

**2.—Summary of Principal Vital Statistics for Incorporated Urban Centres of 10,000  
Population or Over,<sup>1</sup> Average 1951-55 and 1960—concluded**

Province and Urban Centre	Live Births		Deaths		Natural Increase		Infant Mortality			Marriages <sup>2</sup>	
	Av. 1951-55	1960	Av. 1951-55	1960	Av. 1951-55	1960	Av. 1951-55	1960		Av. 1951-55	1960
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rate <sup>3</sup>	No.	Rate <sup>3</sup>	No.	No.
<b>Saskatchewan—</b>											
Moose Jaw, c.....	774	886	287	340	487	546	27	16	18	365	290
Prince Albert, c.....	558	717	133	182	425	535	29	15	21	279	267
Regina, c.....	2,143	3,201	589	736	1,554	2,465	23	02	29	1,039	1,001
Saskatoon, c.....	1,811	2,785	529	716	1,282	2,069	28	54	19	872	875
Swift Current, c.....	275	364	77	98	198	266	33	9	25	133	131
<b>Alberta—</b>											
Calgary, c.....	4,462	7,675	1,304	1,730	3,158	5,945	27	168	22	2,015	2,243
Edmonton, c.....	6,481	8,860	1,346	1,767	5,135	7,093	23	204	23	2,823	3,152
Jasper Place, t.....	442	1,155	37	101	405	1,054	18	19	16	16	25
Lethbridge, c.....	816	921	195	305	621	616	25	23	25	406	372
Medicine Hat, c.....	464	596	173	231	291	365	20	22	37	283	261
Red Deer, c.....	358	621	73	122	285	499	23	20	32	173	231
<b>British Columbia—</b>											
Burnaby, d.m.....	..	2,327	..	749	..	1,578	..	36	15	..	479
Chilliwack, d.m.....	..	458	..	127	..	331	..	11	24	..	130
Coquitlam, d.m.....	..	768	..	118	..	650	..	13	17	..	70
Esquimalt, d.m.....	..	339	..	95	..	244	..	6	18	..	101
Langley, d.m.....	..	306	..	142	..	164	..	9	29	..	56
Maple Ridge, d.m.....	..	373	..	159	..	214	..	7	19	..	67
Matsqui, d.m.....	..	340	..	108	..	232	..	8	24	..	75
Nanaimo, c.....	331	437	151	167	180	270	25	13	30	208	194
New Westminster, c.....	584	588	272	345	312	243	19	6	10	574	485
North Vancouver, c.....	647	662	190	201	457	461	19	13	20	152	149
North Vancouver, d.m.....	..	972	..	206	..	766	..	13	13	..	101
Oak Bay, d.m.....	..	182	..	216	..	—34	..	6	33	..	62
Penticton, c.....	247	259	89	121	158	138	32	3	12	107	100
Port Alberni, c.....	255	340	56	69	199	271	25	8	24	92	86
Prince George, c.....	370	639	69	86	301	553	33	14	22	154	200
Prince Rupert, c.....	302	384	95	94	207	290	41	15	39	135	112
Richmond, d.m.....	..	1,321	..	214	..	1,107	..	24	18	..	126
Saanich, d.m.....	..	1,022	..	414	..	608	..	22	22	..	129
Surrey, d.m.....	..	1,998	..	467	..	1,531	..	37	19	..	201
Trail, c.....	380	293	74	70	306	223	21	4	14	115	92
Vancouver, c.....	7,738	8,142	4,223	4,793	3,515	3,849	22	167	21	4,587	4,047
Victoria, c.....	1,169	1,123	768	888	391	235	21	27	24	777	637
West Vancouver, d.m.....	..	429	..	190	..	239	..	9	21	..	127

<sup>1</sup> As at the 1956 Census; residents only.<sup>2</sup> By place of occurrence.<sup>3</sup> 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 20.1 but, as a result of economic recovery and the War, it rose to 21.6 in 1940, 24.3 in 1945 and 28.9 in 1947, the highest since 1921. From 1948 to 1959 it fluctuated between 27.1 and 28.5 but in 1960 stood at 26.9, the lowest since 1946.

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 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. However, all provincial birth rates declined or remained stationary between 1959 and 1960.

\* Unless otherwise indicated, "births" in this Section refers to infants born *alive*; stillbirths are dealt with under a separate heading on p. 194 and under multiple births on p. 190. For international comparisons, see Section 7, pp. 214-215.