

The proportion of hospitalized births in Canada has risen from 22 p.c. in 1926-30 to 58 p.c. in the most recent years. Other factors, particularly the supervision of water supply, improved sanitation and the pasteurization of milk, must of course also be taken into account. Moreover, along with increased hospitalization has come more widespread and improved pre-natal and post-natal care. Further extensions of hospitalization and of health services generally to provide for all the population will no doubt bring about further reductions in infant mortality, particularly in those centres and areas in which it still remains high.

26.—Infant Mortality, and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Sex and by Provinces, 1941-44, with Five-Year Averages, 1926-40

NOTE.—Figures for 1944 are by place of residence.

| Province and Year | Total Infant Deaths | Rate per 1,000 Live Births | Males | | Females | |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Number of Infant Deaths | Rate per 1,000 Live Male Births | Number of Infant Deaths | Rate per 1,000 Live Female Births |
| Prince Edward Island Av. 1926-30 | 122 | 70 | 71 | 79 | 51 | 61 |
| Av. 1931-35 | 131 | 67 | 74 | 73 | 57 | 60 |
| Av. 1936-40 | 142 | 69 | 85 | 79 | 57 | 58 |
| 1941 | 163 | 80 | 102 | 95 | 61 | 63 |
| 1942 | 106 | 50 | 52 | 48 | 54 | 51 |
| 1943 | 98 | 45 | 56 | 50 | 42 | 40 |
| 1944 | 102 | 45 | 58 | 50 | 44 | 39 |
| Nova Scotia Av. 1926-30 | 934 | 85 | 533 | 94 | 402 | 75 |
| Av. 1931-35 | 840 | 73 | 480 | 81 | 360 | 65 |
| Av. 1936-40 | 782 | 65 | 434 | 70 | 348 | 59 |
| 1941 | 908 | 65 | 545 | 77 | 363 | 53 |
| 1942 | 884 | 58 | 485 | 62 | 399 | 54 |
| 1943 | 898 | 58 | 507 | 64 | 391 | 52 |
| 1944 | 838 | 54 | 480 | 60 | 358 | 47 |
| New Brunswick Av. 1926-30 | 1,040 | 101 | 580 | 110 | 459 | 91 |
| Av. 1931-35 | 857 | 82 | 490 | 92 | 367 | 72 |
| Av. 1936-40 | 913 | 82 | 512 | 90 | 401 | 74 |
| 1941 | 936 | 76 | 515 | 83 | 421 | 69 |
| 1942 | 978 | 77 | 564 | 86 | 414 | 68 |
| 1943 | 886 | 68 | 490 | 73 | 396 | 63 |
| 1944 | 1,035 | 77 | 593 | 85 | 442 | 68 |
| Quebec Av. 1926-30 | 10,518 | 127 | 6,003 | 141 | 4,515 | 113 |
| Av. 1931-35 | 7,767 | 98 | 4,461 | 110 | 3,295 | 86 |
| Av. 1936-40 | 6,470 | 82 | 3,726 | 92 | 2,745 | 72 |
| 1941 | 6,770 | 76 | 3,916 | 85 | 2,854 | 66 |
| 1942 | 6,657 | 70 | 3,854 | 78 | 2,803 | 61 |
| 1943 | 6,642 | 67 | 3,827 | 75 | 2,815 | 59 |
| 1944 | 6,918 | 68 | 3,936 | 75 | 2,982 | 60 |
| Ontario Av. 1926-30 | 5,091 | 74 | 2,880 | 82 | 2,211 | 66 |
| Av. 1931-35 | 3,962 | 61 | 2,252 | 68 | 1,710 | 54 |
| Av. 1936-40 | 3,196 | 50 | 1,820 | 55 | 1,376 | 44 |
| 1941 | 3,294 | 46 | 1,910 | 51 | 1,384 | 40 |
| 1942 | 3,139 | 40 | 1,790 | 44 | 1,349 | 36 |
| 1943 | 3,390 | 42 | 1,935 | 47 | 1,455 | 37 |
| 1944 | 3,346 | 43 | 1,933 | 48 | 1,413 | 38 |