

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. 238-240.

Section 5.—Marriages and Divorces

Subsection 1.—Marriages*

In 1958 Canada's marriage rate was 7.7 per 1,000 population, the lowest in twenty years. Provincial rates varied from 6.2 per 1,000 population for Prince Edward Island to 8.5 for Alberta but in every province the 1958 rate was below the corresponding rate for 1957. Table 19 shows the number of marriages and the marriage rates per 1,000 population for Canada and the provinces, and percentages of brides and bridegrooms, according to place of birth. For the country as a whole, almost 80 p.c. of the grooms of 1958 were born in Canada and 65 p.c. in the province in which they were married; over 83 p.c. of the brides were born in Canada and 72 p.c. in the province in which they were married. However, as would be expected because of heavy immigration of young persons in the postwar years, an increasing number of marriages are of persons born outside the country. For example, 20.1 p.c. of the grooms married in 1958 were born outside Canada compared with 11.7 p.c. in 1941; for brides the percentages were 16.5 and 8.4 p.c., respectively. However there are wide variations in 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. 267-268.

19.—Marriages and Rates per 1,000 Population, by Province, with Percentage Distribution of Bridegrooms and Brides by Nativity, 1931-58

Province and Year	Total Marriages	Rate per 1,000 Population	Born in Province Where Married		Born in Other Provinces		Born Outside Canada		
			Grooms	Brides	Grooms	Brides	Grooms	Brides	
			p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	
Newfoundland.....	1951	2,517	7.0	85.2	96.7	2.4	1.9	12.4	1.4
	1956	3,073	7.4	84.3	96.4	3.3	1.6	12.4	2.0
	1957	3,041	7.1	84.4	96.7	3.6	1.2	12.0	2.1
	1958	3,047	7.0	87.8	97.7	2.1	1.0	10.2	1.3
Prince Edward Island.....	1931	490	5.6	89.4	91.8	5.1	4.1	5.5	4.1
	1941	673	7.1	78.8	86.6	15.0	9.4	6.2	4.0
	1951	583	5.9	82.3	91.1	12.9	6.0	4.8	2.9
	1956	649	6.6	80.7	92.8	14.8	4.8	4.5	2.5
	1957	627	6.3	81.7	93.6	13.7	4.5	4.6	1.9
	1958	619	6.2	77.7	93.7	16.8	4.8	5.5	1.5
Nova Scotia.....	1931	3,394	6.6	80.3	86.7	5.4	3.6	14.3	9.7
	1941	6,506	11.4	73.2	83.8	16.8	9.5	10.0	6.7
	1951	5,094	7.9	78.2	86.7	15.9	9.0	6.0	4.3
	1956	5,543	8.0	74.8	88.1	18.9	9.1	6.4	2.9
	1957	5,206	7.4	75.7	87.3	18.8	8.9	5.5	3.8
	1958	5,135	7.2	73.9	87.2	20.1	9.2	5.9	3.7
New Brunswick.....	1931	2,544	6.2	77.7	81.8	10.1	9.2	12.2	9.0
	1941	4,941	10.8	78.5	84.4	13.3	9.7	8.2	5.9
	1951	4,386	8.5	80.0	86.9	10.1	6.7	9.8	6.4
	1956	4,591	8.3	75.9	86.8	12.2	6.3	11.9	6.9
	1957	4,284	7.6	77.0	86.9	11.7	6.3	11.2	6.8
	1958	4,170	7.2	74.9	85.8	12.9	7.2	12.2	7.1