

18.—Natural Increase and Rates per 1,000 Population by Sex and Province 1921-54—concluded

Province and Year	Excess of Births Over Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population	Males		Females		
			Number	Rate per 1,000 Males	Number	Rate per 1,000 Females	
British Columbia.....	1921	6,445	12.3	2,949	10.1	3,496	15.1
	1931	4,290	6.2	1,604	4.2	2,686	8.7
	1941	6,533	8.0	2,342	5.4	4,191	10.9
	1951	16,439	14.1	7,107	11.9	9,332	16.4
	1952	17,747	14.8	7,971	13.0	9,776	21.2
	1953	19,528	15.9	8,750	13.9	10,778	17.9
	1954	20,532	16.2	9,243	14.3	11,289	18.2
Canada (exclusive of the Territories).....	1921	156,573	17.8	80,154	17.7	76,419	18.0
	1931	135,956	13.1	67,093	12.5	68,863	13.8
	1941	140,678	12.2	67,323	11.4	73,355	13.1
	1951	254,647	18.2	124,075	17.5	130,572	18.9
	1952	276,577	19.2	134,754	18.5	141,823	20.0
	1953	289,444	19.6	140,479	18.8	148,965	20.5
	1954	310,622	20.5	151,473	19.7	159,149	21.3

Natural Increase in Urban Centres.—The classification of births and deaths by place of residence makes it possible to compile the natural increase in the population of urban centres; the figures are presented in Table 2, pp. 202-203.

Section 5.—Marriages and Divorces*

Subsection 1.—Marriages

Table 19 shows the number of marriages and the marriage rates per 1,000 population in Canada and the provinces, and percentages of brides and bridegrooms, according to place of birth. For the country as a whole in 1954, 83 p.c. of the grooms were born in Canada—nearly 68 p.c. in the province in which they were married. Over 87 p.c. of the brides were born in Canada—nearly 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 than in the other provinces to marry native Canadians, both partners often being born in the same province.

* For international comparisons, see Section 8, pp. 234-35.

19.—Marriages and Marriage Rates by Province with Percentage Distribution of Bridegrooms and Brides by Nativity 1921-54

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	
			No.	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	1.9 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
	1953	2,771	7.2	86.5 ¹	96.4 ¹	2.5 ¹	1.5 ¹	11.1 ¹	2.1 ¹
	1954	2,952	7.4	85.1 ¹	96.0 ¹	3.3 ¹	1.6 ¹	11.5 ¹	2.4 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
	1953	647	6.1	80.4	91.8	15.3	6.0	4.3	2.2
	1954	605	5.8	79.2	90.7	16.7	6.8	4.1	2.5

For footnotes, see end of table.