

**2.—Summary of Principal Vital Statistics for Incorporated Urban Centres of 10,000
Population or Over,¹ Average 1951-55 and 1959—concluded**

Province and Urban Centre	Live Births		Deaths		Natural Increase		Infant Mortality			Marriages ²	
	Av. 1951-55	1959	Av. 1951-55	1959	Av. 1951-55	1959	Av. 1951-55	1959		Av. 1951-55	1959
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rate ³	No.	Rate ³	No.	No.
Manitoba—concluded											
St. Vital, s.m.....	..	609	..	155	..	454	..	12	20	..	100
Winnipeg, c.....	5,766	6,226	2,408	2,722	3,358	3,504	26	157	25	3,350	2,797
Saskatchewan—											
Moose Jaw, c.....	774	945	287	376	487	569	27	26	28	365	277
Prince Albert, c.....	558	675	133	173	425	502	29	16	24	279	281
Regina, c.....	2,143	3,104	589	735	1,554	2,369	23	53	17	1,039	992
Saskatoon, c.....	1,811	2,661	529	649	1,282	2,012	28	58	22	872	925
Swift Current, c.....	275	375	77	122	198	253	33	15	40	133	127
Alberta—											
Calgary, c.....	4,462	7,259	1,304	1,596	3,158	5,663	27	176	24	2,015	2,230
Edmonton, c.....	6,481	8,604	1,346	1,730	5,135	6,874	23	172	20	2,823	3,229
Jasper Place, t.....	442	1,099	37	78	405	1,021	18	13	12	16	23
Lethbridge, c.....	816	913	195	261	621	652	25	17	19	406	385
Medicine Hat, c.....	464	602	173	207	291	395	20	15	25	283	274
Red Deer, c.....	358	634	73	116	285	518	23	11	17	173	212
British Columbia—											
Burnaby, d.m.....	..	2,561	..	752	..	1,809	..	56	22	..	547
Chilliwack, d.m.....	..	457	..	155	..	302	..	10	22	..	122
Coquitlam, d.m.....	..	676	..	129	..	547	..	13	19	..	58
Esquimalt, d.m.....	..	310	..	69	..	241	..	5	16	..	136
Langley, d.m.....	..	331	..	150	..	181	..	9	27	..	56
Maple Ridge, d.m.....	..	374	..	149	..	225	..	11	29	..	94
Matsqui, d.m.....	..	297	..	105	..	192	..	9	30	..	78
Nanaimo, c.....	331	433	151	172	180	261	25	6	14	208	209
New Westminster, c.....	584	650	272	337	312	313	19	15	23	574	552
North Vancouver, c.....	647	632	190	189	457	443	19	10	16	152	149
North Vancouver, d.m.....	..	949	..	189	..	760	..	15	16	..	95
Oak Bay, d.m.....	..	174	..	188	..	-14	..	1	6	..	70
Penticton, c.....	247	247	89	120	158	127	32	5	20	107	129
Port Alberni, c.....	255	320	56	64	199	256	25	4	13	92	72
Prince George, c.....	370	594	69	65	301	529	33	11	19	154	223
Prince Rupert, c.....	302	416	95	101	207	315	41	9	22	135	116
Richmond, d.m.....	..	1,226	..	207	..	1,019	..	24	20	..	116
Saanich, d.m.....	..	1,108	..	417	..	691	..	15	14	..	133
Surrey, d.m.....	..	1,900	..	472	..	1,428	..	35	18	..	219
Trail, c.....	380	303	74	73	306	230	21	5	17	115	98
Vancouver, c.....	7,738	8,231	4,223	4,602	3,515	3,629	32	151	18	4,587	4,515
Victoria, c.....	1,159	1,240	768	868	391	372	21	26	21	777	696
West Vancouver, d.m.....	..	412	..	191	..	221	..	12	29	..	138

¹ As at the 1956 Census; residents only.² By place of occurrence.³ Per 1,000 live births.

Section 2.—Births*

The Canadian birth rate in 1921 was 29 per 1,000 population. As a rate of 35 is very high for countries of modern western civilization, the Canadian rate had probably not fallen far, nor for long, before 1921. It fell continuously until 1937 when it reached a low of 20 but, as a result of economic recovery and the War, it rose to 22 in 1940, 24 in 1943 and nearly 29 in 1947. Since then it has fluctuated between 27 and 28.5; in 1959 it stood at 27.5.

The birth rates in most provinces followed similar trends but there were some regional differences in the birth rate pattern in recent years. Although all provinces had record high rates immediately following World War II, average birth rates in Ontario and the western provinces were higher during 1951-55 than those for the 1946-50 period, while those for Quebec and the Maritimes were lower. In fact, Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta had record high crude birth rates during the 1956-59 period.

* For international comparisons, see Section 7, pp. 234-235.