

Stillbirths.*—As is shown in Table 6, about 7,000 foetuses, where the mother was pregnant at least 28 weeks, are born dead annually. The 6,726 stillbirths in 1958 represented a rate of 14.3 for every 1,000 foetuses born alive. The stillbirth rate has been decreasing steadily and has been cut by more than half over the past quarter-century. Although the variations between provincial rates have never been wide, rates in some provinces have been reduced more than in others. The stillbirth rate among unmarried mothers has been consistently higher than that among married mothers, but this difference has been narrowing in recent years.

* In recent years, provincial laws define a stillbirth, as here compiled, as the birth of a foetus after a 28-week gestation which, when completely separated from the mother, "does not show any sign of life"; in earlier years, they include only those of 28-week gestation which showed no sign of "breathing".

6.—Stillbirths and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Province, 1931-58

Year	Born to All Mothers												Born to Unmarried Mothers ¹		
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N. W. T.	Canada ²	No.	P.C. of Total
STILLBIRTHS															
Av. 1931-35	141	67	401	302	2,337	2,284	383	488	421	247	..	2	6,933	381	5.50
" 1936-40	162	61	334	282	2,386	2,008	340	393	359	248	2	3	6,415	337	5.26
" 1941-45	191	50	388	295	2,786	1,988	345	348	327	309	1	6	6,845	355	5.20
" 1946-50	215	54	358	320	2,898	2,020	349	350	385	352	2	8	7,187	343	4.85
" 1951-55	222	52	337	291	2,705	2,017	336	313	425	374	6	11	7,088	316	4.60
1956.....	260	51	337	331	2,584	1,969	316	291	409	413	4	11	6,976	311	4.63
1957.....	259	46	325	252	2,551	1,999	302	280	385	422	5	11	6,837	299	4.55
1958.....	267	42	319	254	2,424	2,017	309	270	395	414	5	10	6,726	286	4.43
RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS															
Av. 1931-35	21.1	34.2	34.9	28.9	29.6	35.1	28.0	24.0	25.4	24.7	4.1	11.6	30.3	45.7	
" 1936-40	21.2	29.7	27.7	25.4	30.4	31.2	25.2	21.0	22.0	20.5	26.2	13.2	28.0	37.3	
" 1941-45	20.5	22.8	25.6	22.6	28.5	25.6	21.8	18.9	17.4	17.5	11.4	15.7	24.7	30.8	
" 1946-50	17.4	18.9	19.9	19.0	25.1	19.2	18.1	16.0	15.9	13.6	8.7	12.5	20.2	24.2	
" 1951-55	17.0	19.0	18.4	17.7	21.0	15.6	15.7	13.3	13.7	11.9	14.1	16.5	17.0	20.3	
1956.....	17.9	19.2	17.6	20.0	19.0	13.7	14.4	12.1	11.7	11.4	8.3	14.0	15.5	18.3	
1957.....	16.9	17.2	16.8	14.8	18.0	13.2	13.5	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.1	12.2	14.6	16.6	
1958.....	18.0	16.3	16.9	15.5	17.1	13.2	14.2	11.3	10.7	10.5	10.6	10.6	14.3	15.5	

¹ Exclusive of Newfoundland for all years and of the Yukon and Northwest Territories for 1931-50. ² Figures for Newfoundland are included from 1949.

² Figures