

Age Distribution of Decedents.—The numbers of males and females dying in the nine provinces in 1930 and 1931 are given by single years of age up to 5 and by quinquennial age groups from 5 to 90 years and over in Table 21, together with the percentage of deaths occurring in each group in each of these years. In the eight provinces that have been in the registration area since 1921, the number of males under 1 year dying in 1931 was only 16.3 p.c. of the total number of male deaths, as against 23.6 p.c. in 1921, and of females, 14.8 p.c. as against 20.3 p.c. Similarly, deaths under 5 years of age among males fell from 29.8 p.c. of the total number of deaths in 1921 to 19.9 p.c. in 1931 and among females, from 26.5 p.c. number of deaths in 1921 to 19.9 p.c. in 1931 and among females, from 26.5 p.c. to 18.8 p.c.

21.—Distribution of Deaths in Canada by Sex and Certain Age Groups, Numbers and Percentages, 1930-31.

Age Group.	Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.	
	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Under 1 year.....	12,284	11,067	9,458	8,693	20.8	20.7	18.8	18.1
1 year.....	1,569	1,418	1,397	1,260	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.6
2 years.....	781	648	630	532	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.1
3 years.....	544	471	440	421	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
4 years.....	424	312	383	320	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7
Totals, under 5 years.....	15,602	14,511	12,308	11,226	26.4	25.7	24.5	23.4
5-9 years.....	1,483	1,239	1,132	968	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.0
10-14 years.....	926	820	862	806	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7
15-19 years.....	1,436	1,309	1,397	1,132	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.4
20-24 years.....	1,663	1,500	1,549	1,453	2.8	2.7	3.1	3.0
25-29 years.....	1,486	1,386	1,526	1,414	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.8
30-34 years.....	1,349	1,299	1,393	1,432	2.3	2.3	2.8	3.0
35-39 years.....	1,637	1,509	1,585	1,574	2.8	2.7	3.2	3.3
40-44 years.....	1,970	1,855	1,754	1,493	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.1
45-49 years.....	2,410	2,310	1,840	1,738	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.6
50-54 years.....	2,797	2,851	2,012	1,993	4.7	5.0	4.0	4.2
55-59 years.....	3,038	3,052	2,284	2,245	5.1	5.4	4.6	4.7
60-64 years.....	3,546	3,577	2,735	2,854	6.0	6.3	5.4	5.9
65-69 years.....	4,372	4,241	3,533	3,346	7.4	7.5	7.0	7.0
70-74 years.....	4,941	4,858	4,034	4,070	8.4	8.6	8.0	8.5
75-79 years.....	4,482	4,359	3,875	4,028	7.6	7.7	7.7	8.4
80-89 years.....	5,062	4,993	5,279	5,189	8.6	8.8	10.5	10.8
90 years and over.....	832	759	1,091	1,023	1.4	1.3	2.2	2.1
Stated ages.....	59,032	56,458	50,189	47,978	-	-	-	-
Ages not stated.....	77	71	8	10	-	-	-	-
Totals, All Ages.....	59,109	56,529	50,197	47,988	-	-	-	-

The quartile and decile ages of decedents for the years 1928-30 are given for each sex and for the two sexes combined in Table 22. The fifth decile and second quartile (or the median) both mark the middle points of the arrays, and the deciles, dividing each half into five groups, give a more detailed picture of the age distribution in each half than do the quartiles. An examination of the arrays over the three-year period shows that both the quartile and decile distributions have been singularly free from irregularity. This was true in all three categories of males, females, and both sexes.