

Table 33 shows provincial or regional life expectancy for males and females at selected ages. According to the 1961 figures, male life expectancy at birth continues to be below 70 and that for females above 72 in all of the five regions. During the period 1931-61, life expectancy at birth for males increased from 60.00 to 68.35, or 8.35 years, varying from 6.32 years for the Prairie Provinces to 11.09 years for Quebec; life expectancy at birth for females rose from 62.10 to 74.17, or 12.07 years, varying from 10.08 years for British Columbia to 14.97 years for Quebec. Quebec has shown the greatest improvement of any region among young males and females and middle-aged females, and British Columbia has shown the greatest improvement among middle-aged males.

33.—Expectation of Life at Selected Ages, by Province or Region, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1956 and 1961

Province or Region and Age	1931		1941		1951		1956		1961	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Atlantic Provinces—¹										
At birth.....	60.20	61.91	61.69	64.63	66.57	70.50	67.91	72.89	68.58	73.92
1 year.....	64.76	65.44	65.68	67.78	69.08	72.41	69.68	74.23	70.06	75.10
20 years.....	49.22	49.62	49.36	51.33	51.59	54.52	51.95	56.01	52.17	56.82
40 years.....	32.73	33.70	32.22	34.19	33.48	35.99	33.58	37.03	33.76	37.70
65 years.....	13.63	14.59	13.13	14.50	13.90	15.42	13.95	15.91	14.16	16.35
Quebec—										
At birth.....	56.19	57.80	60.18	63.07	64.42	68.58	66.13	71.02	67.28	72.77
1 year.....	62.45	62.62	64.45	66.28	67.19	70.71	68.11	72.56	68.71	73.80
20 years.....	47.77	47.73	48.38	49.85	49.76	52.92	50.36	54.43	50.82	55.54
40 years.....	31.04	31.75	30.94	32.72	31.54	34.36	31.91	35.42	32.29	36.38
65 years.....	12.60	13.15	12.44	13.41	12.81	14.17	12.88	14.73	13.16	15.27
Ontario—										
At birth.....	61.30	63.92	64.55	68.43	66.87	71.85	67.80	73.57	68.32	74.40
1 year.....	65.05	66.84	66.74	70.07	68.34	72.91	68.76	74.25	69.14	74.95
20 years.....	48.79	50.13	49.57	52.40	50.58	54.76	50.81	55.95	51.03	56.53
40 years.....	31.56	32.90	31.54	34.11	32.03	35.75	32.24	36.74	32.35	37.27
65 years.....	12.67	13.47	12.63	14.03	13.07	14.92	12.97	15.56	13.05	15.90
Prairie Provinces—										
At birth.....	63.47	65.49	65.43	68.19	68.36	72.28	69.26	74.18	69.79	75.66
1 year.....	67.24	68.30	68.02	70.22	69.90	73.43	70.48	75.06	70.96	76.40
20 years.....	50.98	51.68	51.28	53.08	52.24	55.53	52.55	56.88	52.90	58.08
40 years.....	33.34	34.35	33.32	34.96	33.86	36.63	34.12	37.71	34.37	38.83
65 years.....	13.60	14.40	13.35	14.62	13.88	15.51	14.01	16.20	14.22	17.00
British Columbia—										
At birth.....	62.15	65.34	63.65	68.96	66.73	72.37	68.14	73.91	68.94	75.42
1 year.....	64.55	67.16	65.40	70.17	67.97	73.32	69.19	74.68	69.83	76.00
20 years.....	48.68	51.18	48.99	53.09	50.41	55.51	51.32	56.52	51.85	57.61
40 years.....	32.17	34.27	31.70	35.14	32.45	36.72	33.11	37.49	33.56	38.46
65 years.....	13.36	14.60	12.96	14.83	13.50	15.86	13.72	16.15	13.98	16.94

¹ Figures for 1931 and 1941 are exclusive of Newfoundland.

Section 7.—International Comparisons of Vital Statistics

Table 34 gives a summary of Canada's national and provincial vital statistics rates along with those of several other countries. It will be noted that among the countries listed the low crude death rate in Canada is bettered by three countries—Venezuela, Japan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics—and that some of the provinces have lower rates than most other countries. The birth rate also helps to give Canada one of the fastest growing populations, currently ranking seventh among those listed. However, 13 countries reported lower or equal rates of infant mortality, some as low as 15 or 16 per 1,000 live births (Sweden and Netherlands), as compared with Canada's rate of 26.