

12.—Stillbirths and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Province, 1941-64

Year	Born to All Mothers													Born to Unmarried Mothers ¹	
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N. W. T.	Canada ²	No.	P.C. of Total
NUMBERS (28 WEEKS OR MORE GESTATION)															
Av. 1941-45	191	50	388	295	2,786	1,988	345	348	327	309	1	6	6,845	355	5.20
" 1946-50	215	54	358	320	2,898	2,020	349	350	385	352	2	8	7,187	343	4.85
" 1951-55	222	52	337	291	2,705	2,017	336	313	425	374	6	11	7,058	316	4.60
" 1956-60	274	46	304	267	2,446	1,992	301	262	368	418	5	12	6,714	291	4.51
1962.....	249	58	277	239	1,824	1,025	276	248	388	377	3	19	5,892	315	5.59
1963.....	265	52	240	236	1,800	1,873	269	243	367	365	5	17	5,732	323	5.91
1964.....	255	46	260	216	1,644	1,790	285	248	373	373	7	23	5,520	345	6.57
Rates														Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births ¹	
Av. 1941-45	20.5	22.8	25.6	22.6	28.5	25.6	21.8	18.9	17.4	17.5	11.4	15.7	24.7	30.8	
" 1946-50	17.1	18.9	19.9	19.0	25.1	19.2	18.1	16.0	15.9	13.6	8.7	12.5	20.2	24.2	
" 1951-55	17.0	19.0	18.4	17.7	21.0	15.6	15.7	13.3	13.7	11.9	14.1	16.5	17.0	20.3	
" 1956-60	18.3	17.1	15.9	16.1	17.5	13.0	13.4	10.9	10.5	10.7	10.7	12.3	14.3	15.6	
1962.....	16.5	20.7	14.3	14.5	13.5	12.3	12.0	10.6	10.0	9.9	5.5	16.8	12.5	14.4	
1963.....	17.2	17.6	12.6	15.0	13.5	12.1	11.8	10.3	9.5	9.7	10.0	14.6	12.3	13.6	
1964.....	17.4	16.9	14.2	14.1	12.6	11.7	13.1	10.9	10.3	10.4	13.6	18.2	12.2	13.4	

¹ Exclusive of Newfoundland for all years and the Yukon and Northwest Territories for 1941-50. ² Figures for Newfoundland are included from 1949.

Table 13 illustrates the fact that the risk of having a stillborn child increases with the age of the mother. Although stillbirth rates for mothers of all ages have been declining, they continue to be three to four times as high for mothers over 40 years of age as for mothers under 30. The average age of mothers who bore stillborn children in 1964 was 29.9 years; the median age was 29.3. The average age of mothers who bore legitimate live-born children was 27.9 and of those who bore illegitimate live-born offspring was 23.4. Causes of stillbirths in 1964 are shown in Table 14.

13.—Stillbirths and Ratios per 1,000 Live Births, by Age of Mother, 1964
(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Age Group of Mother	Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Ratio per 1,000 Live Births
	No.	No.	No.
Under 20 years.....	40,567	366	9.0
20—24 ".....	137,127	1,196	8.7
25—29 ".....	118,112	1,234	10.4
30—34 ".....	80,658	1,068	13.2
35—39 ".....	45,097	874	19.4
40—44 ".....	14,942	449	30.0
45—49 ".....	1,076	53	49.3
50 years or over.....	10	—	—
Ages not stated.....	646	25	...
Totals, All Ages.....	438,235	5,265	12.0
Average age of mothers..... yrs.	27.6	29.9	...
Median age of mothers..... "	26.8	29.3	...

¹ The age above and below which half of the stillbirths occurred.