

12.—Distribution of Deaths, by Age and Sex, 1931, 1941, 1951 and 1959—concluded

Age Group	1931 ¹		1941 ¹		1951		1959	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	PERCENTAGES							
Under 1 year.....	20.6	18.1	13.8	12.7	11.7	11.6	9.6	9.9
1 — 4 years.....	5.0	5.3	2.9	3.1	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.7
5 — 9 ".....	2.2	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
10 — 14 ".....	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5
15 — 19 ".....	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.5
20 — 24 ".....	2.7	3.0	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.6
25 — 29 ".....	2.5	2.9	2.1	2.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	0.8
30 — 34 ".....	2.3	3.0	1.9	2.3	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.0
35 — 39 ".....	2.7	3.3	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.5
40 — 44 ".....	3.3	3.3	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.0
45 — 49 ".....	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.5	2.8
50 — 54 ".....	5.0	4.2	5.3	4.4	4.9	3.8	4.9	3.7
55 — 59 ".....	5.4	4.7	6.9	5.6	6.6	5.2	6.6	4.9
60 — 64 ".....	6.3	5.9	8.3	6.9	9.0	7.2	8.2	6.4
65 — 69 ".....	7.5	7.0	9.5	8.7	11.2	9.4	10.5	8.9
70 — 74 ".....	8.6	8.5	10.2	9.8	12.2	11.9	13.2	12.5
75 — 79 ".....	7.7	8.4	10.1	9.8	11.5	12.7	13.0	14.2
80 — 84 ".....	5.7	6.7	7.9	9.7	8.7	11.3	10.2	13.1
85 years or over.....	4.5	6.2	6.0	8.9	7.5	11.6	8.5	14.3
Totals, All Ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION							
Under 1 year.....	113.5	87.3	80.6	61.1	46.3	36.4	34.0	26.2
1 — 4 years.....	6.5	5.9	4.4	3.8	2.0	1.7	1.2	1.1
5 — 9 ".....	2.2	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.5
10 — 14 ".....	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.4
15 — 19 ".....	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.5	1.4	0.9	1.2	0.5
20 — 24 ".....	3.2	3.2	2.6	2.0	1.9	1.0	1.7	0.6
25 — 29 ".....	3.4	3.8	2.7	2.5	1.8	1.1	1.6	0.8
30 — 34 ".....	3.5	4.2	2.8	2.8	2.1	1.5	1.7	1.0
35 — 39 ".....	4.2	4.8	3.8	3.4	2.5	2.0	2.2	1.5
40 — 44 ".....	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.5	3.9	3.0	3.5	2.1
45 — 49 ".....	7.2	6.6	7.3	6.0	6.4	4.5	5.8	3.4
50 — 54 ".....	10.7	9.0	10.6	8.1	10.4	6.5	9.5	5.6
55 — 59 ".....	15.4	13.4	16.0	12.3	16.2	10.2	15.6	8.6
60 — 64 ".....	22.9	20.7	24.2	18.5	24.5	16.1	24.2	13.4
65 — 69 ".....	35.2	30.3	37.3	30.4	35.1	24.9	36.6	22.2
70 — 74 ".....	55.0	49.1	58.5	47.0	54.5	41.6	55.7	37.3
75 — 79 ".....	87.4	82.9	95.7	79.7	87.6	73.3	83.6	62.8
80 — 84 ".....	134.1	127.1	147.6	131.2	135.5	120.7	133.1	110.4
85 years or over.....	228.1	212.6	241.9	229.3	235.1	212.0	234.2	218.0
Totals, All Ages.....	10.5	9.6	10.8	9.1	10.1	7.8	9.2	6.8
Average age at death.....	43.1	44.8	51.5	53.4	56.3	58.7	59.1	62.3

¹ Excludes the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Deaths in Urban Centres.—Table 2 on pp. 206-208 shows the number of deaths in 1959 for urban centres of 10,000 population or over. Without a knowledge of the age composition of each centre it is difficult to compare rates for various centres. The migration of young people from rural areas to some urban centres and of older people to other centres creates a favourable situation for a low or high rate as the case may be. However, despite differences in the age factor, some urban areas have very low death rates compared with other centres of the same size and with other areas in the same province.

Causes of Death.—Table 13 shows the deaths and death rates in Canada grouped according to the International Abbreviated List of 50 Causes. About 80 p.c. of the deaths are caused by diseases of the heart and arteries, cancer, accidents, diseases of early infancy, the respiratory diseases—tuberculosis, pneumonia and influenza—and nephritis.