

Infantile Mortality in Certain Cities of the World.—It is one of the greatest triumphs of our time that city life is, 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 38 per 1,000 live births in 1939, as against a rate of 57 per 1,000 for the birth registration area of the United States. In 1937, Berlin had an infantile mortality rate of 61 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 65 for Germany; Paris had a rate of 59 in 1937, compared with a rate of 65 for France and, in 1938, London had a rate of 50 compared with 53 for England and Wales.

In Canada, Montreal had, in 1939, an infantile mortality of 70 per 1,000 live births as compared with 78 for the Province of Quebec. Toronto had, in 1939, an infantile mortality rate of 43 per 1,000 live births as against 46 for the Province of Ontario, while Winnipeg and Vancouver had much lower infantile mortality rates than their respective provinces. Over a number of years both Vancouver and Victoria have shown two of the lowest infantile mortality rates in the world.

28.—Infantile Mortality per 1,000 Live Births in Certain Cities of the World in 1938

City	Country	Rate of Infantile Mortality	City	Country	Rate of Infantile Mortality
Oslo.....	Norway.....	25 ¹	Sheffield.....	England.....	50
Victoria.....	Canada.....	29	Frankfort-on-		
Calgary.....	Canada.....	30	Main.....	Germany.....	51 ²
Adelaide.....	Australia.....	31 ¹	Copenhagen.....	Denmark.....	53 ¹
Amsterdam.....	Netherlands.....	32 ¹	Johannesburg....	Union of South Africa	56
Vancouver.....	Canada.....	33	Hamburg.....	Germany.....	56 ¹
Chicago.....	United States.....	34	Leipzig.....	Germany.....	56 ²
Stockholm.....	Sweden.....	34 ¹	Moncton.....	Canada.....	59
Auckland.....	New Zealand.....	35	Paris.....	France.....	59 ¹
Windsor.....	Canada.....	36	Breslau.....	Germany.....	60 ¹
Hamilton.....	Canada.....	37	Berlin.....	Germany.....	61 ¹
Melbourne.....	Australia.....	37 ¹	Birmingham....	England.....	61
Winnipeg.....	Canada.....	37	Edinburgh.....	Scotland.....	61
Saskatoon.....	Canada.....	37	Ottawa.....	Canada.....	61
New York.....	United States.....	38	Saint John.....	Canada.....	62
Wellington.....	New Zealand.....	38	Halifax.....	Canada.....	63
Sydney.....	Australia.....	39 ¹	Antwerp.....	Belgium.....	66 ¹
Brisbane.....	Australia.....	40 ¹	Cologne.....	Germany.....	66 ¹
Edmonton.....	Canada.....	40	Munich.....	Germany.....	66 ¹
Regina.....	Canada.....	41	Manchester.....	England.....	69
Perth.....	Australia.....	42 ¹	Verdun.....	Canada.....	69
Capetown.....	Union of South Africa	44	Montreal.....	Canada.....	73
Hobart.....	Tasmania.....	45 ¹	Liverpool.....	England.....	74
London.....	Canada.....	45	Cork.....	Ireland (Eire).....	76
Dresden.....	Germany.....	48 ¹	Glasgow.....	Scotland.....	87
Toronto.....	Canada.....	48	Brandon.....	Canada.....	95
Washington.....	United States.....	48	Quebec.....	Canada.....	122
London.....	England.....	50	Bombay.....	India.....	161 ¹
			Madras.....	British India.....	170 ¹

¹ 1937 rate.

² 1936 rate.

Subsection 3.—Maternal Mortality

Of cognate interest with infantile mortality is the important subject of maternal mortality arising out of pregnancy and child-birth. This maternal mortality is shown by Tables 29 and 30 to be at its lowest among mothers under twenty-five years of age.