

from year to year. As is evident from Table 2, pp. 228-232, many cities and towns have maintained consistently low rates as compared with the national rate or the rate for the province in which they are situated.

Causes of Infant Deaths.—In 1962 more than two thirds of the infant deaths were caused by immaturity, congenital malformations, pneumonia, postnatal asphyxia and atelectasis, and injury at birth. Immaturity was the underlying cause of 2,304 and was an added complication in 3,170 others. Congenital malformations accounted for 2,230 fatalities, pneumonia for 1,640, postnatal asphyxia for 1,475 and injury at birth for 1,338. Rates for congenital malformations and birth injuries have been rising during the past three or four years.

21.—Infant Mortality and Rates per 100,000 Live Births, by Cause, 1960-62

Inter-national List No.	Cause of Death	Numbers of Deaths			Rates per 100,000 Live Births		
		1960	1961	1962	1960	1961	1962
001-019	Tuberculosis.....	7	8	6	1	2	1
020-029	Syphilis.....	—	1	3	—	—	1
045-048	Dysentery.....	23	14	7	5	3	1
050	Scarlet fever.....	1	1	1	—	—	—
052	Erysipelas.....	—	1	—	—	—	—
055	Diphtheria.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
056	Whooping cough.....	63	24	19	13	5	4
057	Meningococcal infections.....	35	8	19	7	2	4
085	Measles.....	27	30	34	6	6	7
140-239	Neoplasms.....	44	42	37	9	9	8
273	Diseases of thymus gland.....	23	13	19	5	3	4
325	Mental deficiency.....	52	75	65	11	16	14
340	Meningitis (non-meningococcal).....	89	109	94	19	23	20
391, 392	Otitis media.....	86	59	66	18	12	14
470-475	Acute upper respiratory infections.....	57	81	45	12	17	10
480-483	Influenza.....	119	108	97	25	23	21
490-493	Pneumonia (4 weeks and over).....	1,415	1,273	1,232	296	268	262
500-502	Bronchitis.....	105	74	84	22	16	18
543	Gastritis and duodenitis.....	5	4	2	1	1	—
560-570	Hernia and intestinal obstruction.....	97	107	97	20	22	21
571	Gastro-enteritis and colitis.....	483	400	373	101	84	79
572	Chronic enteritis, and ulcerative colitis.....	5	2	4	1	—	1
750-759	Congenital malformations.....	2,076	2,192	2,230	434	461	475
760, 761	Injury at birth.....	1,265	1,264	1,338	264	266	285
762	Postnatal asphyxia and atelectasis.....	1,522	1,502	1,475	318	316	314
763	Pneumonia of newborn (under 4 weeks).....	454	410	408	95	86	87
764	Diarrhoea of newborn (under 4 weeks).....	80	86	73	17	18	16
765-768	Other infections of newborn.....	48	43	45	10	9	10
769	Antenatal toxæmia.....	91	120	107	19	25	23
770	Erythroblastosis.....	343	325	336	72	68	72
771	Hæmorrhagic disease of newborn.....	93	97	84	19	20	18
772	Nutritional maladjustment.....	48	53	48	10	11	10
773	Ill-defined diseases peculiar to early infancy.....	875	972	1,095	183	204	233
774-776	Immaturity.....	2,261	2,284	2,304	472	480	491
795	Ill-defined and unknown causes.....	96	80	46	20	17	10
E810-E825	Motor vehicle accidents.....	14	24	17	3	5	4
E900-E904	Accidental falls.....	17	14	16	4	3	3
E916	Accidents caused by fire.....	24	23	31	5	5	7
E921, E922	Inhalation and ingestion of food or other object.....	306	317	313	64	67	67
E924, E925	Accidental mechanical suffocation.....	145	178	147	30	37	31
	Other accidental and violent deaths.....	51	64	51	11	13	11
	Other specified causes.....	532	458	473	111	96	101
	Totals, All Causes.....	13,077	12,940	12,941	2,733	2,720	2,755

Age at Death.—Of the 12,941 infants who died within a year of their birth, 8,783, or almost 68 p.c. were less than one month old—4,998 during the first day of life, 2,718 from the second to the seventh day, and 1,067 during the three following weeks.