

Section 5.—Marriages and Divorces

Subsection 1.—Marriages

International Comparisons.—Table 25 shows the marriage rates in Canada and the provinces in comparison with those of other countries.

25.—Marriage Rates per 1,000 Population in Selected Countries compared with Canada and the Provinces, 1952

(Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the United Nations* and other official publications. Provisional data are used where certain final figures are not available.)

Country or Province	Marriage Rate	Country or Province	Marriage Rate	Country	Marriage Rate
Yugoslavia.....	10.5	Canada —concluded		Japan.....	7.9
Union of South Africa (Whites).....	10.2 ¹	New Brunswick.....	8.1	Portugal.....	7.8
United States.....	10.0	Newfoundland.....	7.3	Switzerland.....	7.8
Western Germany.....	9.4	Prince Edward Island	6.0	Belgium.....	7.7
Canada	8.9	Australia.....	8.6	Spain.....	7.7
Alberta.....	9.8	New Zealand.....	8.6	Sweden.....	7.4
Ontario.....	9.5	Netherlands.....	8.4	France.....	7.3
British Columbia.....	9.2	Austria.....	8.2	Italy.....	7.0
Manitoba.....	8.9	Denmark.....	8.2	Northern Ireland.....	6.8
Quebec.....	8.5	Norway.....	8.2	Ceylon.....	6.6
Nova Scotia.....	8.3	Chile.....	8.1	Mexico.....	6.1
Saskatchewan.....	8.2	Scotland.....	8.0	Ireland.....	5.3
		England and Wales.....	7.9	Venezuela.....	4.8
		Finland.....	7.9	Peru.....	2.9

¹ 1951.

As a rule, marriage rates vary with the level of economic prosperity. In Canada, England and the United States, the number of marriages was exceptionally high in 1940-42, decreased in 1943 and 1944 but increased in 1945 and 1946, reaching peak rates in the immediate post-war years.

Canadian Marriages.—Table 26 shows the number of marriages and the marriage rates per 1,000 population in Canada and the provinces. Percentages of brides and bridegrooms, according to place of birth, are also given. In 1952, for the country as a whole, about 84 p.c. of the grooms were born in Canada—69 p.c. in the province in which they were married. Almost 88 p.c. of the brides were born in Canada—75 p.c. in the province in which they were married. However, there are wide variations from this pattern as between provinces; as might be expected, in the older Atlantic Provinces and Quebec there is a greater tendency to marry native, or native and province-born partners than in the other provinces.

26.—Marriages and Marriage Rates, by Province, with Percentage Distribution of Bridegrooms and Brides by Nativity, 1921-52

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.	
Newfoundland.....	1951	2,517	7.0	85.2 ¹	96.7 ¹	2.4 ¹	1.0 ¹	12.4 ¹	1.4 ¹
	1952	2,730	7.3	87.5 ¹	97.0 ¹	2.1 ¹	1.0 ¹	10.3 ¹	2.1 ¹
Prince Edward Island.....	1921	518	5.8	92.3	94.6	5.0	1.9	2.7	3.5
	1931	490	5.6	89.4	91.8	5.1	4.1	5.5	4.1
	1941	673	7.1	78.8	86.6	15.0	9.4	6.2	4.0
	1951	583	5.9	82.3	91.1	12.9	6.0	4.8	2.9
	1952	613	6.0	81.4	91.5	13.9	5.4	4.7	3.1

For footnote, see end of table.