

Infantile Mortality in Canadian Cities and Towns.—In interpreting the statistics of Table 26, it should be observed that 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 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 1939 was 25, compared with 8 by place of residence. Vancouver has a splendid record among the large cities over the three years. Sorel, Three Rivers, Quebec City, and Hull have all rates of over 100 for 1938, 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.

26.—Deaths and Death Rates of Children Under One Year of Age (Exclusive of Stillbirths) in Cities and Towns of 10,000 or Over, by Place of Residence, 1937-39, with Averages, by Place of Occurrence, 1926-30 and 1931-35

City or Town	Infant Deaths					Rates per 1,000 Live Births				
	Average 1926-30	Average 1931-35	1937	1938	1939	Average 1926-30	Average 1931-35	1937	1938	1939
Belleville, Ont.....	27	20	10	10	16	72	53	46	38	63
Brandon, Man.....	26	18	5	13	10	67	59	26	71	48
Brantford, Ont.....	52	34	23	25	29	76	54	44	50	57
Calgary, Alta.....	113	74	44	39	41	62	44	36	32	33
Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	30	26	28	14	29	105	72	109	51	98
Chatham, Ont.....	38	33	15	22	15	78	68	50	64	45
Chicoutimi, Que.....	72	57	48	45	44	129	112	95	83	85
Cornwall, Ont.....	48	38	38	21	26	102	79	89	50	60
Edmonton, Alta.....	140	109	72	64	56	66	49	46	39	34
Fort William, Ont.....	46	32	15	17	16	73	57	36	39	36
Galt, Ont.....	16	15	3	13	7	57	51	13	52	32
Glace Bay, N.S.....	85	69	83	58	70	127	98	129	78	95
Granby, Que.....	29	28	17	22	25	96	79	54	67	73
Guelph, Ont.....	23	20	15	12	22	59	57	41	29	59
Halifax, N.S.....	127	119	91	85	74	87	73	70	66	58
Hamilton, Ont.....	200	167	91	94	75	66	56	38	37	31
Hull, Que.....	132	102	96	78	90	132	117	118	97	108
Joliette, Que.....	52	35	28	24	25	149	106	102	85	84
Kingston, Ont.....	59	38	21	31	31	99	58	45	64	62
Kitchener, Ont.....	43	35	25	29	19	58	47	44	50	34
Lachine, Que.....	49	29	24	16	20	111	73	66	41	64
Lethbridge, Alta.....	33	34	14	17	4	76	64	58	76	16
Lévis, Que.....	37	25	22	20	12	120	96	98	95	60
London, Ont.....	91	77	37	37	47	66	56	33	31	38
Moncton, N.B.....	40	24	31	23	21	76	49	83	60	50
Montreal, Que.....	2,735	1,862	1,489	1,270	1,179	135	98	87	75	71
Moose Jaw, Sask.....	39	24	21	12	8	62	52	63	37	27
New Westminster, B.C.....	27	24	13	11	10	51	43	38	28	25
Niagara Falls, Ont.....	31	21	10	14	13	66	50	32	40	42
North Bay, Ont.....	35	23	20	18	10	85	59	67	54	30
Oshawa, Ont.....	53	29	29	26	15	83	55	59	52	33
Ottawa, Ont.....	327	257	202	149	129	110	87	84	60	54
Outremont, Que.....	8	5	6	3	5	65	53	34	15	24
Owen Sound, Ont.....	15	16	10	11	12	46	50	40	42	47
Peterborough, Ont.....	39	35	20	22	26	67	61	41	42	52
Port Arthur, Ont.....	45	24	17	26	27	83	47	46	60	71
Prince Albert, Sask.....	34	27	14	15	13	102	68	57	65	55
Quebec, Que.....	727	538	530	450	415	166	130	139	121	108
Regina, Sask.....	92	61	48	37	44	67	48	51	40	46
St. Boniface, Man.....	59	46	11	7	8	70	43	41	25	28
St. Catharines, Ont.....	40	27	9	17	17	67	46	22	39	33
St. Hyacinthe, Que.....	55	42	36	28	27	166	119	93	74	75
St. Jean, Que.....	26	19	14	17	15	79	64	52	62	53
St. Thomas, Ont.....	20	16	7	15	4	60	54	39	63	16
Saint John, N.B.....	113	91	66	60	49	99	76	69	65	50
Sarnia, Ont.....	32	22	16	15	13	74	53	52	41	38
Saskatoon, Sask.....	86	48	26	23	10	81	50	47	43	19
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.....	42	25	29	27	24	69	44	70	52	48
Shawinigan Falls, Que.....	103	53	47	37	34	157	93	98	72	64
Sherbrooke, Que.....	77	61	44	47	39	97	81	67	68	55
Sorel, Que.....	56	36	29	33	38	187	136	123	136	160
Stratford, Ont.....	21	19	15	14	12	55	56	64	56	54