

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 1965 this had advanced to 61.7 years and 65.4 years, respectively. On the other hand, the median age increased during the same period from 50.8 to 68.5 for males, and from 52.1 to 73.4 for females. This means that half of all the females who died during 1965 were over 73.4 years of age, while for males half had reached 68.5 years. Since 1931, the gains in median age were 17.7 years for males and 21.3 for females.

16.—Distribution of Deaths by Age and Sex, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1961 and 1965

Age Group	1931 ¹		1941 ¹		1951		1961		1965	
	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	5,626	4,236
1 — 4 years.....	2,844	2,533	1,878	1,566	1,421	1,151	1,154	844	988	794
5 — 9 ".....	1,241	963	888	670	711	466	672	405	752	457
10 — 14 ".....	821	806	787	536	461	284	527	278	511	307
15 — 19 ".....	1,311	1,132	1,118	823	721	457	840	322	1,072	429
20 — 24 ".....	1,502	1,453	1,332	1,039	1,009	549	969	342	1,213	394
25 — 29 ".....	1,388	1,414	1,317	1,173	988	660	895	418	936	393
30 — 34 ".....	1,301	1,432	1,211	1,148	1,070	778	1,041	562	1,040	536
35 — 39 ".....	1,512	1,574	1,497	1,242	1,281	1,015	1,422	880	1,448	840
40 — 44 ".....	1,888	1,493	1,744	1,464	1,756	1,266	1,916	1,099	2,161	1,273
45 — 49 ".....	2,314	1,738	2,416	1,817	2,463	1,607	2,993	1,617	2,986	1,764
50 — 54 ".....	2,855	1,993	3,355	2,227	3,525	2,083	4,242	2,237	4,763	2,504
55 — 59 ".....	3,057	2,246	4,394	2,851	4,741	2,832	5,494	2,749	6,118	3,016
60 — 64 ".....	3,583	2,855	5,288	3,483	6,465	3,902	7,028	3,725	7,768	3,962
65 — 69 ".....	4,249	3,348	6,057	4,412	8,007	5,119	8,545	5,304	8,945	5,243
70 — 74 ".....	4,867	4,073	6,495	4,981	8,748	6,439	10,582	7,058	10,571	7,203
75 — 79 ".....	4,368	4,029	6,421	5,461	8,254	6,904	10,970	8,290	11,528	8,872
80 — 84 ".....	3,206	3,215	5,020	4,906	6,232	6,130	8,635	7,871	9,926	8,917
85 years or over.....	2,555	2,998	3,846	4,540	5,336	6,319	7,337	8,782	8,856	10,591
Totals, All Ages.....	56,529	47,988	63,852	50,787	71,564	54,259	82,709	58,276	87,208	61,731
PERCENTAGES										
Under 1 year.....	20.6	18.1	13.8	12.7	11.7	11.6	9.0	9.4	6.5	6.9
1 — 4 years.....	5.0	5.3	2.9	3.1	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.3
5 — 9 ".....	2.2	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.9	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	2.4	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	1.0	1.2	0.6	1.4	0.6
25 — 29 ".....	2.5	2.9	2.1	2.3	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.7	1.1	0.6
30 — 34 ".....	2.3	3.0	1.9	2.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.2	0.9
35 — 39 ".....	2.7	3.3	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.4
40 — 44 ".....	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.5	2.1
45 — 49 ".....	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.6	2.8	3.4	2.9
50 — 54 ".....	5.0	4.2	5.3	4.4	4.9	3.8	5.1	3.8	5.5	4.1
55 — 59 ".....	5.4	4.7	6.9	5.6	6.6	5.2	6.6	4.7	7.0	4.9
60 — 64 ".....	6.3	5.9	8.3	6.9	9.0	7.2	8.5	6.4	8.9	6.4
65 — 69 ".....	7.5	7.0	9.5	8.7	11.2	9.4	10.3	9.1	10.3	8.5
70 — 74 ".....	8.6	8.5	10.2	9.8	12.2	11.9	12.8	12.1	12.1	11.7
75 — 79 ".....	7.7	8.4	10.1	10.7	11.5	12.7	13.3	14.2	13.2	14.4
80 — 84 ".....	5.7	6.7	7.9	9.7	8.7	11.3	10.4	13.5	11.4	14.4
85 years or over.....	4.5	6.2	6.0	8.9	7.5	11.6	8.9	15.1	10.2	17.2
Totals, All Ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Excludes the Yukon and Northwest Territories.