

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 affect mainly children and young adults have declined.

18.—Deaths and Rates per 100,000 Population, according to the International Abbreviated List of 50 Causes, 1964 and 1965

International List No.		Cause of Death	Numbers of Deaths		Rates per 100,000 Population	
Abbreviated List	Detailed List		1964	1965	1964	1965
B 1	001-008	Tuberculosis of respiratory system.....	598	629	3.1	3.2
B 2	010-019	Tuberculosis, other forms.....	72	68	0.4	0.3
B 3	020-029	Syphilis and its sequelae.....	91	105	0.5	0.5
B 4	040	Typhoid fever.....	2	—	—	—
B 5	043	Cholera.....	—	—	—	—
B 6	045-048	Dysentery, all forms.....	15	3	0.1	—
B 7	050, 051	Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat.....	9	10	—	0.1
B 8	055	Diphtheria.....	5	6	—	—
B 9	056	Whooping cough.....	26	9	0.1	—
B 10	057	Meningococcal infections.....	38	38	0.2	0.2
B 11	058	Plague.....	—	—	—	—
B 12	080	Acute poliomyelitis.....	5	1	—	—
B 13	084	Smallpox.....	—	—	—	—
B 14	085	Measles.....	58	71	0.3	0.4
B 15	100-108	Typhus and other rickettsial diseases.....	1	—	—	—
B 16	110-117	Malaria.....	1	—	—	—
	030-039, 041, 042, 044, 049, 052-054, 059-074, 081-083, 086-096, 120-138	All other diseases classified as infective and parasitic.....	325	370	1.7	1.9
B 17						
B 18	140-205	Cancer (all malignant neoplasms).....	25,637	26,050	133.3	133.1
	(201)	Cancer.....	24,177	24,579	125.7	125.6
	(204)	Hodgkin's disease.....	276	297	1.4	1.5
	(204)	Leukæmia and aleukæmia.....	1,184	1,174	6.2	6.0
B 19	210-239	Benign and unspecified neoplasms.....	321	294	1.7	1.5
B 20	260	Diabetes mellitus.....	2,488	2,496	12.9	12.8
B 21	290-293	Anæmia.....	316	356	1.6	1.8
B 22	330-334	Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system.....	15,030	15,669	78.1	80.1
B 23	340	Non-meningococcal meningitis.....	179	178	0.9	0.9
B 24	400-402	Rheumatic fever.....	42	45	0.2	0.2
B 25	410-416	Chronic rheumatic heart disease.....	1,323	1,351	6.9	6.9
B 26	420-422	Arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease.....	46,378	48,383	241.1	247.2
B 27	430-434	Other diseases of heart.....	2,219	2,175	11.5	11.1
B 28	440-443	Hypertension with heart disease.....	2,656	2,504	13.8	12.8
B 29	444-447	Hypertension without mention of heart.....	806	776	4.2	4.0
B 30	480-483	Influenza.....	300	439	1.6	2.2
B 31	450-493	Pneumonia.....	4,962	5,123	25.8	26.2
B 32	500-502	Bronchitis.....	1,017	1,186	5.3	6.1
B 33	540, 541	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.....	992	946	5.2	4.8
B 34	550-553	Appendicitis.....	162	128	0.8	0.7
B 35	560, 561, 570	Intestinal obstruction and hernia.....	917	945	4.8	4.8
B 36	543, 571, 572	Gastritis, duodenitis, enteritis and colitis except diarrhoea of the newborn.....	750	712	3.9	3.6
B 37	581	Cirrhosis of liver.....	1,228	1,248	6.4	6.4
B 38	590-594	Nephritis and nephrosis.....	1,279	1,139	6.6	5.8
B 39	610	Hyperplasia of prostate.....	447	437	4.6 ¹	4.4 ¹
B 40	640-652, 660, 670-689	Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium.....	137	135	30.2 ²	32.3 ²
B 41	750-759	Congenital malformations.....	2,589	2,388	13.5	12.2

¹ Per 100,000 males.

² Per 100,000 live births.