

THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

(Europeans only)

The following table gives the main causes of death during the year, the actual number of deaths therefrom, and the death-rates per 10,000 of mean population for each of the last five years :—

Cause.	1945.		1944 : Rate.	1943 : Rate.	1942 : Rate.	1941 : Rate.
	Number.	Rate.				
Heart-disease (all forms)	5,638	35·37	33·50	33·68	36·41	31·55
Cancer	2,212	13·88	14·02	13·85	13·13	13·18
Violence	785	4·93	5·38	6·06	5·76	5·64
Pneumonia	255	1·60	1·32	1·41	1·52	1·48
Pneumonia (secondary to influenza, whooping-cough, and measles)	32	0·20	0·31	0·17	0·81	0·38
Bronchitis	179	1·12	1·14	1·40	1·36	0·94
Broncho-pneumonia	249	1·56	1·82	1·67	2·11	1·98
Tuberculosis (all forms)	603	3·78	3·81	3·72	3·94	3·88
Kidney, or Bright's disease	416	2·61	2·80	2·83	3·19	3·66
Apoplexy or cerebral hæmorrhage	1,640	10·29	9·28	9·79	9·90	8·95*
Diseases of the arteries	239	1·50	1·21	1·21	1·22	1·14*
Senility	459	2·88	2·94	3·17	3·02	3·13
Diabetes	319	2·00	2·10	2·16	2·28	2·22
Hernia and intestinal obstruction	125	0·78	0·74	0·65	0·74	0·73
Diseases and accidents of childbirth (puerperal mortality)	83	0·52	0·58	0·44	0·55	0·76
Appendicitis	59	0·37	0·50	0·47	0·44	0·55
Diarrhœa and enteritis	125	0·78	0·64	0·58	0·50	0·54
Epilepsy	45	0·28	0·30	0·46	0·53	0·43
Common infectious diseases—						
Influenza (all forms, including pneumonia) ..	53	0·31	0·40	0·42	1·61	0·49
Diphtheria	42	0·26	0·19	0·21	0·16	0·11
Whooping-cough	8	0·05	0·29	0·11	0·03	0·44
Scarlet fever	13	0·08	0·17	0·01	0·01	0·01
Typhoid and paratyphoid	3	0·02	0·02	0·02	0·05	0·05
Measles	10	0·06	..	0·05	0·20	0·03

* Owing to an alteration in the international agreement as to the allocation of deaths to various causes, the figures for these two conditions are not separately comparable with the figures for years before 1940.