

21.—Infantile Mortality by Sex in the Registration Area, by Principal Causes of Death, 1922 and 1923.

Cause of Death.	1922.			1923.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Premature birth.....	1,660	1,261	2,921	1,724	1,274	2,998
Congenital debility.....	1,154	815	1,969	926	657	1,583
Pneumonia.....	904	670	1,574	969	754	1,723
Bronchitis.....	105	96	201	120	97	217
Congenital malformations.....	506	387	893	489	431	920
Convulsions.....	292	208	500	229	170	399
Whooping cough.....	145	139	284	233	239	472
Injury at birth.....	353	233	586	299	211	510
Gastro-intestinal diseases.....	1,232	948	2,180	972	664	1,636
Communicable diseases.....	381	267	648	502	367	869
Syphilis.....	35	31	66	45	19	64
Meningitis.....	57	42	99	70	33	103
Other diseases.....	1,351	984	2,335	1,326	975	2,301
Total.....	8,175	6,081	14,256	7,904	5,891	13,795
Rate per 1,000 living births.....	97.3	75.9	86.8	98.6	77.6	88.4

Infantile Mortality in Various Countries.—The rate of infantile mortality to living births has been greatly reduced in civilized countries by the recent advances in medical science and in sanitation. The low record is held at the present time by New Zealand, where in 1923 the rate of infantile mortality was only 43.8 per 1,000 living births as compared with 68 in 1905. Queensland, with an infantile mortality rate of 53.9 in 1923, made a remarkable record for a sub-tropical country, while Norway and the Netherlands with rates of 54.3 and 56.9 in the latest available years, were the lowest among European countries.

As showing the improvement in recent years, it may be stated that the rate of infantile mortality in England and Wales has been reduced from 128 per 1,000 living births in 1905 to 69 in 1923, while the rate in Germany has declined from 196 in 1904 to 131.9 in 1923. In the Netherlands, again, the rate has declined from 131 per 1,000 living births in 1905 to 56.9 in 1923. Statistics are given by leading countries in Table 22.

22.—Rate of Infantile Mortality per 1,000 Living Births in Various Countries of the World in Recent Years.

Country.	Year.	Rate of Infant Mortality	Country.	Year.	Rate of Infant Mortality.
New Zealand.....	1923	43.8	Finland.....	1921	93.6
Queensland.....	1923	53.9	Alberta.....	1923	94.5
Norway.....	1921	54.3	France.....	1923	96.1
Western Australia.....	1923	56.2	Nova Scotia.....	1923	97.8
Netherlands.....	1923	56.9	Argentina.....	1915	103.2
Tasmania.....	1922	57.5	New Brunswick.....	1923	106.4
South Australia.....	1923	60.3	Belgium.....	1922	107.0
Australia.....	1923	60.5	Uruguay.....	1921	107.1
New South Wales.....	1923	61.0	Quebec.....	1922	127.8
Sweden.....	1918	64.6	Newfoundland.....	1920	128.7
Victoria.....	1923	65.7	Estonia.....	1922	129.1
Irish Free State.....	1923	65.9	Germany.....	1923	131.9
British Columbia.....	1923	66.8	Prussia.....	1922	134.0
England and Wales.....	1923	69.0	Egypt.....	1922	140.0
United Kingdom.....	1923	70.2	Spain.....	1922	141.0
Switzerland.....	1921	74.0	Serbia.....	1911	146.0
North Ireland.....	1923	75.6	Italy.....	1921	147.5
United States.....	1922	76.0	Bulgaria.....	1911	156.0
Scotland.....	1923	79.0	Japan.....	1922	166.3
Union of South Africa (whites)...	1923	81.8	Jamaica.....	1922	177.0
Ontario.....	1923	84.9	Hungary.....	1923	185.7
Manitoba.....	1923	85.6	Ceylon.....	1922	188.0
Canada (registration area).....	1923	88.4	Austria.....	1921	205.8
Latvia.....	1923	88.4	Rumania.....	1922	207.2
Prince Edward Island.....	1923	88.9	Chile.....	1922	240.2
Denmark.....	1921	91.0	European Russia.....	1909	248.0
Saskatchewan.....	1923	93.4			