

Table 33 shows the numbers and rates of natural increase in Canada and the provinces. Numbers and rates by sex are also shown. It can be seen that in almost all cases, the rates are higher for females than for males. There are two reasons for this. First, the excess of male over female births is relatively smaller than the excess of males over females in the population as a whole, especially in the western provinces. Hence the birth rate for males is lower than the birth rate for females. Secondly, as already noted, the death rate for males is higher than for females.

In a country with a fairly young population such as Canada, in which immigration has been large, an excess of males is to be expected. The higher rate of natural increase for females is the means by which this excess is gradually reduced. Eventually, there will no doubt be an excess of females, as there now is in most European countries.

**33.—Natural Increase and Rates of Natural Increase, by Sex and by Provinces, 1941-45**

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

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
Prince Edward Island.....1941	915	9.7	483	9.8	432	9.4
.....1942	1,176	13.0	571	12.2	605	14.0
.....1943	1,259	13.9	606	12.8	653	15.0
.....1944	1,360	14.9	670	14.2	690	15.6
.....1945	1,370	14.8	712	14.9	658	14.9
Nova Scotia.....1941	6,989	12.1	3,335	11.3	3,654	13.0
.....1942	8,921	15.1	4,377	14.5	4,544	15.7
.....1943	8,917	14.7	4,308	13.9	4,609	15.5
.....1944	9,369	15.3	4,698	15.1	4,671	15.6
.....1945	9,902	15.9	4,996	15.8	4,906	16.1
New Brunswick.....1941	7,088	15.5	3,396	14.5	3,692	16.5
.....1942	7,509	16.2	3,850	16.2	3,659	16.1
.....1943	8,173	17.7	4,079	17.2	4,094	18.1
.....1944	8,336	18.0	4,177	17.6	4,159	18.5
.....1945	8,828	18.9	4,364	18.2	4,464	19.5
Quebec.....1941	54,871	16.5	27,561	16.5	27,310	16.5
.....1942	61,232	18.0	30,850	18.1	30,352	18.0
.....1943	63,675	18.5	31,933	18.4	31,742	18.4
.....1944	67,449	19.3	34,104	19.4	33,345	19.2
.....1945	70,935	19.9	35,580	19.9	35,355	20.0
Ontario.....1941	33,036	8.7	15,705	8.2	17,331	9.3
.....1942	39,073	10.0	19,063	9.7	20,010	10.4
.....1943	40,110	10.2	19,433	9.8	20,677	10.7
.....1944	38,309	9.7	18,826	9.4	19,483	9.9
.....1945	39,475	9.8	19,254	9.5	20,221	10.2
Manitoba.....1941	8,317	11.4	3,834	10.1	4,483	12.7
.....1942	9,260	12.7	4,320	11.5	4,940	14.2
.....1943	9,405	12.9	4,454	11.8	4,951	14.2
.....1944	9,307	12.7	4,487	11.8	4,820	13.7
.....1945	9,703	13.2	4,650	12.3	5,053	14.2
Saskatchewan.....1941	12,006	13.4	5,651	11.8	6,355	15.2
.....1942	11,999	14.1	5,751	12.6	6,248	15.9
.....1943	11,850	14.1	5,652	12.5	6,198	15.9
.....1944	11,684	13.8	5,500	12.1	6,184	15.8
.....1945	12,497	14.8	5,927	13.1	6,570	16.8