

in their latest available years 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 50 in 1939, 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 in the Provinces of Canada in Recent Years.**

Country or Province	Year	Rate of Infantile Mortality	Country	Year	Rate of Infantile Mortality
New Zealand.....	1939	31	Scotland.....	1939	69
Iceland.....	1937	32	Northern Ireland.....	1939	70
Australia.....	1939	38	Belgium.....	1937	83
Netherlands.....	1937	38	Austria.....	1937	90
Sweden.....	1938	41	Estonia.....	1937	91
Norway.....	1937	42	Uruguay.....	1936	92
Switzerland.....	1939	43	Newfoundland and Labrador..	1938	93
United States (reg. area).....	1940	47	Panama.....	1934	95
Union of South Africa (Whites)...	1939	50	Greece.....	1938	99
England and Wales.....	1939	50	Italy.....	1938	106
British Isles.....	1939	54	Japan.....	1937	106
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>1940</b>	<b>56</b>	Spain.....	1935	109
Prince Edward Island.....	1940	65	Palestine.....	1938	112
Nova Scotia.....	1940	62	Jamaica.....	1937	119
New Brunswick.....	1940	80	Salvador.....	1936	120
Quebec.....	1940	70	Czechoslovakia.....	1937	122
Ontario.....	1940	43	Lithuania.....	1939	122
Manitoba.....	1940	51	Hungary.....	1937	134
Saskatchewan.....	1940	51	Poland.....	1937	136
Alberta.....	1940	48	Costa Rica.....	1937	142
British Columbia.....	1940	38	Bulgaria.....	1937	150
Denmark.....	1938	59	Straits Settlements.....	1937	156
Germany.....	1937	64	Ceylon.....	1938	161
France.....	1938	65	Egypt.....	1937	165
Eire.....	1940	65	British India.....	1938	167
Latvia.....	1938	68	Roumania.....	1937	178
Finland.....	1937	69	Chile.....	1938	236

**Infantile Mortality in Certain Cities of the World.**—It is one of the greatest triumphs of our time that city life has, if not as healthful, yet not necessarily a more harmful effect on human, especially on infant, life than the average living conditions in the country as a whole.

To give particular examples, the rate of infantile mortality for New York was 35 per 1,000 live births in 1940, as against a rate of 47 per 1,000 for the birth registration area of the United States. For 1937, Berlin had an infantile mortality rate of 61 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 64 for Germany; Paris had a rate of 66 in 1938, 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, for 1940, an infantile mortality of 58 per 1,000 live births as compared with 70 for the Province of Quebec. Toronto had, in 1940, an infantile mortality rate of 38 per 1,000 live births as against 43 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.