

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 1964 this had advanced to 60.8 years and 64.5 years, respectively. On the other hand, the median age increased during the same period from 50.8 to 68.1 for males, and from 52.1 to 72.9 for females. This means that *half* of all the females who died during 1964 were over 73 years of age, while for males half had reached 68 years. Since 1931 the gains in median age were 17.3 years for males and 20.8 for females.

### 16.—Distribution of Deaths by Age and Sex, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1961 and 1964

Age Group	1931 <sup>1</sup>		1941 <sup>1</sup>		1951		1961		1964	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	NUMBERS									
Under 1 year.....	11,667	8,693	8,788	6,448	8,375	6,298	7,447	5,493	6,466	4,703
1—4 years.....	2,844	2,583	1,878	1,566	1,421	1,151	1,164	844	1,066	820
5—9 ".....	1,241	963	888	670	711	466	672	405	715	420
10—14 ".....	821	806	787	536	461	284	527	278	475	290
15—19 ".....	1,311	1,132	1,118	823	721	457	840	322	1,009	416
20—24 ".....	1,572	1,453	1,332	1,039	1,099	549	969	342	1,180	386
25—29 ".....	1,388	1,414	1,317	1,173	988	660	895	418	869	373
30—34 ".....	1,301	1,432	1,211	1,148	1,070	778	1,041	562	1,073	550
35—39 ".....	1,512	1,574	1,497	1,242	1,281	1,015	1,422	880	1,400	807
40—44 ".....	1,888	1,493	1,744	1,464	1,756	1,266	1,916	1,099	2,184	1,231
45—49 ".....	2,314	1,738	2,416	1,817	2,463	1,607	2,993	1,617	3,044	1,670
50—54 ".....	2,855	1,993	3,355	2,227	3,525	2,083	4,242	2,237	4,534	2,366
55—59 ".....	3,057	2,246	4,394	2,851	4,741	2,832	5,404	2,749	5,909	2,842
60—64 ".....	3,583	2,855	5,288	3,483	6,465	3,802	7,098	3,725	7,797	3,988
65—69 ".....	4,249	3,348	6,057	4,412	8,007	5,119	8,548	5,304	8,731	5,268
70—74 ".....	4,867	4,073	6,495	4,981	8,748	6,439	10,582	7,058	10,327	6,985
75—79 ".....	4,368	4,029	6,421	5,461	8,254	6,904	10,970	8,280	11,219	8,729
80—84 ".....	3,206	3,215	5,020	4,906	6,232	6,130	8,635	7,871	9,471	8,545
85 years or over.....	2,555	2,998	3,846	4,540	5,336	6,319	7,337	8,782	8,210	9,573
<b>Totals, All Ages.....</b>	<b>56,529</b>	<b>47,988</b>	<b>63,852</b>	<b>50,787</b>	<b>71,564</b>	<b>54,259</b>	<b>82,709</b>	<b>58,276</b>	<b>85,779</b>	<b>60,071</b>
PERCENTAGES										
Under 1 year.....	20.6	18.1	13.8	12.7	11.7	11.6	9.0	9.4	7.5	7.8
1—4 years.....	5.0	5.3	2.9	3.1	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4
5—9 ".....	2.2	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7
10—14 ".....	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
15—19 ".....	2.3	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.7
20—24 ".....	2.7	3.0	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.6
25—29 ".....	2.5	2.9	2.1	2.3	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.6
30—34 ".....	2.3	3.0	1.9	2.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.9
35—39 ".....	2.7	3.3	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.3
40—44 ".....	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.5	2.0
45—49 ".....	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.6	2.8	3.5	2.8
50—54 ".....	5.0	4.2	5.3	4.4	4.9	3.8	5.1	3.8	5.3	3.9
55—59 ".....	5.4	4.7	6.9	5.6	6.6	5.2	6.6	4.7	6.9	4.9
60—64 ".....	6.3	5.9	8.3	6.9	9.0	7.2	8.5	6.4	9.1	6.6
65—69 ".....	7.5	7.0	9.5	8.7	11.2	9.4	10.3	9.1	10.2	8.8
70—74 ".....	8.6	8.5	10.2	9.8	12.2	11.0	12.8	12.1	12.2	11.6
75—79 ".....	7.7	8.4	10.1	10.7	11.5	12.7	13.3	14.2	13.1	14.5
80—84 ".....	5.7	6.7	7.9	9.7	8.7	11.3	10.4	13.5	11.0	14.2
85 years or over.....	4.5	6.2	6.0	8.9	7.5	11.6	8.9	13.1	9.6	15.9
<b>Totals, All Ages.....</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the Yukon and Northwest Territories.