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TABLE 1. FERTILITY RATES IN CANADA, 1950-1960

Source: Statistics Canada, based on data from the Registrar General of Canada.

The following table shows the fertility rates in Canada from 1950 to 1960. The rates are expressed as the number of live births per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 years.

Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Canada	28.1	27.8	27.5	27.2	26.9	26.6	26.3	26.0	25.7	25.4	25.1
Quebec	24.5	24.2	23.9	23.6	23.3	23.0	22.7	22.4	22.1	21.8	21.5
Ontario	29.5	29.2	28.9	28.6	28.3	28.0	27.7	27.4	27.1	26.8	26.5
Manitoba	27.5	27.2	26.9	26.6	26.3	26.0	25.7	25.4	25.1	24.8	24.5
Saskatchewan	26.5	26.2	25.9	25.6	25.3	25.0	24.7	24.4	24.1	23.8	23.5
Alberta	25.5	25.2	24.9	24.6	24.3	24.0	23.7	23.4	23.1	22.8	22.5
British Columbia	28.5	28.2	27.9	27.6	27.3	27.0	26.7	26.4	26.1	25.8	25.5
Atlantic Provinces	27.0	26.7	26.4	26.1	25.8	25.5	25.2	24.9	24.6	24.3	24.0

The fertility rate in Canada has declined steadily since 1950, from 28.1 live births per 1,000 women in 1950 to 25.1 in 1960. This decline is reflected in all provinces, with the most significant decreases occurring in Ontario and Quebec. The rate in Ontario fell from 29.5 in 1950 to 26.5 in 1960, while in Quebec it fell from 24.5 to 21.5. The rate in British Columbia also showed a steady decline from 28.5 to 25.5. The Atlantic Provinces saw a decrease from 27.0 to 24.0. The overall trend indicates a shift towards smaller families and a decline in the birth rate across the entire country.

TABLE 2. FERTILITY RATES IN CANADA, 1961-1970

Source: Statistics Canada, based on data from the Registrar General of Canada.

The following table shows the fertility rates in Canada from 1961 to 1970. The rates are expressed as the number of live births per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 years.

Year	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Canada	24.8	24.5	24.2	23.9	23.6	23.3	23.0	22.7	22.4	22.1
Quebec	21.2	20.9	20.6	20.3	20.0	19.7	19.4	19.1	18.8	18.5
Ontario	26.0	25.7	25.4	25.1	24.8	24.5	24.2	23.9	23.6	23.3
Manitoba	24.0	23.7	23.4	23.1	22.8	22.5	22.2	21.9	21.6	21.3
Saskatchewan	23.0	22.7	22.4	22.1	21.8	21.5	21.2	20.9	20.6	20.3
Alberta	22.0	21.7	21.4	21.1	20.8	20.5	20.2	19.9	19.6	19.3
British Columbia	25.0	24.7	24.4	24.1	23.8	23.5	23.2	22.9	22.6	22.3
Atlantic Provinces	23.5	23.2	22.9	22.6	22.3	22.0	21.7	21.4	21.1	20.8