

The following table shows details of infant mortality for the years 1940-46 inclusive:—

Infant Mortality in New Zealand, 1940-46 (per 1,000 Live Births)
(Europeans only)

Year.	Under One Month.	One Month and under Twelve Months.	Total under Twelve Months.
1940	22·03	8·18	30·21
1941	20·00	9·77	29·77
1942	18·73	9·98	28·71
1943	21·27	10·10	31·37
1944	20·60	9·52	30·12
1945	19·59	8·40	27·99
1946	19·08	7·02	26·10

Analysis of Deaths of Infants under One Month, 1945

Cause of Death.	Under One Day.	One Day and under One Week.	One Week and under Two Weeks.	Two Weeks and under Three Weeks.	Three Weeks and under One Month.	Total.
Diphtheria .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping-cough .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Influenza .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syphilis .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Convulsions .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Broncho-pneumonia .. ..	..	6	6	1	2	15
Pneumonia .. ..	..	2	5	1	1	9
Diarrhoea and enteritis .. ..	..	..	3	1	1	5
Congenital malformations	20	52	21	8	5	106
Congenital debility	5	9	1	1	..	16
Injury at birth	39	54	9	1	1	104
Premature birth	216	120	9	9	5	359
Other diseases of early infancy	27	45	8	2	2	84
Other causes	5	4	8	3	5	25
Totals—						
1945	312	293	70	28	22	725
1944	289	270	76	43	14	692
1943	254	284	61	25	21	645
1942	260	264	54	26	25	629
1941	280	293	70	38	21	702
1940	288	318	72	26	18	722

Still-births.—The registered still-births were 21·75 per 1,000 total births for Europeans. The corresponding Maori figure is not available.

The following table shows the death-rates for still-births and deaths of infants under one month of age for the years 1941-46:—

Rates per 1,000 Total Births
(Europeans only)

Year.	Still-births.	Under One Day.	One Day and under Two Days.	Two Days and under One Week.	One Week and under Two Weeks.	Two Weeks and under One Month.
1941	26·92	7·76	2·49	5·63	1·94	1·64
1942	25·85	7·54	2·50	5·16	1·57	1·48
1943	26·25	8·16	3·53	5·59	1·96	1·48
1944	23·23	8·40	2·50	5·35	2·21	1·66
1945	22·84	8·24	2·43	5·30	1·85	1·32
1946	21·75	8·04	2·90	4·84	1·77	1·12