

In Canada, in 1941, 1942 and 1943 Montreal had infant mortality rates of 66, 54 and 61 per 1,000 live births, respectively, as compared with 76, 70 and 67 for the Province of Quebec. Toronto, in 1941, 1942 and 1943, had infant mortality rates of 37, 35 and 37, as against 46, 40 and 42 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 26 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. 166 that there is very little variation between the age groups 25-29 years, 30-34 years and 35-39 years and that roughly 64 p.c. of all maternal deaths are to be found within these three age groups.

26.—Maternal Deaths by Age Groups and Rates per 1,000 Live Births by Provinces, 1941-43, with Five-Year Averages, 1926-40

Age Group and Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada ¹
Maternal Deaths—										
Under 20 years.....1941	Nil	1	3	14	13	3	6	4	3	47
.....1942	1	1	4	14	13	4	4	3	2	46
.....1943	1	4	3	11	8	2	3	4	5	41
20-24.....1941	Nil	16	10	64	36	8	9	13	4	160
.....1942	1	5	16	48	36	5	8	10	6	135
.....1943	2	11	7	55	36	9	7	8	10	145
25-29.....1941	3	14	5	89	60	14	9	10	13	217
.....1942	4	11	6	73	52	8	9	13	19	195
.....1943	3	18	11	66	48	6	12	11	8	183
30-39.....1941	2	13	20	180	88	17	28	24	15	387
.....1942	3	14	20	141	86	17	30	13	15	339
.....1943	3	19	17	136	77	17	20	21	14	324
40 or over.....1941	1	5	5	39	22	4	6	3	5	90
.....1942	1	10	11	38	19	6	11	4	3	103
.....1943	Nil	5	3	47	19	6	6	7	10	103
Totals.....1941	6	49	43	386	219	46	58	54	40	901
.....1942	10	41	57	314	206	40	62	43	45	818
.....1943	9	57	41	315	189²	40	48	52²	67	798²
Averages.....1926-30	8	61	64	433	308	81	126	105	63	1,339
.....1931-35	10	59	57	405	344	60	91	75	53	1,153
.....1936-40	10	48	54	400	291	51	68	73	46	1,043
Rates per 1,000 Live Births—										
Totals.....1941	2.9	3.5	3.5	4.3	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.5
.....1942	4.7	2.7	4.5	3.3	2.6	2.6	3.4	2.3	2.7	3.0
.....1943	4.1	3.7	3.1	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.8
Averages.....1926-30	4.6	5.5	6.2	5.2	5.8	5.6	5.9	6.6	6.1	5.7
.....1931-35	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.3	5.0
.....1936-40	4.9	4.0	4.9	5.1	4.5	4.0	3.6	4.5	3.8	4.6

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

² Includes ages not stated.