

**Infant Mortality in Urban Centres.**—Because of the relatively small numbers of infant deaths in individual cities and towns, the rates for these centres usually vary widely from year to year. As is evident from Table 2, pp. 238-240, 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 1964 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 2,159 and was an added complication in 2,828 others. Congenital malformations accounted for 1,969 fatalities, pneumonia for 1,255, postnatal asphyxia for 1,256 and injury at birth for 1,170. Rates for all these causes decreased in 1964.

21.—Infant Mortality and Rates per 100,000 Live Births, by Cause, 1962-64

Inter-national List No.	Cause of Death	Numbers of Deaths			Rates per 100,000 Live Births		
		1962	1963	1964	1962	1963	1964
001-019	Tuberculosis.....	6	5	3	1	1	1
020-029	Syphilis.....	3	3	—	1	1	—
045-048	Dysentery.....	7	1	1	1	—	—
050	Scarlet fever.....	1	—	—	—	—	—
056	Whooping cough.....	19	24	15	4	5	3
057	Meningococcal infections.....	19	16	18	4	3	4
085	Measles.....	34	24	23	7	5	5
140-239	Neoplasms.....	37	48	45	8	10	10
273	Diseases of thymus gland.....	19	5	12	4	1	3
325	Mental deficiency.....	65	67	58	14	14	13
340	Meningitis (non-meningococcal).....	94	77	86	20	17	19
391, 392	Otitis media.....	66	49	63	14	11	14
470-475	Acute upper respiratory infections.....	45	46	30	10	10	7
480-483	Influenza.....	97	100	37	21	21	8
490-493	Pneumonia (4 weeks and over).....	1,232	1,146	948	262	246	209
500-502	Bronchitis.....	84	45	72	18	10	16
543	Gastritis and duodenitis.....	2	3	2	—	1	—
560-570	Hernia and intestinal obstruction.....	97	108	96	21	23	21
571	Gastro-enteritis and colitis.....	373	372	208	79	80	46
572	Chronic enteritis, and ulcerative colitis.....	4	2	3	1	—	1
750-759	Congenital malformations.....	2,230	2,068	1,969	475	444	435
760, 761	Injury at birth.....	1,338	1,232	1,170	285	265	258
762	Postnatal asphyxia and atelectasis.....	1,475	1,368	1,256	314	294	277
763	Pneumonia of newborn (under 4 weeks).....	408	360	307	87	77	68
764	Diarrhoea of newborn (under 4 weeks).....	73	67	57	16	14	13
765-768	Other infections of newborn.....	45	50	41	10	11	9
769	Antenatal toxæmia.....	107	87	91	23	19	20
770	Erythroblastosis.....	336	289	251	72	62	55
771	Hæmorrhagic disease of newborn.....	54	83	93	18	18	21
772	Nutritional maladjustment.....	48	35	36	10	8	8
773	Ill-defined diseases peculiar to early infancy.....	1,095	1,118	1,077	233	240	238
774-776	Immaturity.....	2,304	2,348	2,159	491	504	477
795	Ill-defined and unknown causes.....	46	51	27	10	11	6
E810-E825	Motor vehicle accidents.....	17	19	32	4	4	7
E900-E904	Accidental falls.....	16	13	9	3	3	2
E916	Accidents caused by fire.....	31	22	18	7	5	4
E921, E922	Inhalation and ingestion of food or other object.....	313	290	276	67	62	61
E924, E925	Accidental mechanical suffocation.....	147	162	158	31	35	35
	Other accidental and violent deaths.....	51	50	43	11	11	9
	Other specified causes.....	473	417	379	101	90	84
	<b>Totals, All Causes.....</b>	<b>12,341</b>	<b>12,270</b>	<b>11,169</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>2,466</b>

**Age at Death.**—Of the 11,169 infants who died within a year of their birth, 7,831, or over 70 p.c., were less than one month old—4,724 during the first day of life, 2,295 from the second to the seventh day, and 812 during the three following weeks.