

As indicated in Tables 1, 2 and 14, infant mortality rates vary considerably from province to province and from one locality to another. One of the principal causes of these variations appears to be the different proportions of births that take place in hospital or under proper prenatal and postnatal care (see also p. 242). Many other factors have also been important, particularly the supervision of water supplies, improved sanitation, the pasteurization of milk, the use of antibiotics, more and better pædiatric services, improved obstetrical and hospital nursing services, improved home environment because of generally higher living standards and, in recent years, the lower age of mothers.

14.—Distribution of Infant Deaths, by Province and Sex, 1931-58

Province and Year	Males	Females	Rate	Rate	Province or Territory and Year	Males	Females	Rate	Rate		
			per 1,000 Male Live Births	per 1,000 Female Live Births				per 1,000 Male Live Births	per 1,000 Female Live Births		
	No.	No.				No.	No.				
Newfoundland.....1951	361	276	60	48	Manitoba--concl. 1956	365	311	33	29		
1956	335	295	45	41		1957	416	295	36	27	
1957	363	241	47	32		1958	371	285	33	27	
1958	322	250	42	35							
P. E. Island.....1931	78	50	78	57	Saskatchewan.....1931	851	612	78	59		
	1941	102	61	95		63	1941	531	415	56	46
	1951	60	30	44		23	1951	353	323	32	30
	1956	60	45	46		33	1956	391	289	32	25
	1957	41	34	30		26	1957	358	251	29	22
	1957	41	34	30		26	1958	349	267	29	23
	1958	61	23	46		18					
Nova Scotia.....1931	510	404	86	71	Alberta.....1931	675	522	76	63		
	1941	545	363	77		53	1941	506	373	57	44
	1951	344	250	39		30	1951	531	358	39	27
	1956	325	229	33		25	1956	508	352	28	21
	1957	298	228	30		24	1957	531	432	29	25
	1958	321	236	33		26	1958	548	384	29	22
New Brunswick...1931	565	379	102	72	British Columbia..1931	292	222	55	44		
	1941	515	421	83		69	1941	316	236	41	32
	1951	472	363	58		46	1951	487	352	34	26
	1956	358	298	42		37	1956	509	435	28	24
	1957	333	256	37		32	1957	619	477	32	25
	1958	340	228	40		29	1958	600	477	30	25
Quebec.....1931	5,417	4,026	126	99	Yukon.....1951	10	9	58	53		
	1941	3,916	2,854	85		66	1956	11	12	42	55
	1951	3,335	2,486	54		42	1957	17	10	66	42
	1956	3,130	2,414	45	37	1958	12	8	48	36	
	1957	3,094	2,318	42	34	Northwest Territories.....1951	43	27	136	81	
	1958	2,981	2,171	41	31		1956	68	49	166	131
					1957		66	63	151	136	
Ontario.....1931	2,744	2,089	77	62	1958	86	57	169	131		
	1941	1,910	1,384	51	40	<b>Canada.....1931</b>	<b>11,667</b>	<b>8,693</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>74</b>	
	1951	2,010	1,535	34	28		1941	<b>8,788</b>	<b>6,448</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>52</b>
	1956	2,048	1,562	28	22		1951	<b>8,375</b>	<b>6,298</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>34</b>
	1957	2,177	1,599	28	22		1956	<b>8,108</b>	<b>6,291</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>
	1957	2,177	1,599	28	22		1957	<b>8,313</b>	<b>6,204</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>
1958	2,161	1,640	27	22	1958		<b>8,152</b>	<b>6,026</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	
Manitoba.....1931	535	389	74	55							
	1941	447	341	59	47						
	1951	369	289	36	30						

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Newfoundland and the Yukon and Northwest Territories.