

Crude Death Rates of Different Countries.—Of the countries shown in Table 21, Uruguay, the Netherlands, the Union of South Africa (Whites) and Denmark are the only ones with death rates under 10.0 per 1,000 population. The rate for Canada in 1943 was 10.1. The low death rates in the Prairie Provinces, to a great extent, are responsible for the low death rate for Canada. This is due, for the most part, to a favourable age distribution of population in all three provinces.

21.—Crude Death Rates of Various Countries and of the Provinces of Canada in Recent Years

(Sources: League of Nations Year Book and other official sources. In certain cases final figures are not available and provisional data are shown.)

Country or Province	Year	Crude Death Rate	Country	Year	Crude Death Rate
Uruguay.....	1942	9.4	England and Wales.....	1943	12.1
Netherlands.....	1942	9.5	Newfoundland and Labrador.....	1938	12.1
Union of South Africa (Whites).....	1941	9.6	Germany (Greater Reich).....	1943	12.5
Denmark.....	1943	9.6	Bulgaria.....	1942	12.8
Iceland.....	1940	10.0	Greece.....	1939	13.0
Canada.....	1943	10.1	Scotland.....	1943	13.3
Saskatchewan.....	1942	9.7	Northern Ireland.....	1943	13.4
Alberta.....	1943	7.9	Belgium.....	1943	13.4
Manitoba.....	1942	7.3	Panama.....	1943	13.7
Prince Edward Island.....	1943	8.2	Poland.....	1938	13.8
Quebec.....	1942	7.8	Italy.....	1942	14.1
Ontario.....	1943	9.7	Jamaica.....	1943	14.3
New Brunswick.....	1942	8.9	Hungary ¹	1942	14.6
Nova Scotia.....	1943	10.0	Eire.....	1943	14.7
British Columbia.....	1942	10.7	Palestine.....	1943	14.8
Sweden.....	1943	10.1	Spain.....	1942	14.8
Lithuania.....	1941	10.0	Austria.....	1940	15.0
Australia.....	1943	10.5	Czechoslovakia—		
Norway.....	1941	10.1	Slovakia.....	1942	15.2
New Zealand.....	1943	10.6	Sudeten Territory.....	1941	13.7
United States.....	1943	11.1	Bohemia Moravia.....	1943	13.7
Switzerland.....	1943	12.1	Japan.....	1941	15.4
British Isles.....	1943	12.1	France (excl. Alsace-Lorraine).....	1943	16.5
			Latvia.....	1941	17.3
			Ceylon.....	1942	18.6
			Roumania.....	1942	19.5
			Costa Rica.....	1942	19.7
			Chile.....	1943	19.8
			Finland.....	1940	20.0
			Salvador.....	1943	20.4
			Strait Settlements.....	1940	21.2
			British India.....	1940	21.7
			Estonia.....	1941	23.3
			Egypt.....	1940	26.5

¹ Within the boundaries of the Treaty of Trianon.

Subsection 2.—Infant Mortality

In recent years a great part of the energy designed to effect a decline in the general death rate has been directed at infant mortality and with a large measure of success. That Dominion, provincial and municipal health authorities, together with the private welfare agencies, have all taken part in the struggle to reduce infant mortality is reflected in the figures for the period 1921 to 1943, which show a fairly constant improvement each year. In fact any fluctuations in the general downward trend have been caused by the presence of epidemic diseases. In 1921