

from year to year. As is evident from Table 2, pp. 245-247, 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 1963 almost 70 p.c. 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 2,348 and was an added complication in 2,972 others. Congenital malformations accounted for 2,068 fatalities, pneumonia for 1,506, postnatal asphyxia for 1,368 and injury at birth for 1,232. Rates for congenital malformations and birth injuries decreased in 1963.

21.—Infant Mortality and Rates per 100,000 Live Births, by Cause, 1961-63

International List No.	Cause of Death	Numbers of Deaths			Rates per 100,000 Live Births		
		1961	1962	1963	1961	1962	1963
001-019	Tuberculosis .....	8	6	5	2	1	1
020-029	Syphilis .....	1	3	3	--	1	1
045-048	Dysentery .....	14	7	1	3	1	--
050	Scarlet fever .....	1	1	--	--	--	--
052	Erysipelas .....	1	--	--	--	--	--
055	Diphtheria .....	--	--	--	--	--	--
056	Whooping cough .....	24	19	24	5	4	5
057	Meningococcal infections .....	8	19	16	2	4	3
085	Measles .....	30	34	24	6	7	5
140-239	Neoplasms .....	42	37	48	9	8	10
273	Diseases of thymus gland .....	13	19	5	3	4	1
325	Mental deficiency .....	75	65	67	16	14	14
340	Meningitis (non-meningococcal) .....	109	94	77	23	20	17
391, 392	Otitis media .....	59	66	49	12	14	11
470-475	Acute upper respiratory infections .....	81	45	46	17	10	10
480-483	Influenza .....	108	97	100	23	21	21
490-493	Pneumonia (4 weeks and over) .....	1,273	1,232	1,146	268	262	246
500-502	Bronchitis .....	74	84	45	16	18	10
543	Gastritis and duodenitis .....	4	2	3	1	--	1
560-570	Hernia and intestinal obstruction .....	107	97	108	22	21	23
571	Gastro-enteritis and colitis .....	400	373	372	84	79	80
572	Chronic enteritis, and ulcerative colitis .....	2	4	2	--	1	--
750-759	Congenital malformations .....	2,192	2,230	2,068	461	475	444
760, 761	Injury at birth .....	1,264	1,338	1,232	266	285	265
762	Postnatal asphyxia and atelectasis .....	1,502	1,475	1,368	316	314	294
763	Pneumonia of newborn (under 4 weeks) .....	410	408	360	86	87	77
764	Diarrhoea of newborn (under 4 weeks) .....	86	73	67	18	16	14
765-768	Other infections of newborn .....	43	45	50	9	10	11
769	Antenatal toxæmia .....	120	107	87	25	23	19
770	Erythroblastosis .....	325	336	289	68	72	62
771	Hæmorrhagic disease of newborn .....	97	84	83	20	18	18
772	Nutritional maladjustment .....	53	48	35	11	10	8
773	Ill-defined diseases peculiar to early infancy .....	972	1,095	1,118	204	233	240
774-776	Immaturity .....	2,284	2,304	2,348	480	491	504
795	Ill-defined and unknown causes .....	80	46	51	17	10	11
E810-E825	Motor vehicle accidents .....	24	17	19	5	4	4
E900-E904	Accidental falls .....	14	16	13	3	3	3
E916	Accidents caused by fire .....	23	31	22	5	7	5
E921, E922	Inhalation and ingestion of food or other object .....	317	313	290	67	67	62
E924, E925	Accidental mechanical suffocation .....	178	147	162	37	31	35
	Other accidental and violent deaths .....	64	51	50	13	11	11
	Other specified causes .....	458	473	417	96	101	90
	<b>Totals, All Causes .....</b>	<b>12,940</b>	<b>12,941</b>	<b>12,270</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>2,634</b>

**Age at Death.**—Of the 12,270 infants who died within a year of their birth, 8,411, or over 68 p.c., were less than one month old—4,904 during the first day of life, 2,569 from the second to the seventh day, and 938 during the three following weeks.