

10.—Birth Rates per 1,000 Population of Various Countries of the World Compared with Canada and the Provinces for Recent Years

(Sources: League of Nations Year Book and other official sources. In certain cases final figures are not available and provisional data are shown.)

Country or Province	Year	Birth Rate	Country or Province	Year	Birth Rate
Palestine (excl. Bedouins).....	1944	44.5	Canada—concluded		
Costa Rica.....	1944	41.8	British Columbia.....	1944	20.4
Straits Settlements.....	1940	41.3	Ontario.....	1944	19.7
Panama.....	1943	39.0	Greece.....	1939	23.5
Egypt.....	1942	38.1	Italy.....	1939	23.5
Salvador.....	1943	38.1	Northern Ireland.....	1944	23.5
Ceylon.....	1942	36.7	Lithuania.....	1939	22.3
Chile.....	1943	33.1	Eire.....	1944	22.0
Jamaica.....	1944	33.0	New Zealand.....	1944	21.5
British India.....	1943	30.0	Bulgaria.....	1939	21.4
Japan.....	1941	29.9	Finland.....	1939	21.3
Newfoundland and Labrador.....	1943	28.3	Austria.....	1939	20.9
Roumania.....	1939	28.3	Australia.....	1943	20.6
Union of South Africa (Whites).....	1943	26.2	Netherlands.....	1939	20.6
Poland.....	1938	24.5	Iceland.....	1940	20.5
Canada.....	1944	23.8	Germany (territory of 1937).....	1939	20.3
New Brunswick.....	1944	29.1	Spain.....	1942	20.3
Quebec.....	1944	29.2	United States.....	1944	20.2
Prince Edward Island.....	1944	25.1	Hungary ¹	1939	19.6
Nova Scotia.....	1944	25.5	Switzerland.....	1944	19.4
Alberta.....	1944	23.7	Uruguay.....	1942	19.4
Manitoba.....	1944	21.9	Sweden.....	1943	19.3
Saskatchewan.....	1944	21.4	Scotland.....	1944	19.2
			Latvia.....	1939	18.5
			England and Wales.....	1944	18.0
			Denmark.....	1939	17.9
			Estonia.....	1939	16.3
			Belgium.....	1939	15.3
			France (excl. Alsace-Lorraine)....	1939	14.6

¹ Within the boundaries of the Treaty of Trianon.

Births in Canadian Cities and Incorporated Centres.—Table 11 gives the number of births in the urban centres of Canada with 10,000 population or over in 1941.

The five-year averages for 1926-40 of births by place of occurrence show the number of births that actually took place in each centre during those years. Many of these births were to women who lived elsewhere, but who came to the city or town on account of its hospital facilities or for other reasons. The figures for 1941-44 are by place of residence of the mother, and show the actual number of births to residents of each centre. The two sets of figures are thus not comparable.

There has been a growing tendency in Canada towards hospitalization and medical attendance at birth. In the years 1926-30, only 22 p.c. of live births took place in hospitals, while in 1940-42 the proportion was 50 p.c. and in 1943-44 58 p.c. There are still important differences between the provinces in this respect. In Quebec, less than one-third of births take place in hospitals, and in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick less than one-half. In British Columbia, on the other hand, over 90 p.c. of births are now hospitalized, and in Alberta and Manitoba the proportion is over four-fifths.