

## 3.—Sex Ratios of Live Births, 1931-63

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.
1931.....	123,622	116,851	1,059	1957.....	241,073	228,020	1,057
1941.....	131,175	124,142	1,057	1958.....	241,675	228,443	1,058
1951.....	195,918	185,174	1,058	1959.....	246,073	233,202	1,055
1952.....	208,070	195,489	1,064	1960.....	246,029	232,522	1,058
1953.....	214,423	203,461	1,054	1961.....	244,403	231,297	1,057
1954.....	224,168	212,030	1,057	1962.....	240,870	228,823	1,053
1955.....	227,382	215,555	1,055	1963.....	238,865	226,902	1,053
1956.....	231,697	219,042	1,058				

**Hospitalized Births.**—In 1963 over 98 p.c. of all Canadian births occurred in hospital as compared with 88 p.c. seven 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 by 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, 1931-63

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.	Canada <sup>1</sup>
	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
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	88.5	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
1962....	99.6	99.2	99.4	95.0	99.4	98.5	98.8	98.7	98.9	95.4	55.9	97.8
1963....	99.8	99.3	99.4	96.5	99.6	98.2	99.1	98.9	99.1	93.0	64.3	98.3

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Newfoundland for which data are not available.