



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. 249 and under multiple births on p. 244. For international comparisons, see Section 7, pp. 275-276.

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