

**Multiple Births.**—Approximately one confinement in 85 in Canada results in the birth of more than one child. In 1926-45, there have been 57,740 such confinements, of which 57,214 were twins and 519 were triplets. There have been six sets of quadruplets, including two in 1945. The Dionne quintuplets were born in 1934.

Table 14 shows that the proportion of stillbirths is higher among multiple than among single births. It is about twice as high for twins and between two and six times as high for triplets.

**14.—Single and Multiple Births, Live and Stillborn, 1941-45, with Five-Year Averages, 1936-45**

NOTE.—Figures for 1944 and 1945 are by residence; for previous years by place of occurrence.

Confinements and Births	Average 1936-40	Average 1941-45	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
<b>NUMBERS</b>							
<b>Confinements—</b>							
Single.....	229,778	277,398	256,357	273,331	284,003	284,563	288,734
Twin.....	2,667	3,096	2,888	3,018	3,150	3,140	3,283
Triplet.....	21	26	22	26	26	26	30
Quadruplet.....	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	2
<b>Totals, Confinements.....</b>	<b>232,466</b>	<b>280,520</b>	<b>259,267</b>	<b>276,375</b>	<b>287,179</b>	<b>287,730</b>	<b>292,049</b>
<b>Births—</b>							
<b>Single—</b>							
Live.....	223,668	270,857	249,809	266,475	277,529	278,144	282,330
Stillborn.....	6,110	6,540	6,548	6,856	6,474	6,419	6,404
<b>Twin—</b>							
Live.....	5,041	5,902	5,445	5,770	5,984	6,003	6,310
Stillborn.....	293	289	331	266	316	277	256
<b>Triplet—</b>							
Live.....	56	70	63	68	67	69	83
Stillborn.....	7	8	3	10	11	9	7
<b>Quadruplet—</b>							
Live.....	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	7
Stillborn.....	Nil	1	"	"	"	Nil	1
<b>Totals, Births.....</b>	<b>235,177</b>	<b>283,670</b>	<b>262,199</b>	<b>279,445</b>	<b>290,381</b>	<b>290,925</b>	<b>295,398</b>
Live.....	228,767	276,832	255,317	272,313	283,580	284,220	288,730
Stillborn.....	6,410	6,838	6,882	7,132	6,801	6,705	6,668
<b>PERCENTAGES</b>							
<b>Confinements—</b>							
Single.....	98.8	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
Twin.....	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Triplet.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Quadruplet.....	2	2	—	—	—	2	2
<b>Totals, Confinements.....</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Births—</b>							
<b>Single—</b>							
Live.....	97.3	97.6	97.4	97.5	97.7	97.7	97.8
Stillborn.....	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.2
<b>Twin—</b>							
Live.....	94.5	95.3	94.3	95.6	95.0	95.6	96.1
Stillborn.....	5.5	4.7	5.7	4.4	5.0	4.4	3.9

<sup>1</sup> Two quadruplet confinements occurred in 1937, one in 1944 and two in 1945.

<sup>2</sup> Less than one-tenth of one per cent.