

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

# MONTHLY REPORT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN CANADA

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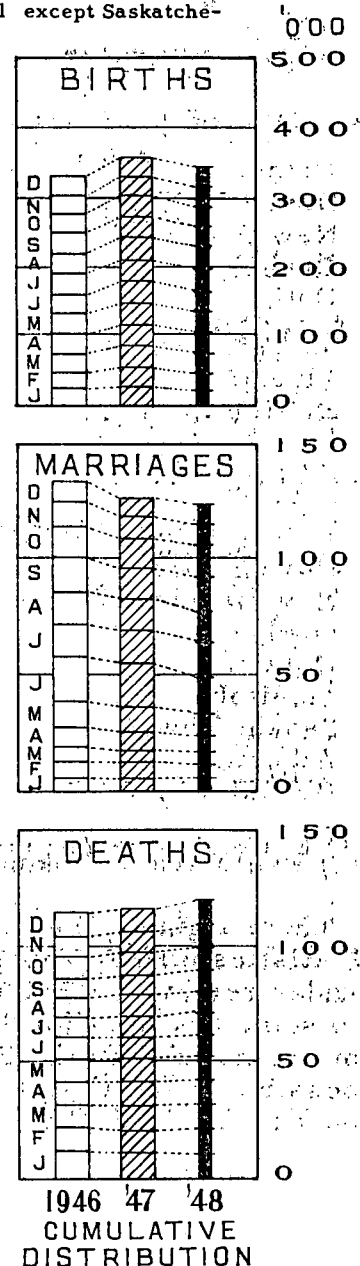
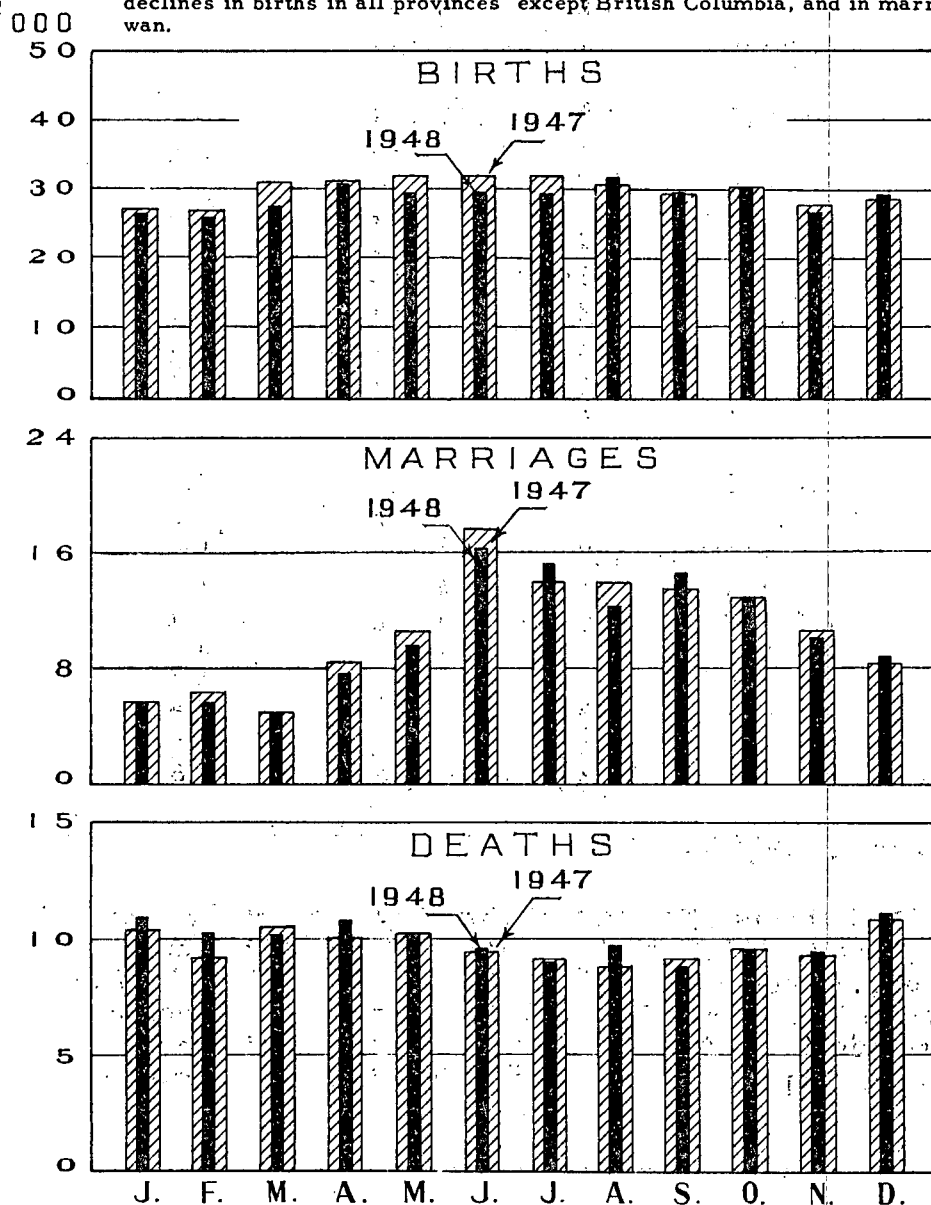
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The numbers of births, marriages and deaths registered during December were 2.7, 6.2 and 1.8 per cent higher respectively than in the same month of 1947. The increases were general in all provinces except Quebec where there were decreases in all events, and in Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan where there were slight decreases in one or other of these events.

A total of 345,689 births, 123,637 marriages and 119,470 deaths were registered during 1948 as compared with 358,155, 127,149 and 116,580 respectively in the previous year, representing declines of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  and 2.8 per cent in births and marriages and an increase of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent in deaths. There were declines in births in all provinces except British Columbia, and in marriages in all except Saskatchewan.





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**TOTAL BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS FILED IN PROVINCIAL VITAL  
STATISTICS OFFICES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1948,  
AND CUMULATIVE TOTALS FOR 1948 AND 1947(1)**

	December		Year to Date (End of December)		P.c. increase (+) or decrease (-)
	1948	1947	1948	1947	
<b>BIRTHS - Total</b>	29,507	28,743	345,689	358,155	- 3.5
Prince Edward Island	246	203	2,837	3,023	- 6.2
Nova Scotia	1,418	1,448	17,721	19,122	- 7.3
New Brunswick	1,538	1,359	17,590	17,790	- 1.1
Quebec	10,567	10,622	112,422	115,147	- 2.4
Ontario	8,705	8,231	105,916	108,748	- 2.6
Manitoba	1,358	1,506	18,630	20,406	- 8.7
Saskatchewan	1,618	1,606	21,310	23,267	- 8.4
Alberta	1,864	1,772	23,085	24,509	- 5.8
British Columbia	2,193	1,996	26,178	26,143	+ 0.1
<b>MARRIAGES - Total</b>	8,751	8,243	123,637	127,149	- 2.8
Prince Edward Island	41	37	630	677	- 6.9
Nova Scotia	475	332	5,063	5,859	- 13.6
New Brunswick	325	316	4,628	5,184	- 10.7
Quebec	2,213	2,496	34,475	35,520	- 2.9
Ontario	2,889	2,519	43,184	44,010	- 1.9
Manitoba	560	462	7,236	7,719	- 6.3
Saskatchewan	470	468	7,992	7,584	+ 5.4
Alberta	710	657	8,733	8,794	- 0.7
British Columbia	1,068	956	11,696	11,802	- 0.9
<b>DEATHS - Total</b>	11,022	10,830	119,470	116,580	+ 2.5
Prince Edward Island	88	86	877	1,020	- 14.0
Nova Scotia	545	530	6,055	5,991	+ 1.1
New Brunswick	427	426	5,020	4,842	+ 3.7
Quebec	3,327	3,907	33,213	33,686	- 1.4
Ontario	3,988	3,492	43,252	41,144	+ 5.1
Manitoba	505	565	6,525	6,777	- 3.7
Saskatchewan	509	512	6,352	6,505	- 2.4
Alberta	556	519	6,778	6,489	+ 4.5
British Columbia	1,077	793	11,398	10,126	+ 12.6

(1) Exclusive of Yukon and Northwest Territories.

These figures are provisional and through the cooperation of the Provincial Vital Statistics offices represent registrations filed in those offices during the month under review, regardless of month of occurrence. For this reason, they will differ to some extent from the total final figures which will be later tabulated by month of occurrence on the basis of residence. Attempt has been made in so far as possible in the initial series of this report to compile the 1947 figures on a comparable basis to those of 1948.