

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

(Sources: League of Nations Statistical Year Book 1941-42 and Population Index, July, 1943)

Country or Province	Year	Rate of Infant Mortality	Country	Year	Rate of Infant Mortality
Iceland.....	1938	28	Denmark.....	1941	55 <sup>1</sup>
New Zealand.....	1942	29	Scotland.....	1942	65 <sup>1</sup>
Sweden.....	1941	37	Germany (territory of 1937).....	1942	66 <sup>1</sup>
Norway.....	1939	37	Eire.....	1942	68
Switzerland.....	1942	38 <sup>1</sup>	France (excl. Alsace-Lorraine).....	1942	70 <sup>1</sup>
Australia.....	1942	40	Latvia.....	1939	70
Netherlands.....	1942	40	Austria.....	1940	72 <sup>1</sup>
United States.....	1942	40	Northern Ireland.....	1942	76
England and Wales.....	1942	49 <sup>1</sup>	Estonia.....	1938	77
Union of South Africa.....	1941	52 <sup>1</sup>	Belgium.....	1942	78 <sup>1</sup>
British Isles.....	1942	54 <sup>1</sup>	Uruguay.....	1940	86
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>1942</b>	<b>54</b>	Finland.....	1940	88
British Columbia.....	1941	60	Newfoundland and Labrador.....	1938	93
Alberta.....	1942	35	Panama.....	1934	95
Ontario.....	1941	37	Czechoslovakia.....	1942	98 <sup>1</sup>
Saskatchewan.....	1942	43	Greece.....	1938	99
Prince Edward Island.....	1941	51	Salvador.....	1941	105 <sup>1</sup>
Manitoba.....	1942	40	Italy.....	1942	108 <sup>1</sup>
Nova Scotia.....	1941	46	Japan.....	1938	114
Quebec.....	1942	43	Palestine.....	1941	116
New Brunswick.....	1941	51	Ceylon.....	1942	120
	1942	50	Lithuania.....	1939	122
	1941	80	Costa Rica.....	1941	123
	1942	51	Bulgaria.....	1942	127 <sup>1</sup>
	1941	53	Jamaica.....	1938	129
	1942	58	Hungary <sup>2</sup> .....	1942	134 <sup>1</sup>
	1941	65	Poland.....	1938	140
	1942	70	Spain.....	1941	143
	1941	76	Straits Settlements.....	1940	144 <sup>1</sup>
	1942	77	British India.....	1939	156
	1941	76	Egypt.....	1940	163 <sup>1</sup>
			Roumania.....	1940	189
			Chile.....	1941	200 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional or approximate figures.

<sup>2</sup> Within the boundaries of the Treaty of Trianon.

**Infant Mortality in Certain Cities of the World.**—One of the greatest triumphs of medicine and public health of modern times has been the reduction of infant mortality in the metropolitan areas of the world.

To give particular examples, the rate of infant mortality for New York was 29 per 1,000 births in 1942, as against a rate of 40 per 1,000 for the Birth Registration Area of the United States. For 1938, Berlin had an infant mortality rate of 58 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 60 for Germany; Paris had a rate of 61 in 1939, compared with a rate of 63 for France and, in 1942, London had a rate of 51 compared with 49 for England and Wales.

In Canada, in 1941 and 1942 Montreal had infant mortality rates of 66 and 54 per 1,000 live births, respectively, as compared with 76 and 70 for the Province of Quebec. Toronto, in 1941 and 1942, had infant mortality rates of 37 and 35 as against 46 and 40 for the Province of Ontario, while Winnipeg and Vancouver had much lower infant mortality rates than their respective provinces. Since 1921 Vancouver and Victoria have recorded two of the lowest rates of infant mortality in the world.

**Subsection 3.—Maternal Mortality**

Closely allied with infant mortality are those deaths accidental in character which occur among our Canadian mothers during the period of childbirth. This maternal mortality is shown in Table 25 to be the lowest among mothers under 25 years of age and highest from 30 to 39 years of age. It will be seen in the chart facing p. 174 that there is very little variation between the age groups 25-29 years, 30-34 years and 35-39 years and that roughly 65 p.c. of all maternal deaths are to be found within these three age groups.