

22.—Deaths in Urban Centres of 10,000 Population or Over, 1944-47, with Averages, 1941-45—concluded

Province and Urban Centre	Census Population, 1941	Deaths				
		Average, 1941-45	1944	1945	1946	1947
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Saskatchewan—						
Moose Jaw.....	20,753	212	212	222	214	246
Prince Albert.....	12,508	114	134	121	117	146
Regina.....	53,245	439	463	462	498	514
Saskatoon.....	43,027	353	354	370	438	430
Alberta—						
Calgary.....	88,904	878	913	921	996	1,038
Edmonton.....	93,817	830	879	910	1,022	953
Lethbridge.....	14,612	144	132	159	154	146
Medicine Hat.....	10,571	123	143	168	133	130
British Columbia—						
New Westminster.....	21,967	233	254	207	252	261
Vancouver.....	275,353	3,377	3,434	3,560	3,641	3,768
Victoria.....	44,068	688	782	716	742	748

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 1947, owing to the exceptionally large number of births—9 p.c. over 1946—the number rose slightly to 18,947.

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 and 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 with most European countries, however, the population of Canada is still young.

23.—Deaths, by Sex and Age Groups, 1946 and 1947

Age Group	Males				Females			
	1946		1947		1946		1947	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
Under 1 year.....	8,824	13.8	9,430	14.2	6,610	13.0	6,906	13.5
1 year.....	724	1.1	654	1.0	610	1.2	548	1.1
2 years.....	375	0.6	347	0.5	269	0.5	266	0.5
3 ".....	276	0.4	245	0.4	237	0.5	192	0.4
4 ".....	235	0.4	208	0.3	174	0.3	151	0.3
Totals, Under 5 Years of Age.....	10,434	16.3	10,884	16.4	7,900	15.6	8,063	15.7
5-9 years.....	738	1.2	703	1.1	559	1.1	465	0.9
10-14 ".....	576	0.9	523	0.8	406	0.8	359	0.7
15-19 ".....	895	1.4	874	1.3	691	1.4	675	1.3
20-24 ".....	1,127	1.8	1,075	1.6	964	1.9	881	1.7
25-29 ".....	1,034	1.6	1,078	1.6	952	1.9	869	1.7
30-34 ".....	1,059	1.7	1,083	1.6	1,006	2.0	945	1.8
35-39 ".....	1,265	2.0	1,339	2.0	1,108	2.2	1,048	2.0
40-44 ".....	1,689	2.6	1,687	2.5	1,265	2.5	1,210	2.4
45-49 ".....	2,221	3.5	2,435	3.7	1,703	3.4	1,605	3.1
50-54 ".....	3,095	4.8	3,194	4.8	2,153	4.2	2,119	4.1
55-59 ".....	4,441	6.9	4,550	6.8	2,904	5.7	2,778	5.4
60-64 ".....	5,814	9.1	6,021	9.1	3,537	7.0	3,747	7.3
65-69 ".....	6,877	10.7	7,118	10.7	4,579	9.0	4,658	9.1
70-74 ".....	6,880	10.7	7,269	10.9	5,331	10.5	5,506	10.7
75-79 ".....	6,627	10.3	6,776	10.2	5,569	11.0	5,740	11.2
80-89 ".....	8,082	12.6	8,453	12.7	8,449	16.6	8,761	17.1
90 years or over.....	1,251	1.9	1,342	2.0	1,678	3.3	1,824	3.6
Totals, Stated Ages.....	64,105	100.0	66,404	100.0	50,754	100.0	51,253	100.0
Ages not stated.....	54	--	34	--	18	--	13	--
Totals, All Ages.....	64,159	100.0	66,438	100.0	50,772	100.0	51,266	100.0