

Infant Mortality by Causes of Death.—Of the infant deaths that occur in Canada, about 90 p.c. are due to the nine causes and groups of causes specified in Table 28. One cause, premature birth, accounts for over 20 p.c. The rates from nearly all causes are higher for male than for female children; the only exception shown in the table is for communicable diseases in 1944.

28.—Infant Mortality and Rates per 100,000 Live Births, by Principal Causes, 1944-46

NOTE.—Figures are by place of residence.

International List No.	Cause of Death and Year	Numbers			Rates per 100,000 Live Births			Percentage Distribution by Cause of Death
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
	Communicable diseases ¹ ... 1944	582	581	1,163	397	422	409	7.5
	1945	548	492	1,040	368	352	360	7.0
	1946	552	479	1,031	325	298	312	6.7
86	Convulsions..... 1944	62	39	101	42	28	36	0.6
	1945	55	47	102	37	34	35	0.7
	1946	56	39	95	33	24	29	0.6
106-109	Bronchitis and pneumonia... 1944	1,158	933	2,091	790	678	736	13.5
	1945	1,223	977	2,200	821	699	762	14.8
	1946	1,163	915	2,078	684	569	628	13.5
119	Diarrhoea and enteritis..... 1944	1,190	967	2,157	811	703	759	13.9
	1945	928	697	1,625	623	499	563	11.0
	1946	922	610	1,532	543	379	463	9.9
157	Congenital malformations... 1944	957	780	1,737	653	567	611	11.2
	1945	1,069	819	1,888	718	586	654	12.7
	1946	1,142	926	2,068	672	576	625	13.4
158	Congenital debility..... 1944	525	405	930	358	294	327	6.0
	1945	524	351	875	352	251	303	5.9
	1946	444	339	783	261	211	237	5.1
159	Premature birth..... 1944	2,072	1,435	3,507	1,413	1,043	1,234	22.6
	1945	1,892	1,434	3,326	1,271	1,026	1,152	22.4
	1946	2,110	1,676	3,786	1,242	1,042	1,145	24.5
160	Injury at birth..... 1944	772	432	1,204	526	314	424	7.7
	1945	714	457	1,171	479	327	406	7.9
	1946	852	514	1,366	501	320	413	8.9
161	Other diseases peculiar to the first year of life..... 1944	596	418	1,014	406	304	357	6.5
	1945	595	427	1,022	400	305	354	6.9
	1946	683	435	1,118	402	271	338	7.2
	Other specified causes..... 1944	734	527	1,261	501	383	444	8.1
	1945	657	527	1,184	441	377	410	8.0
	1946	704	501	1,205	414	312	364	7.8
199, 200	Unspecified or ill-defined causes..... 1944	223	151	374	152	110	132	2.4
	1945	222	168	390	149	120	135	2.6
	1946	196	176	372	115	109	112	2.4
	Totals, All Causes..... 1944	8,871	6,668	15,539	6,049	4,847	5,467	100.0
	1945	8,427	6,396	14,823	5,659	4,575	5,134	100.0
	1946	8,824	6,610	15,434	5,192	4,111	4,667	100.0

¹ Includes measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria, influenza, erysipelas, acute poliomyelitis and polioencephalitis, cerebrospinal meningitis, tuberculosis and syphilis.

Subsection 3.—Maternal Mortality

As in the case of infant mortality, the number of mothers who die in pregnancy and childbirth has been greatly reduced. Maternal mortality in Canada and the provinces is shown in Table 29. Although the number of births has been much greater in recent years, the number of maternal deaths has been well below a thousand