

marriage. About 71 p.c. of all marriages are between persons of the same religious denomination; in 1961 among those of Jewish faith it was about 93 p.c.; among Roman Catholics about 88 p.c.; United Church about 60 p.c.; and Eastern Orthodox about 67 p.c.

23.—Marriages by Religious Denominations of Contracting Parties, 1961

Denomination of Bridegroom	Denomination of Bride										Total Marriages	P.C. of Grooms
	Anglican	Baptist	Eastern Orthodox	Jewish	Lutheran	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic ¹	United Church	Other Sects	Not Stated		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Anglican.....	7,216	518	100	13	391	624	1,934	3,291	528	—	14,615	11.4
Baptist.....	566	2,082	13	1	111	160	417	864	275	—	4,489	3.5
Eastern Orthodox...	125	30	1,670	2	79	37	381	252	66	—	2,642	2.1
Jewish.....	39	2	3	1,401	10	7	57	20	23	—	1,562	1.2
Lutheran.....	544	149	83	5	2,295	152	827	918	320	2	5,295	4.1
Presbyterian.....	799	183	26	2	127	1,681	566	1,112	191	1	4,688	3.6
Roman Catholic ¹ ...	1,956	384	211	23	767	492	53,964	2,445	880	2	61,124	47.6
United Church.....	3,304	828	163	8	712	982	2,411	14,454	969	2	23,833	18.6
Other sects.....	721	309	65	10	292	205	1,124	1,218	6,256	3	10,203	7.9
Not stated.....	5	2	—	—	4	1	4	3	3	2	24	...
Totals.....	15,275	4,487	2,334	1,465	4,788	4,341	61,685	24,577	9,511	12	128,475	100.0
P.C. of brides.....	11.9	3.5	1.8	1.1	3.7	3.4	48.0	19.1	7.4	...	100.0	70.8 ²

¹ Includes Greek Catholic.
denomination.

² Percentage of marriages between contracting parties of the same religious

Subsection 2.—Dissolutions of Marriage (Divorces)

Before World War I the number of divorces granted in Canada was very small. There were fewer than 20 divorces each year from Confederation to 1900, 21 in 1903, 51 in 1909 and 60 in 1913. These numbers represent less than one per 1,000 of the yearly number of marriages. At the end of World War I the number of divorces showed a definite increase, advancing to a peak of 8,213 in 1947, then declining gradually to a postwar low of 5,270 in 1951. From 1952 to 1959 the number fluctuated between 5,650 and 6,688, rose to 6,980 in 1960 and declined to 6,563 in 1961. Preliminary figures show there were 6,709 in 1962, a slight increase over 1961, despite the fact that no divorces were approved by the Canadian Parliament during the year for residents of Quebec and Newfoundland.

24.—Dissolutions of Marriage (Divorces), by Province, 1941-62

NOTE.—Figures for individual years from 1900 to 1952 are given in the 1956 Year Book, p. 230.

Year	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Av. 1941-45.....	..	2	92	104	99	1,398	305	207	432	937	3,576
" 1946-50.....	1	21	185	245	303	2,839	500	383	724	1,676	6,877
" 1951-55.....	5	10	212	167	327	2,430	356	231	612	1,461	5,811
" 1956-60.....	5	4	227	194	403	2,801	315	247	788	1,514	6,498
1953.....	9	15	185	181	273	2,824	374	218	603	1,478	6,160
1954.....	8	8	249	117	370	2,469	371	250	610	1,471	5,923
1955.....	1	7	253	181	396	2,531	337	237	627	1,483	6,053
1956.....	5	1	230	215	351	2,478	314	221	685	1,502	6,002
1957.....	6	2	250	206	519	2,873	305	242	726	1,559	6,688
1958.....	7	1	220	150	311	2,776	292	281	743	1,498	6,279
1959.....	1	6	215	221	351	2,915	301	276	836	1,420	6,543 ¹
1960.....	6	10	221	178	481	2,965	361	213	951	1,592	6,980 ²
1961.....	6	8	245	194	348	2,739	312	251	1,039	1,397	6,563 ³
1962 ^p	—	5	229	181	—	3,081	339	281	1,084	1,490	6,709 ⁴

¹ Includes one in the Northwest Territories.

² Includes two in the Northwest Territories.

³ Includes 24 in Yukon Territory.

⁴ Includes 14 in Yukon Territory and five in the Northwest Territories.