

4.51 Divorces¹ granted to male and female petitioners, by province, 1972-75

| Province or territory | 1972 | | 1973 | | 1974 | | 1975 | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Newfoundland | 61 | 116 | 84 | 140 | 90 | 211 | 103 | 277 |
| Prince Edward Island | 23 | 42 | 20 | 34 | 36 | 60 | 18 | 57 |
| Nova Scotia | 325 | 602 | 429 | 820 | 517 | 1,074 | 519 | 1,078 |
| New Brunswick | 182 | 284 | 189 | 385 | 295 | 460 | 274 | 484 |
| Quebec | 2,504 | 3,917 | 3,055 | 5,036 | 3,723 | 8,549 | 4,391 | 9,702 |
| Ontario | 4,823 | 8,360 | 5,087 | 8,694 | 5,747 | 9,530 | 6,493 | 10,992 |
| Manitoba | 489 | 924 | 535 | 1,085 | 594 | 1,202 | 638 | 1,346 |
| Saskatchewan | 296 | 530 | 298 | 589 | 369 | 670 | 369 | 762 |
| Alberta | 1,057 | 2,710 | 1,178 | 3,357 | 1,368 | 3,579 | 1,457 | 4,018 |
| British Columbia | 1,879 | 3,157 | 2,177 | 3,510 | 2,554 | 4,286 | 2,772 | 4,762 |
| Yukon Territory | 18 | 29 | 24 | 36 | 14 | 32 | 18 | 25 |
| Northwest Territories | 13 | 23 | 13 | 29 | 21 | 38 | 21 | 35 |
| Canada | 11,670 | 20,694 | 13,089 | 23,615 | 15,328 | 29,691 | 17,073 | 33,538 |

¹Only those filed under the new divorce laws of July 2, 1968.

4.52 Alleged grounds for divorce¹ by type of offence, 1972-75

| Alleged grounds | 1972 | | 1973 | | 1974 | | 1975 | |
|--|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Marital offence | | | | | | | | |
| Adultery | 12,645 | 29.6 | 14,853 | 30.3 | 17,806 | 29.4 | 20,356 | 30.0 |
| Physical cruelty | 5,579 | 13.0 | 6,598 | 13.5 | 8,340 | 13.8 | 9,387 | 13.9 |
| Mental cruelty | 6,308 | 14.7 | 7,734 | 15.8 | 9,774 | 16.2 | 11,204 | 16.5 |
| Other | 152 | 0.4 | 142 | 0.3 | 174 | 0.3 | 185 | 0.3 |
| Total | 24,684 | 57.7 | 29,327 | 59.9 | 36,094 | 59.7 | 41,132 | 60.7 |
| Marriage breakdown by reason of: | | | | | | | | |
| Addiction to alcohol | 859 | 2.0 | 1,032 | 2.1 | 1,607 | 2.7 | 1,658 | 2.4 |
| Separation for not less than 3 years | 14,803 | 34.6 | 16,197 | 33.1 | 20,415 | 33.8 | 22,376 | 33.0 |
| Desertion by petitioner for not less than 5 years | 1,919 | 4.5 | 1,806 | 3.7 | 1,778 | 2.9 | 2,001 | 3.0 |
| Other | 504 | 1.2 | 583 | 1.2 | 535 | 0.9 | 602 | 0.9 |
| Total | 18,085 | 42.3 | 19,618 | 40.1 | 24,335 | 40.3 | 26,637 | 39.3 |
| Total, alleged grounds ² | 42,769 | 100.0 | 48,945 | 100.0 | 60,429 | 100.0 | 67,769 | 100.0 |

¹See footnote to Table 4.51.

²Totals are higher than the numbers of divorces because some divorce decrees involve more than one alleged ground.

4.53 Divorces¹ by number of dependent children, 1972-75

| Number of children | 1972 | | 1973 | | 1974 | | 1975 | |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| 0 | 14,305 | 44.2 | 15,890 | 43.3 | 18,588 | 41.3 | 21,458 | 42.4 |
| 1 | 7,078 | 21.9 | 8,209 | 22.4 | 10,277 | 22.8 | 11,523 | 22.7 |
| 2 | 5,956 | 18.4 | 6,842 | 18.6 | 8,817 | 19.6 | 9,985 | 19.7 |
| 3 | 2,963 | 9.2 | 3,384 | 9.2 | 4,349 | 9.7 | 4,643 | 9.2 |
| 4 | 1,294 | 3.9 | 1,520 | 4.2 | 1,850 | 4.1 | 1,904 | 3.8 |
| 5 and more | 768 | 2.4 | 859 | 2.3 | 1,138 | 2.5 | 1,098 | 2.2 |
| Total, divorces | 32,364 | 100.0 | 36,704 | 100.0 | 45,019 | 100.0 | 50,611 | 100.0 |
| Average number of children | 1.15 | ... | 1.16 | ... | 1.22 | ... | 1.17 | ... |

¹See footnote to Table 4.51.