The classification of births and deaths by place of residence makes it possible to compile the natural increase in the population of urban centres; the figures are presented in Table 2, pp. 200-202.

Section 5.—Marriages and Divorces*

Subsection 1.—Marriages

Table 19 shows the number of marriages and the marriage rates per 1,000 population in Canada and the provinces, and percentages of brides and bridegrooms, according to place of birth. For the country as a whole, 81 p.c. of the grooms of 1957 were born in Canada—66 p.c. in the province in which they were married; over 85 p.c. of the brides were born in Canada—73 p.c. in the province in which they were married. However, as would be expected because of heavy immigration of young persons since the beginning of World War II, an increasing number of marriages are of persons born outside the country. For example, 11.7 p.c. of the grooms married in 1941 were born outside Canada; in 1957 the proportion was 18.7. Among the brides the percentage rose from 8.4 to 14.9. However there are wide variations from this pattern as between provinces; in the older Atlantic Provinces and Quebec there is a greater tendency than in the other provinces to marry native Canadians. In these areas both partners in a marriage are often born in the same province.

* For international comparisons, see Section 7, pp. 228-229.