

5.53 Brides and bridegrooms, by age and marital status, 1971 (concluded)

Age group	Bridegrooms							
	Number				Percentage			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total
12-14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-19 "	13,692	1	2	13,695	8.1	—	—	7.2
20-24 "	100,093	34	688	100,815	59.2	0.5	4.4	52.7
25-29 "	37,986	134	2,821	40,941	22.5	2.0	18.2	21.4
30-34 "	9,023	183	2,984	12,190	5.3	2.7	19.2	6.4
35-39 "	3,586	323	2,477	6,386	2.1	4.7	16.0	3.3
40-44 "	1,889	427	2,130	4,446	1.1	6.2	13.7	2.3
45-49 "	1,097	635	1,733	3,465	0.6	9.3	11.2	1.8
50-54 "	651	867	1,140	2,658	0.4	12.6	7.3	1.4
55-59 "	420	1,020	780	2,220	0.2	14.9	5.0	1.2
60-64 "	242	968	439	1,649	0.1	14.1	2.8	0.9
65 years or over	257	2,267	326	2,850	0.2	33.0	2.1	1.5
Total, stated age	168,936	6,859	15,520	191,315	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Age not stated	8	—	1	9	...	...	...	...
Total, all ages	168,944	6,859	15,521	191,324	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average age yr	24.9	57.5	39.4	27.3	...	...	...	...
Median age ¹	23.5	59.0	37.6	24.0	...	...	...	...

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

5.54 Marriages by religious denominations of contracting parties, 1971

Denomination of bridegroom	Denomination of bride										Total marriages	Percentage of grooms
	Angli- can	Bap- tist	East- ern Orth- odox	Jewish	Lut- her- an	Pres- by- terian	Roman Catho- lic ¹	United Church	Other sects	Not stated		
Anglican	8,554	712	140	42	635	915	4,870	4,937	1,294	68	22,167	11.6
Baptist	713	2,292	18	6	149	214	979	1,048	470	8	5,897	3.1
Eastern Orthodox	177	32	1,854	4	79	37	591	303	137	13	3,227	1.7
Jewish	63	8	8	2,027	12	19	148	56	105	16	2,462	1.3
Lutheran	703	172	65	9	1,600	212	1,282	1,229	423	21	5,716	3.0
Presbyterian	992	197	17	10	173	1,478	1,227	1,438	311	8	5,851	3.1
Roman Catholic ¹	4,671	927	380	86	1,160	1,095	70,920	5,821	2,797	323	88,180	46.1
United Church	4,763	957	213	18	1,090	1,274	5,960	16,377	1,623	61	32,336	16.9
Other sects	1,883	567	99	80	544	464	3,801	2,586	13,766	82	23,872	12.5
Not stated	125	16	11	16	27	18	437	146	84	736	1,616	0.8
Total	22,644	5,880	2,805	2,298	5,469	5,726	90,215	33,941	21,010	1,336	191,324	100.0
Percentage of brides	11.8	3.1	1.5	1.2	2.9	3.0	47.2	17.7	11.0	0.7	100.0	62.5 ²

¹ Includes Greek Catholic.

² Percentage of marriages between contracting parties of the same religious denomination.

5.55 Number of divorces, by province, 1951-71

Year	Nfld.	PEI	NS	NB	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	BC	YT	NWT	Canada
Av. 1951-55	5	10	212	167	327	2,430	356	231	612	1,461	..	..	5,811
" 1956-60	5	4	227	194	403	2,801	315	247	788	1,514	..	..	6,498
" 1961-65	5	8	277	199	380	3,342	376	298	1,226	1,592	17	3	7,723
1966	11	18	406	155	988	4,101	524	321	1,567	2,124	21	3	10,239
1967	11	18	394	292	727	4,350	477	399	1,736	2,734	21	6	11,165
1968	15	20	497	143	606	5,036	465	384	1,916	2,220	30	11	11,343
1969 ^r	103	102	791	347	2,947	11,845	1,334	882	3,446	4,224	42	30	26,093
1970	140	65	823	386	4,865	12,451	1,234	871	3,771	5,111	41	17	29,775
1971	150	59	721	483	5,195	12,189	1,370	813	3,652	4,942	47	5	29,626

5.56 Grounds for divorce, and number and custody of children, 1969-71 (divorces granted under the new legislation)

Item	Number			Percentage distribution (based on total divorces)		
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971
	Grounds for divorce ¹					
Adultery	6,335	10,032	11,239	28.9	34.4	38.0
Physical cruelty	3,400	4,696	5,090	15.5	16.1	17.2
Mental cruelty	3,610	5,234	5,666	16.4	17.9	19.1
Separation	12,524	14,908	13,840	57.0	51.1	46.7
Desertion	2,396	2,507	1,986	10.9	8.6	6.7
Other grounds	1,789	1,763	1,618	8.1	6.0	5.5
Total, grounds	30,074	39,140	39,439	...	...	...
Total, divorces	21,964	29,168	29,605	...	...	...