

30.—Infant Mortality and Rates per 100,000 Live Births, by Principal Causes, 1945-48—concluded

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	
158	Congenital debility.....1945	524	351	875	352	251	303	5.9
	1946	444	339	783	261	211	237	5.1
	1947	388	301	689	211	172	192	4.2
	1948	352	229	581	198	135	167	3.8
159	Premature birth.....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
	1947	2,369	1,668	4,037	1,288	952	1,124	24.7
	1948	2,249	1,643	3,892	1,263	971	1,121	25.7
160	Injury at birth.....1945	714	457	1,171	479	327	406	7.9
	1946	852	514	1,366	501	320	413	8.9
	1947	970	586	1,556	527	335	433	9.5
	1948	882	569	1,451	495	336	418	9.6
161	Other diseases peculiar to the first year of life.....1945	595	427	1,022	400	305	354	6.9
	1946	683	435	1,118	402	271	338	7.2
	1947	681	452	1,133	370	258	316	6.9
	1948	633	488	1,121	355	288	323	7.4
199, 200	Other specified causes.....1945	657	527	1,184	441	377	410	8.0
	1946	704	501	1,205	414	312	364	7.8
	1947	765	572	1,337	416	327	372	8.2
	1948	730	551	1,281	410	326	369	8.4
199, 200	Unspecified or ill-defined causes.....1945	222	168	390	149	120	135	2.6
	1946	196	176	372	115	109	112	2.4
	1947	231	177	408	126	101	114	2.5
	1948	140	127	267	79	75	77	1.8
	Totals, All Causes.....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
	1947	9,430	6,906	16,336	5,126	3,944	4,549	100.0
	1948	8,654	6,510	15,164	4,858	3,848	4,366	100.0

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 5, p. 165. Although the number of births has been much greater in recent years, the number of maternal deaths has been well below a thousand a year. The rate of maternal mortality is now less than 2 per 1,000 live births. Mortality among unmarried mothers is much higher than among married mothers.

Age at Death.—Table 31 shows the distribution of maternal deaths by age, together with the average age at death. The latter is slightly more than two years higher than the average age of all mothers at the time of childbirth. The rates per 1,000 live births by age groups show that age is a most important factor in maternal mortality. Though all the rates are much lower than they used to be, the inequalities between the age groups remain. The rate at 30-34 years is nearly twice as high as the rate at 20-24 years, and above the age of 40 it is over four times