

As indicated in Tables 1, 2 and 14, infant mortality rates have varied from province to province and from one locality to another. One of the principal causes of these variations appears to have been the different proportions of births taking place in hospital or under proper prenatal and postnatal care (see also p. 210). 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 paediatric services, improved obstetrical and hospital nursing services, improved home environment as a result of generally higher living standards and, in recent years, the lower age of mothers.

14.—Distribution of Infant Deaths by Province and Sex, 1941-59

Province and Year	Males	Females	Rate per 1,000 Male Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Female Live Births	Province or Territory and Year	Males	Females	Rate per 1,000 Male Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Female Live Births
Newfoundland.....	1951	361	276	60	Manitoba—concl.	1957	416	295	36
	1956	335	295	45		1958	371	285	33
	1957	363	241	47		1959	363	252	31
	1958	322	250	42					
	1959	345	231	45					
P. E. Island.....	1941	102	61	95	Saskatchewan.....	1941	531	415	56
	1951	60	30	44		1951	353	323	32
	1956	60	45	46		1956	391	289	32
	1957	41	34	30		1957	358	251	29
	1958	61	23	46		1958	349	267	29
1959	43	42	31	1959	376	250	30		
Nova Scotia.....	1941	545	363	77	Alberta.....	1941	506	373	57
	1951	344	250	39		1951	531	358	39
	1956	325	229	33		1956	508	352	28
	1957	298	228	30		1957	531	432	29
	1958	321	236	33		1958	548	384	29
1959	332	259	34	1959	554	368	28		
New Brunswick....	1941	515	421	83	British Columbia..	1941	316	236	41
	1951	472	363	58		1951	487	352	34
	1956	358	298	42		1956	509	435	28
	1957	333	256	37		1957	619	477	32
	1958	340	228	40		1958	600	477	30
1959	315	221	37	1959	568	426	28		
Quebec.....	1941	3,916	2,854	85	Yukon Territory..	1951	10	9	58
	1951	3,335	2,486	54		1956	11	12	42
	1956	3,130	2,414	45		1957	17	10	66
	1957	3,094	2,318	42		1958	12	8	48
	1958	2,981	2,171	41		1959	9	5	34
1959	2,740	1,995	38	Northwest Territories.....	1951	43	27	136	
					1956	68	49	166	
					1957	66	63	151	
					1958	86	57	169	
					1959	72	56	140	
Ontario.....	1941	1,910	1,384	51	Canada.....	1941 ¹	8,788	6,448	67
	1951	2,010	1,535	34		1951	8,375	6,298	43
	1956	2,048	1,562	28		1956	8,198	6,291	35
	1957	2,177	1,599	28		1957	8,313	6,204	34
	1958	2,161	1,640	27		1958	8,152	6,026	34
1959	2,110	1,663	26	1959	7,827	5,768	32		
Manitoba.....	1941	447	341	59					
	1951	369	289	36					
	1956	365	311	33					

¹ Excludes Newfoundland and the Yukon and Northwest Territories.