

5.52 Marriages and rate per 1,000 population, by province, with percentage distribution of bridegrooms and brides by nativity, 1951, 1961, 1966 and 1971

Province or territory	Year	Total marriages	Rate per 1,000 population	Born in province where married		Born in other provinces		Born outside Canada	
				Grooms %	Brides %	Grooms %	Brides %	Grooms %	Brides %
Newfoundland	1951	2,517	7.0	85.2	96.7	2.4	1.9	12.4	1.4
	1961	3,306	7.2	88.0	97.2	3.8	1.6	8.2	1.2
	1966	3,728	7.6	89.2	96.6	4.2	1.7	6.7	1.7
	1971	4,685	9.0	91.6	95.3	4.2	3.3	4.2	1.4
Prince Edward Island	1951	583	5.9	82.3	91.1	12.9	6.0	4.8	2.9
	1961	624	6.0	81.7	89.6	15.4	7.2	2.9	3.2
	1966	752	6.9	77.3	89.2	18.5	9.0	4.3	1.7
	1971	961	8.6	78.9	88.1	17.4	9.5	3.7	2.4
Nova Scotia	1951	5,094	7.9	78.2	86.7	15.9	9.0	6.0	4.3
	1961	5,292	7.2	75.2	87.8	18.8	8.8	6.0	3.4
	1966	5,833	7.7	76.8	86.8	17.3	9.5	5.8	3.7
	1971	6,883	8.7	77.9	85.6	16.2	10.9	5.9	3.5
New Brunswick	1951	4,386	8.5	80.0	86.9	10.1	6.7	9.8	6.4
	1961	4,504	7.5	75.4	86.3	14.9	7.9	9.7	5.8
	1966	5,165	8.4	76.2	85.8	14.6	8.8	9.2	5.4
	1971	6,149	9.7	77.9	86.2	14.8	9.5	7.2	4.3
Quebec	1951	35,704	8.8	86.7	89.5	6.1	5.5	7.2	5.0
	1961	35,943	6.8	83.6	87.4	5.7	4.8	10.7	7.8
	1966	44,411	7.7	83.9	87.2	5.7	5.0	10.4	7.8
	1971	49,695	8.2	84.2	88.1	5.2	4.3	10.7	7.6
Ontario	1951	45,198	9.8	65.9	72.4	14.6	12.2	19.5	15.4
	1961	44,434	7.1	61.5	67.2	12.9	11.0	25.6	21.8
	1966	54,571	7.8	61.0	65.9	14.2	12.0	24.8	22.0
	1971	69,590	9.0	60.1	66.1	12.7	11.2	27.2	22.7
Manitoba	1951	7,366	9.5	67.9	75.1	15.4	13.3	16.8	11.6
	1961	6,512	7.1	66.6	74.5	18.5	14.5	14.8	11.0
	1966	7,312	7.6	67.7	75.6	18.2	13.9	14.1	10.4
	1971	9,127	9.2	67.1	75.2	17.7	13.8	15.1	11.0
Saskatchewan	1951	6,805	8.2	78.3	86.4	10.7	6.4	11.1	7.2
	1961	6,149	6.6	79.3	85.8	11.9	8.7	8.8	5.5
	1966	6,987	7.3	77.7	85.3	14.6	9.2	7.7	5.6
	1971	7,813	8.4	78.9	85.3	14.4	10.1	6.6	4.6
Alberta	1951	9,305	9.9	56.0	67.4	25.7	19.6	18.3	13.0
	1961	10,474	7.9	54.4	62.3	25.8	21.8	19.8	15.9
	1966	11,879	8.1	56.4	64.1	26.2	22.0	17.3	14.0
	1971	15,614	9.6	54.8	62.0	28.5	24.4	16.6	13.5
British Columbia	1951	11,272	9.7	35.5	41.6	43.1	43.0	21.3	15.5
	1961	10,964	6.7	36.4	45.9	35.9	32.4	27.7	21.8
	1966	14,682	7.8	42.0	51.2	34.5	29.0	23.6	19.8
	1971	20,389	9.3	43.1	50.5	32.1	29.3	24.9	20.3
Yukon Territory	1961	128	8.8	12.5	24.2	63.3	52.3	24.2	23.4
	1966	94	6.5	16.0	16.0	57.4	69.1	26.6	14.9
	1971	166	9.0	10.2	20.5	67.5	59.0	22.3	20.5
Northwest Territories	1961	145	6.3	54.5	61.4	35.9	31.7	9.7	6.9
	1966	182	6.3	51.1	62.6	39.0	29.7	9.9	7.7
	1971	252	7.2	41.3	55.6	43.3	33.3	15.5	11.1
Canada	1951 ¹	128,230	9.2	70.5	76.5	15.1	12.8	14.5	10.6
	1961	128,475	7.0	67.9	74.2	14.3	11.7	17.9	14.1
	1966	155,596	7.8	68.2	74.1	14.8	11.9	17.0	14.0
	1971	191,324	8.9	67.2	73.2	14.5	12.3	18.3	14.5

¹ Excludes Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories.

5.53 Brides and bridegrooms, by age and marital status, 1971

Age group	Brides				Percentage			
	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total
12-14 years	85	—	—	85	—	—	—	—
15-19 "	52,108	16	63	52,187	30.8	0.2	0.4	27.3
20-24 "	90,465	196	1,920	92,581	53.5	2.5	13.4	48.4
25-29 "	17,707	385	3,445	21,537	10.5	4.8	24.0	11.3
30-34 "	4,324	417	2,627	7,368	2.6	5.3	18.3	3.9
35-39 "	1,775	488	1,954	4,217	1.0	6.2	13.6	2.2
40-44 "	1,024	712	1,575	3,311	0.6	9.0	11.0	1.7
45-49 "	636	1,009	1,325	2,970	0.4	12.8	9.2	1.6
50-54 "	387	1,153	774	2,314	0.2	14.6	5.4	1.2
55-59 "	290	1,127	423	1,840	0.2	14.3	2.9	1.0
60-64 "	148	966	158	1,272	0.1	12.2	1.1	0.7
65 years or over	114	1,432	86	1,632	0.1	18.1	0.6	0.9
Total, stated age	169,063	7,901	14,350	191,314	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Age not stated	9	—	1	10	...	...	...	...
Total, all ages	169,072	7,901	14,351	191,324	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average age	yr	22.6	52.1	35.4	24.8	...	...	...
Median age ¹	"	21.3	53.2	33.0	21.8	...	...	...