

**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. 252-254, 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 1965 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 1,827 and was an added complication in 2,441 others. Congenital malformations accounted for 1,821 fatalities, pneumonia for 1,117, postnatal asphyxia for 1,083 and injury at birth for 996. Rates for all of these causes remained constant or decreased in 1965.

**21.—Infant Mortality and Rates per 100,000 Live Births, by Cause, 1963-65**

International List No.	Cause of Death	Numbers of Deaths			Rates per 100,000 Live Births		
		1963	1964	1965	1963	1964	1965
001-019	Tuberculosis.....	5	3	4	1	1	1
020-029	Syphilis.....	3	—	1	1	—	—
045-048	Dysentery.....	1	1	—	—	—	—
050	Scarlet fever.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
056	Whooping cough.....	24	15	5	5	3	1
057	Meningococcal infections.....	16	18	18	3	4	4
085	Measles.....	24	23	27	5	5	6
140-239	Neoplasms.....	48	45	31	10	10	7
273	Diseases of thymus gland.....	5	12	11	1	3	3
325	Mental deficiency.....	67	58	48	14	13	11
340	Meningitis (non-meningococcal).....	77	86	73	17	19	17
391, 392	Otitis media.....	49	63	40	11	14	10
470-475	Acute upper respiratory infections.....	46	30	36	10	7	9
480-483	Influenza.....	100	37	35	21	8	8
490-493	Pneumonia (4 weeks and over).....	1,146	948	831	246	209	199
500-502	Bronchitis.....	45	72	55	10	16	13
543	Gastritis and duodenitis.....	3	2	1	1	—	—
560-570	Hernia and intestinal obstruction.....	108	96	104	23	21	25
571	Gastro-enteritis and colitis.....	372	208	172	80	46	41
572	Chronic enteritis, and ulcerative colitis.....	2	3	2	—	1	—
750-759	Congenital malformations.....	2,068	1,969	1,821	444	435	435
760, 761	Injury at birth.....	1,232	1,170	996	265	258	238
762	Postnatal asphyxia and atelectasis.....	1,368	1,256	1,083	294	277	259
763	Pneumonia of newborn (under 4 weeks).....	360	307	286	77	68	68
764	Diarrhoea of newborn (under 4 weeks).....	67	57	30	14	13	7
765-768	Other infections of newborn.....	50	41	34	11	9	8
769	Antenatal toxæmia.....	87	91	56	19	20	13
770	Erythroblastosis.....	289	251	218	62	55	52
771	Hæmorrhagic disease of newborn.....	83	93	73	18	21	17
772	Nutritional maladjustment.....	35	36	29	8	8	7
773	Ill-defined diseases peculiar to early infancy.....	1,118	1,077	1,049	240	238	251
774-776	Immaturity.....	2,348	2,159	1,827	504	477	436
795	Ill-defined and unknown causes.....	51	27	10	11	6	2
E810-E825	Motor vehicle accidents.....	19	32	15	4	7	4
E900-E904	Accidental falls.....	13	9	10	3	2	2
E916	Accidents caused by fire.....	22	18	23	5	4	5
E921, E922	Inhalation and ingestion of food or other object.....	290	276	259	62	61	62
E924, E925	Accidental mechanical suffocation.....	162	158	141	35	35	34
	Other accidental and violent deaths.....	50	43	44	11	9	11
	Other specified causes.....	417	379	364	90	84	87
	<b>Totals, All Causes.....</b>	<b>12,270</b>	<b>11,169</b>	<b>9,862</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>2,466</b>	<b>2,356</b>

**Age at Death.**—Of the 9,862 infants who died within a year of their birth, 6,835, or almost 70 p.c., were less than one month old—4,029 during the first day of life, 2,116 from the second to the seventh day, and 690 during the three following weeks.