



Infant 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 1940 was 10, compared with 3 by place of residence. Among the large cities, Vancouver has a splendid record, Montreal has shown steady improvement and Winnipeg and Toronto have very low rates and good records. Sorel, Three Rivers, Quebec city and Hull all have rates of over 100 for 1940, and most of them have high rates over the whole period.

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, 1939 and 1940, with Five-Year Averages, 1926-40, by Place of Occurrence.

City or Town	Infant Deaths					Rates per 1,000 Live Births				
	Av. 1926-30	Av. 1931-35	Av. 1936-40	1939	1940	Av. 1926-30	Av. 1931-35	Av. 1936-40	1939	1940
Belleville, Ont.....	27	20	28	16	11	72	53	59	63	41
Brandon, Man.....	26	18	16	10	10	67	59	58	48	41
Brantford, Ont.....	52	34	31	29	18	76	54	50	57	31
Calgary, Alta.....	113	74	63	41	54	62	44	37	33	37
Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	30	26	32	29	23	105	72	73	98	71
Chatham, Ont.....	38	33	38	15	19	78	68	52	45	52
Chicoutimi, Que.....	72	57	50	44	41	129	112	91	85	68