

Infant mortality figures and rates per 1,000 live births by sex are given for Canada and the provinces in Table 25. The rates vary considerably between the provinces. One of the principal causes of these variations appears to be the different proportions of births which take place in hospitals under proper medical care. Examples of these differences have been given earlier on p. 193. Along with this increased hospitalization has come better and more wide-spread pre-natal and post-natal care. Other factors, particularly the supervision of water supplies, improved sanitation and the pasteurization of milk have also been important. Further extension of public-health services to provide for all the population will, no doubt, further reduce infant mortality, particularly in the areas where it is still high.

**25.—Infant Mortality and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Sex and by Provinces, 1944-46**

NOTE.—Figures 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.....1944	102	45	58	50	44	39
.....1945	102	45	54	46	48	44
.....1946	97	35	64	44	33	24
Nova Scotia.....1944	838	54	480	60	358	47
.....1945	823	53	479	59	344	46
.....1946	822	46	460	50	362	41
New Brunswick.....1944	1,035	77	593	85	442	68
.....1945	966	71	527	75	439	66
.....1946	1,066	66	581	70	485	61
Quebec.....1944	6,918	68	3,936	75	2,982	60
.....1945	6,464	62	3,659	68	2,805	55
.....1946	6,110	55	3,517	61	2,593	48
Ontario.....1944	3,346	43	1,933	48	1,413	38
.....1945	3,209	41	1,813	44	1,396	37
.....1946	3,653	37	2,109	42	1,544	33
Manitoba.....1944	786	49	425	51	361	47
.....1945	781	48	445	53	336	43
.....1946	885	47	474	49	411	45
Saskatchewan.....1944	858	47	484	52	374	42
.....1945	824	44	489	50	335	37
.....1946	1,004	47	581	53	423	40
Alberta.....1944	889	46	517	52	372	40
.....1945	862	43	511	50	351	36
.....1946	945	43	542	48	403	37
British Columbia.....1944	767	40	445	46	322	35
.....1945	792	42	450	46	342	37
.....1946	852	38	496	43	356	32
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories).....1944	15,539	55	8,871	60	6,668	48
.....1945	14,823	51	8,427	57	6,396	46
.....1946	15,434	47	8,824	52	6,610	41

**International Comparisons.**—New Zealand for many years has had the lowest rate of infant mortality. In 1946 the rate was 26 per 1,000 live births, compared with 68 in 1905, 51 in 1920 and 34 in 1930. Sweden, Iceland and