

Deaths of Infants under One Year, and Proportion to Births.

Year.	Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age. (Totals for each Year, and Means of 10 Years.)					Total Births registered in each Year, and Mean of 10 Years.	Proportion of Deaths of Infants under 1 Year to every 1,000 Births.
	Under 1 Month.	1 Month and under 3 Months.	3 Months and under 6 Months.	6 Months and under 12 Months.	Total under 12 Months.		
1901	610	272	292	289	1,463	20,491	71·4
1902	665	344	313	390	1,712	20,655	82·9
1903	692	346	367	365	1,770	21,829	81·1
1904	669	260	356	331	1,616	22,766	71·0
1905	714	285	290	310	1,599	23,682	67·5
1906	717	247	244	298	1,506	24,252	62·1
1907	763	446	500	519	2,228	25,094	88·8
1908	810	242	347	362	1,761	25,940	67·9
1909	794	285	258	297	1,634	26,524	61·6
1910	786	298	333	343	1,760	25,984	67·7
Means of ten years	722	303	330	350	1,705	23,722	71·9

NOTE.—The total number of deaths of infants for the period included in the table is 17,049.

Deaths of Children under One Year to 1,000 Births.

Country.	Deaths per 1,000 Births.	Country.	Deaths per 1,000 Births.
Chili (1908)	320	Scotland (1908)	121
Hungary (1909)	212	Denmark (1908)	123
Ceylon (1909)	202	Ireland (1909)	92
Jamaica (1909)	174	Victoria (1909)	71
Prussia (1909)	164	Western Australia (1909)	78
Servia (1908)	158	Sweden (1908)	85
Italy (1908)	153	New South Wales (1909)	74
Japan (1908)	157	Tasmania (1909)	65
Belgium (1908)	147	Queensland (1909)	72
Netherlands (1909)	99	South Australia (1909)	61
Switzerland (1908)	108	New Zealand (1909)	62
England and Wales (1909)	109	Norway (1908)	76
Finland (1909)	111		

Here, of European countries, Prussia, which has a birth-rate of 31·8 per 1,000 of population, shows an infantile mortality of 164 per 1,000 births; while New Zealand, with a birth-rate of 27 per 1,000 of population, loses only 62 infants per 1,000 births. So that, whatever may be the faults of ignorance or wilfulness in this country, from a statistical point of view it would appear that far better conditions obtain than elsewhere.

The principal causes of mortality in children under one year for New Zealand are given, with the numbers of deaths for five years from such causes. Premature birth stands first in order of importance, diarrhoea and enteritis next, followed by marasmus or debility. Here it is seen how much mortality is attributed to these causes according to the medical certificates.

Causes of Deaths of Children under One Year.—1906–10.

Causes.	Number of Deaths from each Cause.					Percentage of Total.				
	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.
Whooping-cough	17	207	31	28	101	1·13	9·29	1·76	1·71	5·74
Convulsions	90	84	76	107	80	5·98	3·77	4·32	6·55	4·54
Bronchitis and pneumonia	170	269	148	168	157	11·29	12·08	8·40	10·28	8·92
Diarrhoea and enteritis	232	557	418	249	343	15·40	25·00	23·74	15·24	19·49
Premature birth	337	359	388	347	407	22·38	16·11	22·03	21·24	23·12
Marasmus, &c.	267	303	264	256	281	17·73	13·60	14·99	15·67	15·97
Other causes	393	449	436	479	391	26·09	20·15	24·76	29·31	22·22
Totals	1,506	2,228	1,761	1,634	1,760	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00