

Despite the very considerable reduction in infant mortality over the past 25 or 30 years, more deaths still occur in the first year of life than in any other single year. Of the 104,517 deaths occurring in 1931, 25,737 or almost one-quarter were of children under five years of age and over three-quarters of those were of children under one year of age. On the other hand, of the 139,693 deaths in 1960, 15,144 or 11 p.c. were of children under five years of age, and of those 13,077 or over 86 p.c. were under one year. Most of the reduction took place among children over the age of one month but there was also a notable decrease in all childhood ages up to five years.

The reductions in the mortality rates in early and middle years of life have had the effect of increasing the number of people in the older age groups and raising the average age at death. In 1931 the average age at death of males was 43.1 years and of females 44.8 years; by 1960 this had advanced to 59.5 years and 62.7 years, respectively. These trends are indicated clearly in Table 13.

13.—Distribution of Deaths, by Age and Sex, 1931, 1941, 1951 and 1960

Age Group	1931 ¹		1941 ¹		1951		1960	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
NUMBERS								
Under 1 year.....	11,667	8,693	8,788	6,448	8,375	6,298	7,572	5,505
1 — 4 years.....	2,844	2,533	1,878	1,566	1,421	1,151	1,153	914
5 — 9 “.....	1,241	963	888	670	711	466	698	427
10 — 14 “.....	821	806	787	536	461	284	541	292
15 — 19 “.....	1,311	1,132	1,118	823	721	457	893	346
20 — 24 “.....	1,502	1,453	1,332	1,039	1,009	549	923	336
25 — 29 “.....	1,388	1,414	1,317	1,173	988	660	918	406
30 — 34 “.....	1,301	1,432	1,211	1,148	1,070	778	1,015	548
35 — 39 “.....	1,512	1,574	1,497	1,242	1,281	1,015	1,444	896
40 — 44 “.....	1,888	1,493	1,744	1,464	1,756	1,266	1,835	1,162
45 — 49 “.....	2,314	1,738	2,416	1,817	2,463	1,607	3,042	1,699
50 — 54 “.....	2,855	1,993	3,355	2,227	3,525	2,083	4,025	2,156
55 — 59 “.....	3,057	2,246	4,394	2,851	4,741	2,832	5,511	2,759
60 — 64 “.....	3,583	2,855	5,288	3,483	6,465	3,902	6,870	3,802
65 — 69 “.....	4,249	3,348	6,057	4,412	8,007	5,119	8,326	5,168
70 — 74 “.....	4,867	4,073	6,495	4,981	8,748	6,439	10,597	7,080
75 — 79 “.....	4,368	4,029	6,421	5,461	8,254	6,904	10,888	8,233
80 — 84 “.....	3,206	3,215	5,020	4,906	6,232	6,130	8,407	7,663
85 years or over.....	2,555	2,998	3,846	4,540	5,336	6,319	7,135	8,505
Totals, All Ages.....	56,529	47,988	63,852	50,787	71,564	54,259	81,796	57,897
PERCENTAGES								
Under 1 year.....	20.6	18.1	13.8	12.7	11.7	11.6	9.3	9.5
1 — 4 years.....	5.0	5.3	2.9	3.1	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.6
5 — 9 “.....	2.2	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7
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	1.1	0.6
20 — 24 “.....	2.7	3.0	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.6
25 — 29 “.....	2.5	2.9	2.1	2.3	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.7
30 — 34 “.....	2.3	3.0	1.9	2.3	1.5	1.4	1.2	0.9
35 — 39 “.....	2.7	3.3	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.5
40 — 44 “.....	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.0
45 — 49 “.....	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.7	2.9
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	6.7	4.8
60 — 64 “.....	6.3	5.9	8.3	6.9	9.0	7.2	8.4	6.6
65 — 69 “.....	7.5	7.0	9.5	8.7	11.2	9.4	10.2	8.9
70 — 74 “.....	8.6	8.5	10.2	9.8	12.2	11.9	13.0	12.2
75 — 79 “.....	7.7	8.4	10.1	10.7	11.5	12.7	13.3	14.2
80 — 84 “.....	5.7	6.7	7.9	9.7	8.7	11.3	10.3	13.2
85 years or over.....	4.5	6.2	6.0	8.9	7.5	11.6	8.7	14.7
Totals, All Ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹Excludes the Yukon and Northwest Territories.