

17.—Average and Median Ages at Death, by Sex and Province, 1963

Province or Territory	Average Age at Death		Median Age at Death ¹	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.
Newfoundland.....	51.0	57.4	62.8	69.8
Prince Edward Island.....	63.2	70.8	71.6	78.3
Nova Scotia.....	61.6	66.7	69.4	74.9
New Brunswick.....	59.9	63.9	69.1	73.7
Quebec.....	56.6	60.1	64.3	69.4
Ontario.....	61.8	66.5	68.3	73.9
Manitoba.....	63.8	65.4	71.6	73.7
Saskatchewan.....	63.4	64.4	72.3	74.1
Alberta.....	60.0	61.7	69.2	72.0
British Columbia.....	64.7	67.3	72.2	75.3
Yukon Territory.....	47.6	36.2
Northwest Territories.....	20.2	25.1
Canada.....	60.5	64.1	68.2	72.9

¹ The age above and below which half of the total number of annual deaths occurred.

Deaths in Urban Centres.—Table 2, pp. 245-247, shows the numbers of deaths in urban centres of 20,000 population or over in 1963 and the average numbers for the period 1956-60; death rates for urban centres cannot be computed for these years since their populations are not known for intercensal periods.

Causes of Death.—Table 18 summarizes the most recent figures for deaths and death rates in Canada grouped according to the International Abbreviated List of 50 Causes. Over 80 p.c. of the deaths are caused by diseases of the heart and arteries, cancer, accidents, diseases of early infancy, the respiratory diseases, and nephritis. Because of the rise in the average age at death during the past thirty years, the proportion of deaths from causes that affect older people has increased. Cancer and diseases of the cardiovascular-renal systems now account for a larger proportion of all deaths. By the same token, deaths from causes that mainly affect children and young adults have declined.

18.—Deaths and Rates per 100,000 Population, according to the International Abbreviated List of 50 Causes, 1962 and 1963

International List No.		Cause of Death	Numbers of Deaths		Rates per 100,000 Population	
Abbreviated List	Detailed List		1962	1963	1962	1963
B 1	001-008	Tuberculosis of respiratory system.....	692	674	3.7	3.6
B 2	010-019	Tuberculosis, other forms.....	93	82	0.5	0.4
B 3	020-029	Syphilis and its sequelae.....	129	117	0.7	0.6
B 4	040	Typhoid fever.....	2	1	-	--
B 5	043	Cholera.....	—	—	—	—
B 6	045-048	Dysentery, all forms.....	17	5	0.1	--
B 7	050, 051	Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat..	8	5	--	--
B 8	055	Diphtheria.....	9	7	--	--
B 9	056	Whooping cough.....	24	28	0.1	0.1
B10	057	Meningococcal infections.....	40	37	0.2	0.2
B11	058	Plague.....	—	—	—	—
B12	080	Acute poliomyelitis.....	7	16	--	0.1
B13	084	Smallpox.....	—	—	—	—
B14	085	Measles.....	81	73	0.4	0.4
B15	100-108	Typhus and other rickettsial diseases.....	—	—	—	—
B16	110-117	Malaria.....	1	1	--	--