

British Columbia, at present their rates are about equal. This does not mean, however, that the mortality rates at each age have risen in British Columbia. On the contrary, they have been falling. The death rate for the population as a whole has been rising because the increasing proportion of population in the higher age groups has more than outweighed the fall in the mortality rates at each age.

1.—Live Births and Birth Rates, per 1,000 Population, by Provinces, 1944-46, with Five-Year Averages, 1926-46

NOTE.—Figures are by place of occurrence previous to 1941; for 1941 and subsequent years by place of residence.

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada ¹
LIVE BIRTHS										
Av. 1926-30....	1,735	11,016	10,327	82,771	68,704	14,392	21,298	15,924	10,355	236,521
Av. 1931-35....	1,961	11,486	10,440	78,888	65,000	13,690	20,325	16,557	10,005	228,352
Av. 1936-40....	2,054	12,060	11,105	78,509	64,461	13,515	18,675	16,282	12,106	228,767
Av. 1941-45....	2,187	15,082	12,961	98,153	77,506	15,782	18,492	18,908	17,685	276,756
1944.....	2,286	15,598	13,467	102,262	78,090	16,008	18,138	19,372	18,999	284,220
1945.....	2,258	15,527	13,693	104,283	78,974	16,253	18,926	19,939	18,877	288,730
1946.....	2,793	17,914	16,274	111,285	97,446	18,794	21,433	22,184	22,609	330,732
RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION										
Av. 1926-30....	19.7	21.4	25.8	30.5	21.0	21.7	24.7	24.2	16.2	24.1
Av. 1931-35....	21.8	21.9	24.9	26.6	18.5	19.4	21.9	22.1	14.0	21.5
Av. 1936-40....	21.9	21.7	25.1	24.6	17.5	18.8	20.4	20.8	15.6	20.5
Av. 1941-45....	23.8	25.1	28.0	28.5	19.8	21.6	21.6	23.6	19.8	23.5
1944.....	25.1	25.5	29.1	29.2	19.7	21.9	21.4	23.7	20.4	23.8
1945.....	24.5	25.0	29.3	29.3	19.7	22.1	22.4	24.1	19.9	23.9
1946.....	29.7	29.3	33.9	30.7	23.8	25.9	25.7	27.6	22.5	26.9

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

2.—Deaths and Death Rates, per 1,000 Population, by Provinces, 1944-46, with Five-Year Averages, 1926-46

NOTE.—Figures are by place of occurrence previous to 1941; for 1941 and subsequent years by place of residence.

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada ¹
DEATHS										
Av. 1926-30....	969	6,362	5,019	36,645	36,650	5,507	6,256	5,530	5,986	108,925
Av. 1931-35....	1,001	6,073	4,710	32,796	35,782	5,413	6,037	5,447	6,344	103,602
Av. 1936-40....	1,080	6,126	5,040	33,221	37,794	6,136	6,366	6,054	7,697	109,514
Av. 1941-45 ²	967	6,313	5,009	34,312	39,715	6,601	6,504	6,346	9,330	115,097
1944.....	926	6,229	5,131	34,813	39,781	6,701	6,454	6,320	9,697	116,052
1945.....	888	5,625	4,865	33,348	39,499	6,550	6,429	6,454	9,756	113,414
1946.....	874	6,046	4,866	33,690	39,758	6,537	6,422	6,601	10,137	114,931
RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION										
Av. 1926-30....	11.0	12.4	12.5	13.5	11.2	8.3	7.3	8.4	9.3	11.1
Av. 1931-35....	11.1	11.6	11.3	11.0	10.2	7.7	6.5	7.3	8.9	9.8
Av. 1936-40....	11.5	11.0	11.4	10.4	10.3	8.5	7.0	7.7	9.9	9.8
Av. 1941-45....	10.5	10.5	10.8	10.0	10.2	9.0	7.6	7.9	10.4	9.8
1944.....	10.2	10.2	11.1	9.9	10.0	9.2	7.6	7.7	10.4	9.7
1945.....	9.7	9.1	10.4	9.4	9.9	8.9	7.6	7.8	10.3	9.4
1946.....	9.3	9.9	10.1	9.3	9.7	9.0	7.7	8.2	10.1	9.4

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

² See headnote.