

25.—Proportion per 1,000 Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age Occurring at each Age Period, 1935-36.

Age at Death.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada. ¹
1935.										
Under 1 month.....	497	494	438	427	604	501	513	549	539	492
Under 1 day.....	131	165	149	122	249	204	179	215	220	171
1 day and under 1 week.....	221	205	180	157	226	177	164	191	226	182
1 week and under 2 weeks.....	69	61	50	66	55	41	70	53	35	60
2 weeks and under 3 weeks.....	41	27	29	41	40	38	56	41	28	40
3 weeks and under 1 month.....	34	36	30	41	34	41	44	49	30	39
1 month and under 2 months.....	103	113	110	115	79	96	107	82	63	102
2 months and under 3 months....	110	93	85	94	60	67	80	85	72	82
3 months and under 4 months....	55	82	64	67	49	61	64	57	59	62
4 months and under 5 months....	41	50	51	51	37	45	40	49	52	47
5 months and under 6 months....	69	41	51	49	33	45	41	31	30	43
6 months and under 7 months....	28	29	52	41	27	48	24	25	54	36
7 months and under 8 months....	21	27	30	37	30	32	34	31	28	33
8 months and under 9 months....	14	26	25	32	21	30	27	26	35	28
9 months and under 10 months...	14	23	38	34	23	27	24	18	30	29
10 months and under 11 months...	28	17	35	28	20	22	29	19	28	25
11 months and under 1 year.....	21	5	22	23	18	26	14	28	9	20
Totals.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1936.										
Under 1 month.....	540	472	511	480	566	489	527	496	484	507
Under 1 day.....	204	150	165	142	239	198	189	186	200	178
1 day and under 1 week.....	197	207	228	180	215	200	182	178	198	194
1 week and under 2 weeks.....	66	51	53	73	50	45	68	48	41	61
2 weeks and under 3 weeks.....	22	27	36	46	34	17	44	50	22	39
3 weeks and under 1 month.....	51	37	29	40	28	30	45	34	24	35
1 month and under 2 months.....	117	109	96	110	83	76	79	82	95	97
2 months and under 3 months....	95	104	98	86	69	62	87	84	60	82
3 months and under 4 months....	36	77	57	62	56	59	62	63	69	61
4 months and under 5 months....	58	63	40	50	46	59	45	54	56	50
5 months and under 6 months....	51	42	32	40	34	54	38	47	32	39
6 months and under 7 months....	7	32	38	42	29	35	32	35	37	36
7 months and under 8 months....	36	19	17	32	31	40	33	31	43	31
8 months and under 9 months....	15	17	36	27	28	37	28	34	26	28
9 months and under 10 months...	15	24	29	27	21	28	27	31	30	26
10 months and under 11 months...	15	26	29	21	20	32	27	23	32	23
11 months and under 1 year.....	15	15	17	21	17	30	15	20	37	20
Totals.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

Infantile Mortality in Canadian Cities and Towns.—Table 26 shows for the cities and towns of 10,000 population and over, the numbers of infant deaths and the death rates per 1,000 live births for the years 1934-36. But a very low rate for any particular year means little since wide fluctuations from year to year are the rule. Moreover, since maternity hospitals in many urban centres draw patients from surrounding districts, the rates based on place of occurrence, shown in Table 26, are often quite different from rates based on place of residence. This is illustrated particularly in the case of Westmount, where the number of infant deaths under one year by place of occurrence in 1936 was 29 compared with 9 by place of residence. Vancouver, B.C., has a splendid record among the large cities over the three years. Three Rivers, Westmount, Sorel, Glace Bay, Joliette, and Quebec city have all rates of over 100 for 1936, and most of them have high rates over the three-year period. Apart from Vancouver, already mentioned, among the large cities Montreal has recorded steady improvement over the period and Winnipeg and Toronto have very low rates and good records.

The infantile mortality in the cities of Canada has been greatly reduced in the years since the inauguration of Dominion vital statistics. Thus the rate for Toronto has fallen from 90 in 1921 to 51 in 1936, that for Winnipeg from 78 to 39, for Vancouver from 56 to 33, for Hamilton from 88 to 42, for Ottawa from 130 to 88, for London from 92 to 55, for Edmonton from 89 to 41, for Halifax from 135 to 59, for Saint John from 147 to 69. Altogether, in the 13 cities of 40,000 population and over in the former registration area of Canada, there were 41,923 live births in 1921