

Sex and Age Distribution of Deaths.—Despite reductions in infant mortality, more deaths still occur in the first year of life than in any other year. The number of children who die under five years of age has been reduced from an average of 25,174 in 1930-32 to 17,949 in 1940-42. In 1946, owing to the exceptionally large number of births—15 p.c. over 1945—the number rose slightly to 18,334.

Table 23 shows that the percentage distribution of deaths has changed greatly since 1930-32. The percentages of deaths at all ages up to 50 years have declined, and the percentages at ages over 50 have increased. The average age at death has gradually risen. The reduction in mortality rates in the early and middle years of life increases the number of people in the older age groups and raises the average age of the population as a whole. In 1931, 16.6 p.c. of the population was 50 years of age or over. The average age of all males was 29.0 years and of all females 28.1 years. In 1941, 19.7 p.c. of the population was 50 years of age or over, and the average age of all males had risen to 30.7 years and of all females to 30.2 years. Compared to most European countries, however, the Canadian population is still young.

23.—Deaths, by Sex and Age Groups, 1945 and 1946, with Three-Year Averages, 1930-32 and 1940-42

NOTE.—Figures for 1945 and 1946 are by place of residence; for previous years by place of occurrence.

Age Groups	Males				Females			
	Average 1930-32	Average 1940-42	1945	1946	Average 1930-32	Average 1940-42	1945	1946
NUMBERS OF DEATHS								
Under 1 year.....	11,272	8,341	8,427	8,824	8,516	6,215	6,396	6,610
1 year.....	1,391	843	681	724	1,225	715	548	610
2 years.....	681	447	326	375	549	353	299	269
3 ".....	463	316	294	276	406	274	231	237
4 ".....	355	247	204	235	316	198	166	174
Totals, Under 5 Years of Age..	14,162	10,194	9,932	10,434	11,012	7,755	7,640	7,900
5-9 years.....	1,269	829	701	738	979	641	532	559
10-14 ".....	860	707	570	576	811	538	436	406
15-19 ".....	1,325	1,110	964	895	1,210	811	662	691
20-24 ".....	1,534	1,339	1,124	1,127	1,466	1,036	905	964
25-29 ".....	1,388	1,240	1,012	1,034	1,443	1,182	931	952
30-34 ".....	1,304	1,190	1,041	1,059	1,401	1,131	1,083	1,006
35-39 ".....	1,572	1,421	1,336	1,265	1,572	1,252	1,178	1,108
40-44 ".....	1,892	1,712	1,629	1,689	1,630	1,396	1,267	1,265
45-49 ".....	2,312	2,334	2,273	2,221	1,803	1,750	1,665	1,703
50-54 ".....	2,836	3,368	3,161	3,095	2,047	2,259	2,202	2,153
55-59 ".....	3,095	4,400	4,430	4,441	2,301	2,861	2,862	2,904
60-64 ".....	3,614	5,300	5,743	5,814	2,808	3,447	3,665	3,537
65-69 ".....	4,363	6,052	6,685	6,877	3,491	4,325	4,419	4,579
70-74 ".....	5,028	6,470	6,877	6,880	4,170	4,988	5,313	5,331
75-79 ".....	4,575	6,276	6,677	6,627	4,097	5,480	5,643	5,569
80-89 ".....	5,249	7,693	7,963	8,082	5,457	7,732	8,091	8,449
90 years or over.....	815	1,085	1,180	1,251	1,095	1,499	1,552	1,678
Totals, Stated Ages.....	57,193	62,720	63,298	64,105	48,793	50,083	50,046	50,754
Ages not stated.....	70	35	53	54	10	10	17	18
Totals, All Ages.....	57,263	62,755	63,351	64,159	48,803	50,093	50,063	50,772