

**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 1936 the rate of infantile mortality was only 31 per 1,000 live births as compared with 68 in 1905. The Netherlands, Australia, Norway, and Sweden, with rates of 39, 41, 42, and 43 in their latest available year (1936) were next in respect of low infantile mortality.

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 1936, while the rate in Germany has declined from 196 in 1904 to 66 in 1936. In the Netherlands, again, the rate has declined from 131 per 1,000 live births in 1905 to 39 in 1936. 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 or Province.	Year.	Rate of Infantile Mortality.	Country.	Year.	Rate of Infantile Mortality.
New Zealand.....	1936	31	Latvia.....	1936	80
Netherlands.....	1936	39	Scotland.....	1936	82
Australia.....	1936	41	Belgium.....	1936	86
Norway.....	1936	42	Estonia.....	1936	89
Sweden.....	1936	43	Austria.....	1936	93
Iceland.....	1936	47	Panama.....	1934	95
Switzerland.....	1936	47	Uruguay.....	1934	96
United States (reg. area).....	1936	57	Italy.....	1936	100
England and Wales.....	1936	59	Spain.....	1935	109
Union of South Africa (Whites).....	1936	59	Greece.....	1935	113
British Isles.....	1936	63	Newfoundland and Labrador.....	1936	113
Finland.....	1936	66	Japan.....	1936	117
Germany.....	1936	66	Palestine.....	1936	122
Denmark.....	1936	67	Czechoslovakia.....	1936	124
France.....	1936	67	Lithuania.....	1936	128
Irish Free State.....	1936	74	Jamaica.....	1936	130
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>1937</b>	<b>76</b>	Salvador.....	1935	132
Ontario.....	1937	55	Hungary.....	1936	139
British Columbia.....	1937	56	Poland.....	1936	141
Alberta.....	1937	63	Bulgaria.....	1936	144
Manitoba.....	1937	64	Costa Rica.....	1936	153
Saskatchewan.....	1937	67	British India.....	1936	162
Nova Scotia.....	1937	70	Egypt.....	1936	164
Prince Edward Island.....	1937	73	Ceylon.....	1936	166
Quebec.....	1937	100	Straits Settlements.....	1936	171
New Brunswick.....	1937	101	Roumania.....	1936	175
Northern Ireland.....	1936	77	Chile.....	1936	252

**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.