

Subsection 1.—General Mortality

International Comparisons.—A comparison of the death rates in Canada and the provinces with those of other countries is shown in Table 20.

20.—Death Rates per 1,000 Population of various Countries of the World compared with Canada and the Provinces for recent years

(Sources: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the United Nations and other official publications. In certain cases final figures are not available and provisional data are used.)

Country or Province	Year	Death Rate	Country	Year	Death Rate
Netherlands.....	1947	8.1	Newfoundland and Labrador.....	1946	10.4
Union of South Africa (Whites).....	1947	8.7	Sweden.....	1947	10.8
Panama.....	1947	9.1	Switzerland.....	1947	11.3
Norway.....	1946	9.2	Italy.....	1947	11.4
Canada.....	1947	9.4	England and Wales.....	1947	12.0
Saskatchewan.....	1947	7.9	Spain.....	1947	12.0
Alberta.....	1947	8.0	Hungary.....	1947	12.1
Manitoba.....	1947	9.1	Palestine.....	1946	12.3
Quebec.....	1947	9.1	Northern Ireland.....	1947	12.6
Nova Scotia.....	1947	9.7	Scotland.....	1947	12.9
New Brunswick.....	1947	9.8	Austria.....	1947	13.0
Ontario.....	1947	9.9	France.....	1947	13.0
British Columbia.....	1947	10.2	Belgium.....	1947	13.3
Prince Edward Island.....	1947	10.9	Bulgaria.....	1947	13.4
New Zealand (excluding Maoris).....	1947	9.4	Ceylon.....	1947	14.3
Iceland.....	1944	9.6	Ireland.....	1947	14.9
Australia.....	1947	9.7	El Salvador.....	1947	15.0
Denmark.....	1947	9.7	Chile.....	1947	16.7
United States.....	1947	10.1	Roumania.....	1947	21.1

Canadian Mortality.—Since 1931, the Canadian death rate has fluctuated between 10.3 and 9.4 per 1,000. It has been more or less stable in Ontario, has been falling in the Maritimes and Quebec and has been rising slightly in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia. The low death rates in the Prairie Provinces are partly due to their younger average population. The slow rise in the death rates of these provinces in the last few years is due to the increasing proportion of people in the older age groups.

Throughout Table 21, with one exception (Prince Edward Island death rates of 1945) the death rates are higher for males than for females.

21.—Deaths and Death Rates per 1,000 Population, by Sex and by Provinces, 1944-47, with Averages, 1941-45

Province and Year	Total Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population	Males		Females	
			Number of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Males	Number of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Females
Prince Edward Island..... Av. 1941-45	967	10.5	510	10.7	457	10.4
1944	926	10.2	488	10.4	438	10.0
1945	888	9.7	455	9.5	433	9.8
1946	874	9.3	476	9.8	398	8.7
1947	1,020	10.9	543	11.3	477	10.4
Nova Scotia..... Av. 1941-45	6,313	10.5	3,438	11.2	2,875	9.8
1944	6,229	10.2	3,362	10.7	2,867	9.6
1945	5,625	9.1	3,090	9.8	2,535	8.3
1946	6,046	9.9	3,266	10.5	2,780	9.3
1947	6,009	9.7	3,287	10.4	2,722	8.9