

2.34 Alleged grounds for divorce, by type of offence and reason for marital breakdown, 1986 (concluded)

Alleged grounds	Nfld.	PEI	NS	NB	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	BC	YT	NWT	Canada
Divorces granted under the Divorce Act ¹													
Reason for marriage breakdown													
Addiction to alcohol	5	6	12	9	599	91	5	18	51	39	—	—	835
Separation for not less than three years	283	106	792	524	3,674	12,767	1,334	822	1,759	4,069	30	35	26,195
Desertion by petitioner, not less than five years	—	4	10	78	187	253	14	33	35	107	2	—	723
Others ³	1	1	7	6	112	107	5	6	23	42	—	1	311
Sub-total	289	117	821	617	4,572	13,218	1,358	879	1,868	4,257	32	36	28,064
Total ⁴	619	169	2,659	1,587	22,773	23,140	2,458	2,069	12,228	8,557	77	89	76,425
Divorces granted under the Divorce Act, 1985 ⁵													
Reason for marriage breakdown													
Separation for not less than one year	72	35	395	434	1,712	6,190	724	622	1,428	3,359	20	18	15,009
Adultery	3	—	13	27	570	98	14	23	115	84	1	3	951
Physical cruelty	—	—	6	13	170	29	6	8	137	30	—	—	399
Mental cruelty	1	—	21	12	462	32	5	11	330	43	—	—	917
Total ⁴	76	35	435	486	2,914	6,349	749	664	2,010	3,516	21	21	17,276

¹ The Divorce Act was in force between July 2, 1968 and May 31, 1986.
² These include, sodomy, bestiality, rape, homosexual act and subsequent marriage.
³ These include imprisonment for aggregate period of not less than three years; imprisonment for not less than two years on sentence of death or sentence of 10 years or more; addiction to narcotics; whereabouts of spouse unknown; and non-consummation.
⁴ These are more than the number of divorces because some divorce decrees involve more than one ground.
⁵ The Divorce Act, 1985 came into force on June 1, 1986.

2.35 Divorces by number of dependent children, 1986

Number of children	Nfld.	PEI	NS	NB	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	BC	YT	NWT	Canada
Divorces granted under the Divorce Act ¹													
None	175	98	801	488	6,502	10,975	941	742	3,373	4,517	31	31	28,674
1	145	29	554	294	4,331	3,997	549	382	1,733	1,287	15	18	13,334
2	147	26	570	332	3,861	4,046	513	429	1,794	1,458	20	16	13,212
3	52	2	161	98	1,008	1,026	128	145	535	343	3	6	3,507
4	12	1	39	14	175	242	35	34	133	73	—	2	760
5 or more	3	—	5	6	44	60	8	11	30	18	—	—	185
Total	534	156	2,130	1,232	15,921	20,346	2,174	1,743	7,598	7,696	69	73	59,672
Mean number of children	1.25	0.58	1.11	1.09	1.01	0.81	0.99	1.07	1.00	0.73	0.93	1.04	0.91
Divorces granted under the Divorce Act, 1985 ²													
None	35	29	230	247	1,347	5,965	469	439	1,165	2,919	15	14	12,874
1	16	5	98	106	537	161	121	88	267	254	3	1	1,657
2	17	1	70	85	477	148	115	92	259	252	—	4	1,520
3	7	—	15	25	105	28	35	26	72	47	2	2	364
4	1	—	4	3	8	5	3	6	21	7	—	—	58
5 or more	—	—	3	2	4	—	—	1	4	1	—	—	15
Total	76	35	420	468	2,478	6,307	743	652	1,788	3,480	20	21	16,488
Mean number of children	0.99	0.20	0.75	0.80	0.75	0.09	0.63	0.58	0.62	0.27	0.45	0.71	0.37

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