

Analysis of Deaths of Infants Under One Month, 1945

(Europeans only)

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	..	..	..	1	1	2
Whooping-cough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Influenza	..	1	1	..	..	2
Syphilis	..	..	..	..	1	1
Convulsions	..	..	..	..	..	..
Broncho-pneumonia ..	..	6	6	4	1	17
Pneumonia	..	3	1	1	1	6
Diarrhoea and enteritis	..	2	..	3	1	6
Congenital malformations	21	49	22	7	4	103
Congenital debility ..	6	6	1	..	..	13
Injury at birth	33	71	11	4	1	120
Premature birth	244	131	16	4	2	397
Other diseases of early infancy	36	57	10	2	2	107
Other causes	4	5	8	4	4	25
Totals—						
1946	344	331	76	30	18	799
1945	312	293	70	28	22	725
1944	289	270	76	43	14	692
1943	254	284	61	25	21	645
1942	260	260	54	26	25	629
1941	280	293	70	38	21	702

Still-births.—The still-births for Europeans registered in 1947 numbered 911, giving a rate of 19.92 per 1,000 total births. This is the first occasion on which the still-birth rate has been below 20 per 1,000 births, the previous lowest figure (1946) being 21.75 per 1,000 total births. No figures are available for Maori still-births.

The following table shows the death-rates for still-births and deaths of infants under one month of age for the years 1942–47 :—

Rates Per 1,000 Total Births

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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.
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
1947	19.92	7.87	2.89	4.44	1.31	1.20

Maternal Mortality.—Here again the Maori figures are not available.

For Europeans the maternal-mortality rate, including deaths from septic abortion, was 1.07 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 2.05 in 1946. After excluding deaths from septic abortion, the rate was 0.85 (1.76 in 1946).