



Section 2.—Births*

No accurate figures on Canadian crude† birth rates* are available prior to 1921, when the annual collection of official national figures was initiated. However, the following rough estimates of the average annual crude rates for each ten-year intercensal period between 1851 and 1921 may be inferred from studies of early Canadian census data:—

<i>Intercensal Period</i>	<i>Estimated Average Annual Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 Population)</i>	<i>Intercensal Period</i>	<i>Estimated Average Annual Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 Population)</i>
1851-61.....	45	1891-1901.....	30
1861-71.....	40	1901-11.....	31
1871-81.....	37	1911-21.....	29
1881-91.....	34		

* Unless otherwise indicated, "births" in this Section refer to infants born alive; stillbirths are dealt with under a separate heading on p. 257 and under multiple births on p. 251. For international comparisons, see Section 7, pp. 282-283.

† A crude rate is one based on the total population.