

28.—Marriages and Marriage Rates, by Province, with Percentage Distribution of Bridegrooms and Brides by Nativity, 1921, 1931, 1941 and 1951—concluded

Province and 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	
			p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	
New Brunswick.....	1921	3,173	8.4	73.4	78.0	10.1	8.4	16.5	13.6
	1931	2,544	6.2	77.7	81.8	10.1	9.2	12.2	9.0
	1941	4,941	10.8	78.5	84.4	13.3	9.7	8.2	5.9
	1951	4,386	8.5	80.0	86.9	10.1	6.7	9.8	6.4
Quebec.....	1931	16,783	5.8	79.7	83.4	4.2	3.7	16.0	13.0
	1941	32,782	9.8	86.1	89.3	6.7	5.9	7.2	4.8
	1951	35,704	8.8	86.7	89.5	6.1	5.5	7.2	5.0
Ontario.....	1921	24,871	8.5	63.6	66.7	5.6	4.7	30.8	28.6
	1931	23,771	6.9	57.4	63.4	7.7	7.7	34.9	28.8
	1941	43,270	11.4	89.2	89.0	4.2	4.5	6.7	6.5
	1951	45,198	9.8	65.9	72.4	14.6	12.2	19.5	15.4
Manitoba.....	1921	5,310	8.7	26.4	37.2	18.1	14.1	55.5	48.7
	1931	4,888	7.0	41.6	55.7	10.9	9.2	47.5	35.1
	1941	8,305	11.4	63.0	73.7	17.4	15.0	19.6	11.4
	1951	7,366	9.5	67.9	75.1	15.4	13.3	16.8	11.6
Saskatchewan.....	1921	5,101	6.7	7.1	15.6	31.4	28.1	61.5	56.3
	1931	5,700	6.2	27.6	48.3	22.5	18.9	49.9	34.7
	1941	7,036	7.9	64.7	79.1	16.1	10.0	19.1	10.9
	1951	6,805	8.2	78.3	86.4	10.7	6.4	11.1	7.2
Alberta.....	1921	4,661	7.9	7.0	14.2	26.2	25.1	66.8	60.7
	1931	5,142	7.0	22.1	38.5	19.4	17.6	58.5	43.9
	1941	8,470	10.6	50.0	63.4	23.9	19.9	26.2	16.8
	1951	9,305	9.9	56.0	67.4	25.7	19.6	18.3	13.0
British Columbia.....	1921	3,889	7.4	13.7	18.3	22.6	20.5	63.7	61.2
	1931	3,879	5.6	22.2	30.6	21.1	24.7	56.7	44.7
	1941	9,769	11.9	35.9	43.5	35.6	37.1	28.5	19.4
	1951	11,272	9.7	35.5	41.6	43.1	43.0	21.3	15.5
Canada (exclusive of the Territories).	1921 <sup>1</sup>	51,073	8.0	46.9	52.0	13.0	11.3	40.1	36.7
	1931	66,591	6.4	56.7	64.9	10.0	9.2	33.3	26.0
	1941	121,842	10.6	76.8	81.5	11.4	10.1	11.7	8.4
	1951	128,230	9.2	70.5 <sup>2</sup>	76.5 <sup>2</sup>	15.1 <sup>2</sup>	12.8 <sup>2</sup>	14.5 <sup>2</sup>	10.6 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the Province of Quebec.

<sup>2</sup> See note 1.

**Age and Marital Status of Bridegrooms and Brides.**—Over 91 p.c. of the marriages in 1951 were between persons who had not previously been married; 5 p.c. of the brides and grooms had been widowed, while almost 4 p.c. of the marriages were of divorced persons. The average age at marriage of bachelors is less than 27 years and that of spinsters less than 24. The average age of widowers and widows at the time of re-marriage is almost double that of bachelors and spinsters. Nine out of ten spinsters married in 1951 were less than 30 years of age—7 out of 10 below 25 years—while 8 out of 10 bachelors were less than 30 and about one-half of the total were below 25 years of age.