

3.—Sex Ratios of Live Births, 1941-61

NOTE.—Figures for Newfoundland are included from 1949 and those for the Yukon and Northwest Territories from 1950.

| Year | Males | Females | Males to 1,000 Females | Year | Males | Females | Males to 1,000 Females |
|-----------|---------|---------|------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| | No. | No. | No. | | No. | No. | No. |
| 1941..... | 131,175 | 124,142 | 1,057 | 1952..... | 208,070 | 195,489 | 1,064 |
| 1942..... | 140,584 | 131,729 | 1,067 | 1953..... | 214,423 | 203,461 | 1,054 |
| 1943..... | 145,725 | 137,855 | 1,057 | 1954..... | 224,168 | 212,030 | 1,057 |
| 1944..... | 146,652 | 137,568 | 1,066 | 1955..... | 227,382 | 215,555 | 1,055 |
| 1945..... | 148,912 | 139,818 | 1,065 | 1956..... | 231,697 | 219,042 | 1,058 |
| 1946..... | 169,945 | 160,787 | 1,057 | 1957..... | 241,073 | 228,020 | 1,057 |
| 1947..... | 183,973 | 175,121 | 1,051 | 1958..... | 241,675 | 228,443 | 1,058 |
| 1948..... | 178,123 | 169,184 | 1,053 | 1959..... | 246,073 | 233,202 | 1,055 |
| 1949..... | 188,339 | 177,800 | 1,059 | 1960..... | 246,029 | 232,522 | 1,058 |
| 1950..... | 191,413 | 180,596 | 1,060 | 1961..... | 244,403 | 231,297 | 1,057 |
| 1951..... | 195,918 | 185,174 | 1,058 | | | | |

Hospitalized Births.—In 1961 over 96 p.c. of all Canadian births occurred in hospital as compared with 88 p.c. five years previously. Table 4 shows the rise in hospitalized births in each province since 1931. Before the initiation in 1958 of the federal-provincial hospital insurance programs—in which all provinces were participating in 1961—there were rather wide variations among the provinces in percentages of hospitalized births. Such variations were caused by the existence of prepaid or provincially sponsored hospital, maternity or medical care plans in some provinces, the unavailability of hospital facilities in others—particularly in remote rural areas—and preference for home delivery in some local areas. Although some variation still exists, the operation of the hospital insurance program has probably been responsible for the noticeable increases in hospitalized births in provinces that previously had lower proportions, for example in New Brunswick where the hospital insurance plan was put into effect on July 1, 1959, and in Quebec where the plan went into effect in 1961.

4.—Percentages of Live Births Hospitalized, by Province, 1931-61

| Year | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. | Yukon | N.W.T. | Canada ¹ |
|----------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|---------------------|
| | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. |
| 1931.... | 11.2 | 19.0 | 12.1 | 7.3 | 38.2 | 43.6 | 32.5 | 47.8 | 65.0 | .. | .. | 26.8 |
| 1941.... | 32.7 | 50.4 | 30.8 | 17.6 | 67.5 | 73.6 | 63.2 | 77.1 | 87.3 | .. | .. | 48.9 |
| 1951.... | 88.3 | 87.2 | 70.7 | 53.0 | 93.1 | 93.1 | 95.2 | 93.6 | 97.3 | 87.4 | 32.8 | 79.1 |
| 1955.... | 93.6 | 93.3 | 83.4 | 66.6 | 96.7 | 95.6 | 97.7 | 95.0 | 98.1 | 89.3 | 45.5 | 86.5 |
| 1956.... | 95.2 | 93.9 | 84.7 | 71.2 | 97.3 | 95.8 | 97.6 | 96.6 | 98.3 | 87.7 | 44.6 | 88.4 |
| 1957.... | 96.7 | 95.1 | 86.8 | 75.6 | 97.9 | 96.4 | 98.3 | 97.5 | 98.5 | 91.3 | 38.6 | 90.2 |
| 1958.... | 99.0 | 96.2 | 83.5 | 79.3 | 98.0 | 96.8 | 98.5 | 97.7 | 98.5 | 92.6 | 42.1 | 91.7 |
| 1959.... | 99.2 | 98.0 | 93.5 | 82.3 | 98.6 | 97.4 | 98.5 | 98.0 | 98.6 | 88.6 | 45.7 | 93.1 |
| 1960.... | 99.4 | 98.6 | 97.7 | 85.2 | 99.0 | 98.0 | 99.0 | 98.5 | 98.8 | 93.3 | 51.7 | 94.6 |
| 1961.... | 99.3 | 98.9 | 99.0 | 92.3 | 99.3 | 98.2 | 98.8 | 98.6 | 98.9 | 92.8 | 57.1 | 96.9 |

¹ Excludes Newfoundland for which data are not available.