

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 1937 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 38, 38, 42, and 46 in their latest available year (1937) were next in respect of low infantile mortality (with the exception of Iceland).

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 58 in 1937, while the rate in Germany has declined from 196 in 1904 to 64 in 1937. In the Netherlands, again, the rate has declined from 131 per 1,000 live births in 1905 to 38 in 1937.

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

Country or Province.	Year.	Rate of Infantile Mortality.	Country.	Year.	Rate of Infantile Mortality.
New Zealand.....	1937	31	Scotland.....	1937	80
Iceland.....	1937	32	Latvia.....	1937	85
Australia.....	1938	38	Belgium.....	1936	86
Netherlands.....	1937	38	Austria.....	1937	90
Sweden.....	1938	41	Estonia.....	1937	91
Norway.....	1937	42	Uruguay.....	1936	92
Switzerland.....	1937	47	Panama.....	1934	95
United States (reg. area).....	1938	51	Japan.....	1937	106
Union of South Africa (whites)...	1937	57	Italy.....	1937	109
England and Wales.....	1937	58	Spain.....	1935	109
Denmark.....	1938	59	Palestine.....	1938	112
British Isles.....	1937	62	Jamaica.....	1937	119
Canada.....	1938	63	Lithuania.....	1937	120
British Columbia.....	1938	45	Salvador.....	1936	120
Ontario.....	1938	49	Czechoslovakia.....	1937	122
Alberta.....	1938	51	Greece.....	1937	122
Saskatchewan.....	1938	52	Newfoundland and Labrador...	1937	123
Manitoba.....	1938	56	Hungary.....	1937	134
Prince Edward Island.....	1938	58	Poland.....	1937	136
Nova Scotia.....	1938	62	Costa Rica.....	1937	142
New Brunswick.....	1938	75	Bulgaria.....	1937	150
Quebec.....	1938	83	Straits Settlements.....	1937	156
Germany.....	1937	64	Ceylon.....	1938	161
France.....	1937	65	British India.....	1937	162
Finland.....	1937	69	Egypt.....	1937	165
Ireland (Eire).....	1937	73	Roumania.....	1937	178
Northern Ireland.....	1937	77	Chile.....	1937	241

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.