

38.—Maternal Deaths in each Province, by Causes of Death, 1934.

Cause of Death.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada. ¹
Abortion with septic conditions..	-	4	6	31	46	9	9	14	10	129
(a) Abortion.....	-	3	5	27	31	8	8	11	8	101
(b) Self-induced abortion.....	-	1	1	4	15	1	1	3	2	28
Abortion without mention of sep- tic conditions (hæmorrhage included).....	1	5	-	12	9	2	3	4	4	40
(a) Abortion.....	1	3	-	11	9	2	1	3	4	34
(b) Self-induced abortion.....	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	6
Ectopic gestation.....	-	2	1	20	17	1	3	5	4	53
(a) With septic conditions.....	-	1	1	13	3	-	-	2	-	20
(b) Without mention of septic conditions.....	-	1	-	7	14	1	3	3	4	33
Other accidents of pregnancy (hæmorrhage excluded).....	-	-	-	3	7	-	2	-	-	12
Puerperal hæmorrhage.....	2	7	10	67	47	8	12	10	5	168
(a) Placenta prævia.....	1	4	2	25	18	3	5	1	2	61
(b) Other hæmorrhages.....	1	3	8	42	29	5	7	9	3	107
Puerperal septicæmia (not speci- fied as due to abortion)....	3	16	14	117	69	6	21	17	9	272
(a) Puerperal septicæmia and pyæmia.....	3	16	14	116	68	6	21	17	9	270
(b) Puerperal tetanus.....	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal albuminuria and ec- lampsia.....	2	21	11	71	70	6	14	8	6	209
Other toxæmias of pregnancy.....	1	2	2	17	15	4	4	4	2	51
Puerperal phlegmasia alba dolens, embolism or sudden death (not specified as septic).....	-	2	3	22	34	6	6	10	5	88
(a) Phlegmasia alba dolens and thrombosis.....	-	1	-	5	8	-	-	2	4	20
(b) Embolism.....	-	-	3	5	22	4	6	5	1	46
(c) Sudden death.....	-	1	-	12	4	2	-	3	-	22
Other accidents of childbirth.....	1	12	5	57	34	9	10	8	3	139
(a) Cæsarian operation.....	1	3	2	4	12	2	-	1	-	25
(b) Other surgical operations and instrumental delivery	-	-	-	4	8	1	2	4	-	19
(c) Dystocia.....	-	3	1	24	4	2	1	-	1	36
(d) Rupture of uterus in par- turation.....	-	1	-	6	3	-	1	2	-	13
(e) Others under this title.....	-	5	2	19	7	4	6	1	2	46
Other or unspecified conditions of the puerperal state.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	2	6
(a) Puerperal diseases of the breast.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
(b) Others under this title.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	5
Totals.....	10	71	52	418	348	51	86	81	50	1,167

¹Exclusive of Yukon and Northwest Territories.

As compared with the previous year, the number of maternal deaths shows an increase of 56 or nearly 5 p.c., but the decrease from 1930 is nearly 17 p.c. The provinces in which the increases occurred were Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. By far the most serious causes of maternal mortality are puerperal septicæmia and puerperal albuminuria and eclampsia. Deaths from these causes increased from 582 in 1933 to 630 in 1934, or by nearly 8 p.c., although births in the same period declined by 1 p.c.