

14.—Deaths and Rates per 100,000 Population according to the International Abbreviated List of 50 Causes 1954-56—concluded

International List No.		Cause of Death	Numbers of Deaths			Rates per 100,000 Population		
Abbreviated List	Detailed List		1954 ¹	1955	1956	1954 ¹	1955	1956
B23	340	Non-meningococcal meningitis.....	273	259	242	1.8	1.6	1.5
B24	400-402	Rheumatic fever.....	202	151	110	1.3	1.0	0.7
B25	410-416	Chronic rheumatic heart disease..	1,584	1,455	1,448	10.4	9.3	9.0
B26	420-422	Arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease.....	33,810	35,501	36,576	222.9	226.1	227.4
B27	430-434	Other diseases of heart.....	1,860	1,924	1,913	12.3	12.3	11.9
B28	440-443	Hypertension with heart disease	4,043	4,055	4,038	26.7	25.8	25.1
B29	444-447	Hypertension without mention of heart.....	972	1,037	959	6.4	6.6	6.0
B30	480-483	Influenza.....	518	808	612	3.4	5.1	3.8
B31	490-493	Pneumonia.....	4,391	4,785	5,158	28.9	30.5	32.1
B32	500-502	Bronchitis.....	551	545	722	3.6	3.5	4.5
B33	540, 541	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.....	749	727	779	4.9	4.6	4.8
B34	550-553	Appendicitis.....	211	213	189	1.4	1.4	1.2
B35	560, 561, 570	Intestinal obstruction and hernia.....	804	823	837	5.3	5.2	5.2
B36	543, 571, 572	Gastritis, duodenitis, enteritis and colitis except diarrhoea of the newborn.....	982	964	910	6.5	6.1	5.7
B37	581	Cirrhosis of liver.....	742	757	838	4.9	4.8	5.2
B38	590-594	Nephritis and nephrosis.....	2,333	2,282	2,143	15.4	14.5	13.3
B39	610	Hyperplasia of prostate.....	635	651	632	4.2	4.1	3.9
B40	640-652, 660, 670-689	Complications of pregnancy, child-birth and the puerperium.....	312	337	278	2.1	2.1	1.7
B41	750-759	Congenital malformations.....	2,580	2,619	2,838	17.0	16.7	17.6
B42	760-762	Birth injuries, postnatal asphyxia and atelectasis.....	2,893	3,027	3,192	19.0	19.3	19.8
B43	763-768	Infections of the newborn.....	626	667	713	4.1	4.2	4.4
B44	769-776	Other diseases peculiar to early infancy and immaturity (un-qualified).....	3,601	3,435	3,649	23.7	21.9	22.7
B45	780-795	Senility without mention of psychosis, ill-defined and unknown causes.....	1,880	1,894	1,813	12.4	12.1	11.3
B46	Residual	All other diseases.....	9,899	10,086	10,489	65.3	64.3	65.2
BE47	E810-E835	Motor vehicle accidents.....	2,867	3,042	3,559	18.9	19.4	22.1
BE48	E800-E802 E840-E962	All other accidents.....	5,513	5,808	5,712	36.3	37.0	35.5
BE49	E963, E970-E979	Suicide and self-inflicted injury.....	1,102	1,106	1,226	7.3	7.0	7.6
BE50	E964, E965 E980-E999	Homicide and operations of war....	175	169	188	1.2	1.1	1.2
Totals, All Causes.....			124,520	128,476	131,961	820.7	818.2	820.2

¹ Excludes the Yukon and Northwest Territories.
Hodgkin's disease, leukæmia and aleukæmia.

² Less than 0.1 per 100,000.

³ Includes

⁴ Excludes Hodgkin's disease, leukæmia and aleukæmia.

Subsection 2.—Infant Mortality

Table 1, pp. 196-198, shows the striking improvement that has taken place in the rate of infant mortality during the past 35 years. Although 42,000 of the 1,330,000 children born in the years 1954-56 died, 81,700 others lived to their first birthday who *would have* died at the rate prevailing in the period 1926-30.

As illustrated in Table 15, mortality among male infants is 25 to 30 p.c. higher than that among females for Canada as a whole, with wider variations for the individual provinces. As pointed out earlier there were in the 1941-54 period between 1,052 and 1,067 males born to every 1,000 females born, but because male infant mortality is higher the excess of males is reduced drastically by the end of the first year. For example, in 1954-56 there were 683,247 male children born compared with 646,627 female children, an excess