

29.—Maternal Deaths and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Provinces, 1944-47

Item	MATERNAL DEATHS										Maternal Deaths of Unmarried Mothers	
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada ¹	No.	P.C. of Total
1944.....	12	33	43	318	198	49	42	31	50	776	48	6.10
1945.....	6	24	25	256	171	31	49	48	50	660	38	5.76
1946.....	6	28	34	229	160	32	36	32	38	595	39	6.55
1947.....	6	20	25	259	129	23	38	22	32	554	34	6.14
	RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS										Per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	
1944.....	5.2	2.1	3.2	3.1	2.5	3.1	2.3	1.6	2.6	2.7	4.0	
1945.....	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.5	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.9	
1946.....	2.1	1.6	2.1	2.1	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.8	2.9	
1947.....	2.0	1.0	1.4	2.2	1.2	1.1	1.6	0.9	1.2	1.5	2.3	

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

Age at Death.—Table 30 shows the distribution of maternal deaths by age, together with the average age at death. The latter is slightly more than two years higher than the average age of all mothers at the time of childbirth. The rates per 1,000 live births by age groups show that age is a most important factor in maternal mortality. Though all the rates are much lower than they used to be, the inequalities between the age groups remain. The rate at 30-34 years is nearly twice as high as the rate at 20-24 years, and above the age of 40 it is over four times as high. The slightly higher rate in the first age group shown in the table, compared with the second, is due to the high proportion of illegitimate children born to young mothers.

30.—Maternal Mortality and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Age Groups, 1944-47

Age Group	Maternal Deaths								Rates per 1,000 Live Births			
	1944		1945		1946		1947		1944	1945	1946	1947
	No.	p c.	No.	p c.	No.	p c.	No.	p c.				
Under 20 years.....	30	3.9	28	4.2	27	4.5	24	4.3	1.78	1.65	1.39	1.07
20 - 24 ".....	146	18.8	110	16.7	90	15.1	96	17.3	1.87	1.40	0.97	0.92
25 - 29 ".....	186	24.0	161	24.4	142	23.9	107	19.3	2.26	1.95	1.46	1.00
30 - 34 ".....	200	25.8	136	20.6	130	21.8	144	26.0	3.34	2.21	1.90	2.00
35 - 39 ".....	141	18.2	135	20.5	121	20.3	120	21.7	4.17	3.79	3.17	3.06
40 - 44 ".....	70	9.0	81	12.3	72	12.1	55	9.9	6.23	6.98	5.91	4.43
45 - 49 ".....	3	0.4	8	1.2	13	2.2	8	1.4	2.99	7.14	10.99	7.65
50 years or over.....	—	...	1	0.2	—	...	—
Totals, All Ages At Death.....	776	100.0	660	100.0	595	100.0	554	100.0	2.73	2.29	1.80	1.54
Average Ages at Death.	30.8		31.5		31.7		31.5	