

Infantile Mortality in Various Countries.—The rate of infantile mortality to live 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 1934 the rate of infantile mortality was only 32 per 1,000 live births as compared with 68 in 1905. Norway, The Netherlands, Switzerland, and Sweden, with rates of 39, 43, 46, and 47 in their latest available year (1934), are 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 live births in 1905 to 59 in 1934, while the rate in Germany has declined from 196 in 1904 to 66 in 1934. In the Netherlands, again, the rate has declined from 131 per 1,000 live births in 1905 to 43 in 1934. Statistics are given in Table 27 by leading countries and by provinces.

27.—Infantile Mortality per 1,000 Live Births in Various Countries of the World and Provinces of Canada in Recent Years.

Country.	Year.	Rate of Infantile Mortality.	Country or Province.	Year.	Rate of Infantile Mortality.
Country—			Country—concluded.		
New Zealand.....	1934	32	Spain.....	1933	112
Norway.....	1934	39	Japan.....	1934	125
Netherlands.....	1934	43	Czechoslovakia.....	1934	128
Australia.....	1934	44	Jamaica.....	1934	131
Switzerland.....	1934	46	Costa Rica.....	1934	136
Sweden.....	1934	47	Salvador.....	1933	140
Iceland.....	1934	52	Bulgaria.....	1933	146
England and Wales.....	1934	59	Hungary.....	1934	148
United States (reg. area).....	1934	60	Palestine.....	1934	158
Union of South Africa (Whites).....	1934	61	Egypt.....	1934	166
British Isles.....	1934	62	Lithuania.....	1934	166
Irish Free State.....	1934	63	Ceylon.....	1934	173
Denmark.....	1934	64	Roumania.....	1933	174
Germany.....	1934	66	Straits Settlements.....	1934	175
France.....	1934	69	British India.....	1934	187
Northern Ireland.....	1934	70	Chile.....	1934	262
Canada.....	1935	71			
Finland.....	1934	73	Provinces of Canada—		
Scotland.....	1934	78	British Columbia.....	1935	46
Belgium.....	1934	82	Ontario.....	1935	56
Estonia.....	1934	91	Alberta.....	1935	58
Austria.....	1933	93	Saskatchewan.....	1935	61
Latvia.....	1934	95	Manitoba.....	1935	63
Panama.....	1934	95	Nova Scotia.....	1935	72
Uruguay.....	1934	96	Prince Edward Island.....	1935	72
Italy.....	1934	99	New Brunswick.....	1935	83
Newfoundland.....	1934	105	Quebec.....	1935	92
Greece.....	1934	112			

Infantile Mortality in Certain Cities of the World.—It is one of the greatest triumphs of our time that city life is in our day, if not as healthy, yet not necessarily more dangerous to human, especially to infant, life than the average living conditions in the country as a whole.

To give particular examples, the rate of infantile mortality in New York was 52 per 1,000 live births in 1934, as against a rate of 60 per 1,000 for the birth registration area of the United States. In the same year, Berlin had an infantile mortality rate of 59 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 66 for Germany. On the other hand, Paris had a rate of 76 in 1934, compared with a rate of 69 for France in the same year, and London a rate of 67 compared with 59 for England and Wales.

In Canada, Montreal had, in 1934, an infantile mortality of 89 per 1,000 live births as compared with 92 for the province of Quebec. Toronto had, in 1934, an infantile mortality rate of 49 per 1,000 live births as against 56 for the province