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## WEIGHT AND HEIGHT AS AN INDEX OF NUTRITION.

**Weight and Height Measurements of 9,973 Children Classified upon Medical Examination as "Excellent," "Good," "Fair," or "Poor" in Nutrition as Judged from Clinical Evidence.**<sup>1</sup>

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The increasing attention which is being given to child hygiene emphasizes more and more the need for some dependable index of physical fitness for practical use. It is unquestionably desirable that this index should (a) accurately indicate for the individual child his physical status, (b) be expressible in numerical terms, (c) be referable to a standard in order that significant deviations from health may be accurately measured, and (d) be simple and easily found for any child by persons without special training in health.

A number of indices have been and are being suggested, but the one which is most generally used at present is the weight of a given child compared with the average weight of children of same sex, age, and height, allowing 7 or 10 per cent deviation from this standard as normal variation. Children below this standard are classed as underweight and presumably as not physically fit.

Objections have been made to such an index on quite serious grounds, the chief of which are that the establishment of a practicable standard or "norm" is not feasible and that, even if such a "norm" could be established, a deviation in weight in the case of a specific individual may not necessarily indicate an actual deviation from good health. In the hope of throwing additional light on this question there are presented in the following pages the results of a statistical analysis of the height and weight measurements of several thousand children considered in relation to the state of "nutrition" as determined independently upon the basis of clinical evidence.

The data for the study consist of weight and height measurements of 9,973 white children of native parentage who were given a physical

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examination and graded according to nutrition into four groups—"excellent," "good," "fair," and "poor," as judged from clinical evidence. While the examiner's impression of weight in relation to age and height was undoubtedly included among the clinical evidences of nutrition, it did not have a predominating influence, and the grading according to nutrition was accomplished without comparing the weight and height of the subject with any standard or average. Weight and height thus merely entered in as one of several factors considered in making a diagnosis of nutrition. The classification, it will be seen, is a modification of the Dunfermline scale for grading nutrition.<sup>2</sup> At the same time the examinations were made the children were weighed and measured. The children ranged from 6 to 16 years of age, inclusive, and resided in Spartanburg and near-by mill villages in South Carolina, in Hampton, Va., Frederick County, Md., Newcastle County, Del., and Nassau County, N. Y. The examinations were made by medical officers of the U. S. Public Health Service who were experienced in examining children and in estimating physical fitness.

#### WEIGHT, HEIGHT, AND NUTRITION.

Since nutrition was judged from clinical evidence, without reference to standard or average weights, it is a matter of fundamental interest to see how the children judged as not well-nourished ("poor" or "fair") compare in weight, standing height, and sitting height with those whose nutrition was judged as satisfactory ("good" or "excellent").

Because the great majority of the children considered in this study fell in the "good" and the "fair" nutrition groups and relatively few in the "excellent" and "poor" groups, it was not possible to use the latter classes separately in any tabulation requiring a division into age groups. The "excellent" group was therefore combined with the "good," and the "poor" was combined with the "fair," to get two groups of sufficient size for comparison. Roughly the nutritional status of the two broad groups may be described as "satisfactory" and "unsatisfactory."

In Table I the mean weight, mean standing height, mean sitting height, and mean weight-height index of these two nutrition groups are shown for each sex and age. The bottom section of the table shows the frequency distribution of the 9,973 children according to sex, age, and nutrition as judged from clinical evidence. Figure 1 is arranged to compare graphically the mean measurements shown in Table I.

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<sup>2</sup> The Dunfermline scale for grading nutrition which was first used by Dr. Alister Mackenzie, at Dunfermline, Scotland, is described by Frank C. Manny, "A Scale for Marking Nutrition," *School and Society*, Vol. III, No. 56, pp. 123-124, Jan. 22, 1916.

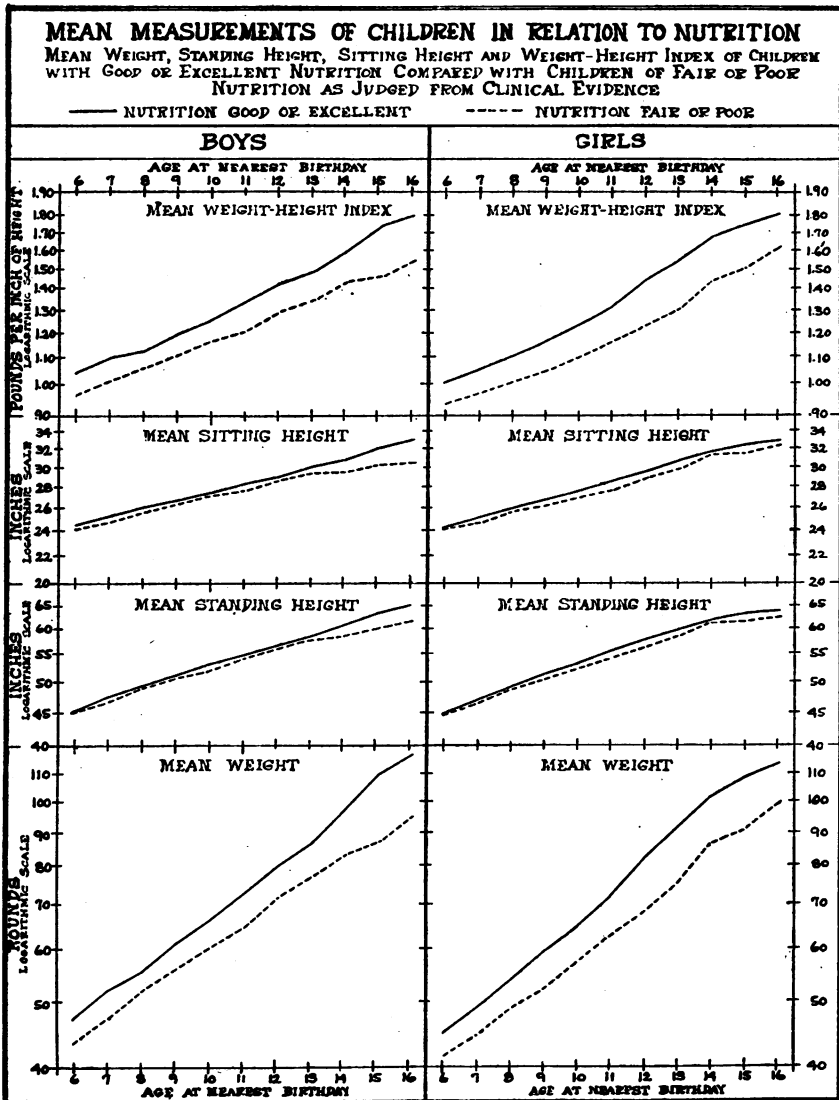


FIG. 1.

TABLE I.—*Mean measurements of children classified according to nutritional status.*

Mean weight, standing height, sitting height, and weight-height index of children of good or excellent nutrition compared with children of fair or poor nutrition as judged from clinical evidence.

(Based on 9,973 children of native white parents in South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and New York.)

Sex and nutrition.	Age, nearest birthday.										
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mean weight (pounds).											
Boys:											
Good or excellent..	47.12	51.99	55.26	60.95	66.11	72.54	79.75	86.45	96.43	110.00	116.75
Fair or poor.....	43.17	47.04	51.67	55.86	60.13	64.51	71.78	77.10	83.32	87.18	94.83
All boys.....	46.38	51.00	54.47	60.03	65.09	71.01	78.44	85.23	94.90	107.18	114.91
Girls:											
Good or excellent..	45.00	49.18	53.90	59.00	64.73	71.84	82.38	91.33	102.19	109.12	114.76
Fair or poor.....	41.50	44.72	48.76	52.17	57.08	62.26	68.19	75.15	86.73	91.46	99.56
All girls.....	44.42	48.31	52.92	57.66	63.27	70.03	80.41	89.31	100.18	108.11	113.82
Mean standing height (inches).											
Boys:											
Good or excellent..	45.22	47.46	49.35	51.18	53.02	54.57	56.59	58.18	60.56	63.20	64.88
Fair or poor.....	44.76	46.51	48.77	50.55	51.83	53.78	55.77	57.46	58.11	59.82	61.36
Girls:											
Good or excellent..	44.72	46.85	49.01	51.02	52.76	55.10	57.41	59.43	61.42	62.61	63.23
Fair or poor.....	44.50	46.30	48.50	50.02	51.98	53.84	55.91	57.93	60.58	60.94	61.66
Mean sitting height (inches).											
Boys:											
Good or excellent..	24.42	25.34	26.01	26.70	27.38	28.19	28.96	29.69	30.65	32.04	32.99
Fair or poor.....	24.05	24.77	25.56	26.33	26.98	27.55	28.53	29.26	29.38	30.08	30.44
Girls:											
Good or excellent..	24.13	25.00	25.80	26.61	27.36	28.36	29.38	30.49	31.45	32.26	32.79
Fair or poor.....	23.89	24.51	25.50	25.98	26.83	27.53	28.61	29.56	31.10	31.17	32.03
Mean weight-height index $\left( \frac{\text{Mean weight in pounds}}{\text{Mean height in inches}} \right)$ .											
Boys:											
Good or excellent..	1.942	1.095	1.120	1.191	1.247	1.329	1.409	1.486	1.592	1.741	1.790
Fair or poor.....	.964	1.011	1.059	1.105	1.160	1.200	1.287	1.342	1.434	1.457	1.545
Girls:											
Good or excellent..	1.006	1.050	1.100	1.156	1.227	1.304	1.435	1.537	1.664	1.743	1.814
Fair or poor.....	.933	.966	1.005	1.043	1.098	1.156	1.220	1.297	1.432	1.501	1.609
Number of children.											
Boys:											
All boys.....	231	503	603	634	691	610	573	489	369	227	107
Good or excellent..	188	402	470	520	573	494	479	425	326	199	98
Fair or poor.....	43	101	133	114	118	116	94	64	43	28	9
Girls:											
All girls.....	223	489	572	637	593	567	569	512	400	229	145
Good or excellent..	186	393	462	512	480	460	490	448	348	216	136
Fair or poor.....	37	96	110	125	113	107	79	64	52	13	9

The mean measurements of children classed as "good" or "excellent" in nutrition are consistently greater in the different age groups than the corresponding mean measurements of children of "fair" or "poor" nutrition. Also the rate of growth, as indicated by the slope of the mean weight and weight-height index lines plotted on a logarithmic scale in Figure I, seems slightly greater for the well nourished than for the poorly nourished group.

For the purpose of comparing the distributions of the children according to weight, standing height, and sitting height, it was necessary to use 2-year age groups in order to have a sufficient number of children to secure dependable results.<sup>3</sup> Tables II, III, and IV compare in each of the 2-year age groups the percentage distributions of the children of the two nutrition grades according to weight, standing height, and sitting height.

<sup>3</sup> Because of the fact that the weight of children differs considerably with a year's difference in age, the average weight or the distribution in weight of children classified in 2-year age groups could not legitimately be compared for the two nutrition groups unless the proportion of children each single year of age was approximately the same in the two groups considered. For example, of the total girls in the 8-9-year age group of "good" or "excellent" nutrition, 47.4 per cent were 8 years old; in the "fair" and "poor" nutrition group, 46.8 per cent or almost the same proportion were 8 years old. The others in each case were, of course, 9 years old. The age factor will therefore have the same effect in each nutrition group.

The following table is introduced to show the comparability in respect to age of the two nutrition grades in the broad age groups used.

*Distribution according to single years of age of children in each of the broad age groups used, by sex and nutrition.*

Age nearest birthday.	Number.				Per cent.			
	Boys.		Girls.		Boys.		Girls.	
	Good or excel- lent nu- trition.	Fair or poor nu- trition.	Good or excel- lent nu- trition.	Fair or poor nu- trition.	Good or excel- lent nu- trition.	Fair or poor nu- trition.	Good or excel- lent nu- trition.	Fair or poor nu- trition.
6-7.....	590	144	579	133	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6.....	188	43	186	37	31.9	29.9	32.1	27.8
7.....	402	101	393	96	68.1	70.1	67.9	72.2
8-9.....	990	247	974	235	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
8.....	470	133	462	110	47.5	53.8	47.4	46.8
9.....	520	114	512	125	52.5	46.2	52.6	53.2
10-11.....	1,067	234	940	220	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
10.....	573	118	480	113	53.7	50.4	51.1	51.4
11.....	494	116	460	107	46.3	49.6	48.9	48.6
12-13.....	904	158	938	143	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
12.....	479	94	490	79	53.0	59.5	52.2	55.2
13.....	425	64	448	64	47.0	40.5	47.8	44.8
14-16.....	623	80	700	74	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
14.....	326	43	348	52	52.4	53.8	49.7	70.3
15.....	199	28	216	13	31.9	35.0	30.9	17.6
16.....	98	9	136	9	15.7	11.2	19.4	12.1

While there is some variation, the 2-year age groups for each nutrition grade are made up of roughly the same proportion of children in each single year of age, and therefore the broader age groups ought to be fairly comparable as between the two nutrition groups.



TABLE II.—Percentage distributions according to weight, by age, sex, and nutrition groups—Continued.

**GIRLS.**

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[Percentage distributions according to sitting height of children in each age group of good or excellent nutrition, compared with those of fair or poor nutrition as judged from clinical evidence.]

**BOYS.**

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It was noted with reference to Figure 1 that *on the average* the children of "good" or "excellent" nutrition were larger in weight and in standing and sitting height than children of "fair" or "poor"

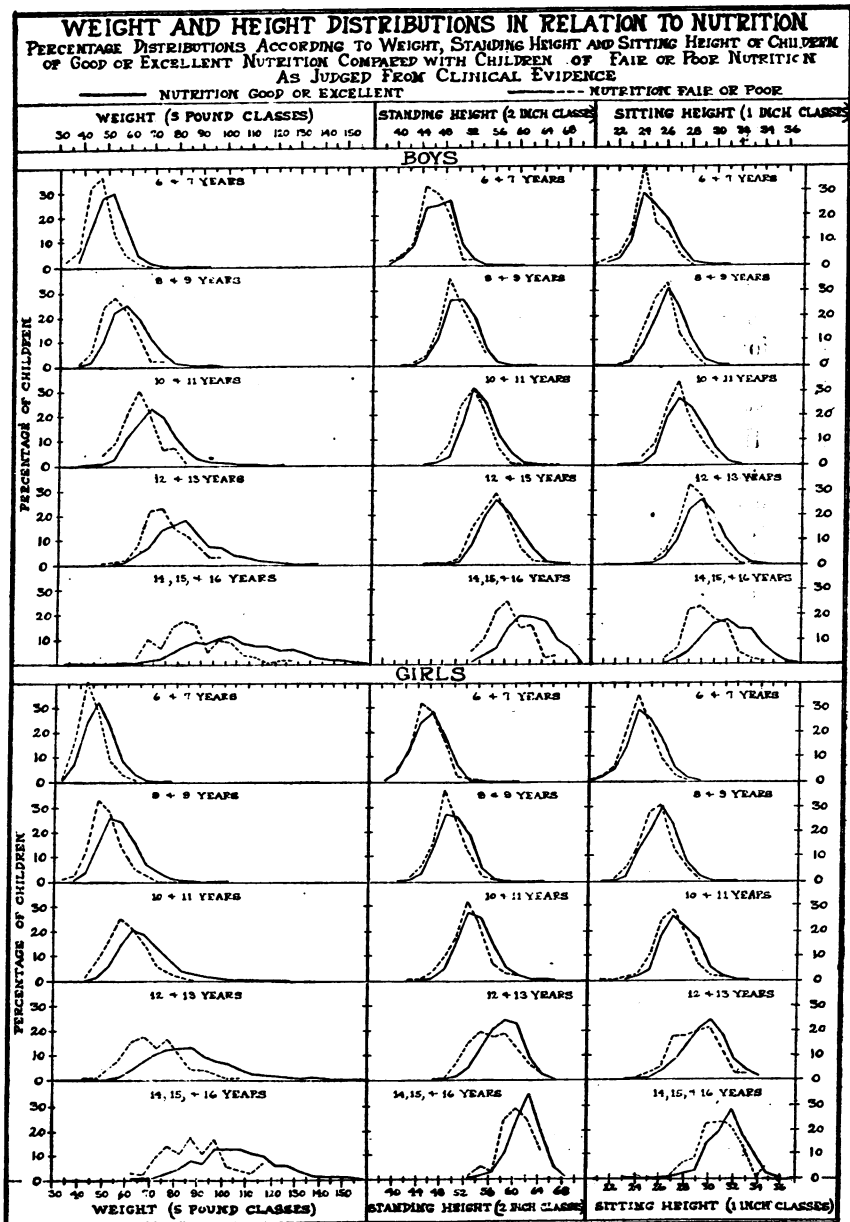


FIG. 2.

nutrition. In Figure 2 the distributions of these two nutrition groups of children according to weight and according to standing and sitting height are compared for different sex and age groups. Although

the curves are somewhat irregular, especially in the older age groups, the mode is fairly well defined for each measurement. In regard to weight, the modal weight, like the average weight, is in each age group distinctly less for the "fair" or "poor" nutrition group than for the children of "good" or "excellent" nutrition.

But it is important to note that, although the children in the "fair" or "poor" nutrition group weigh less *on the average* than those in the "good" or "excellent" group, a large proportion of the children in the well-nourished group weigh less than some in the "fair" or "poor" group and a considerable proportion weigh less than the average weight of the children of "fair" or "poor" nutrition. Figure 2 brings out this fact graphically. While all the children in the lower nutrition groups are not classed as poorly nourished, these curves seem to indicate that weight measurements alone are not sufficient for determining nutrition, and a check by a physical examination is necessary to detect at least certain cases of malnutrition.

As regards standing and sitting height, the differences are not so clear; the modal heights of the two nutrition groups appear to be practically the same in the majority of the age groups, but the curve for the less well nourished is in practically all cases a little nearer the left—that is, heights tend to be a little less in the "fair" or "poor" nutrition group. This tendency seems to increase as age increases, since as regards both standing and sitting height the mode in the last two age groups (12–13 and 14–16 years) seems to be appreciably less for the "fair" or "poor" group than for the well-nourished children.

In order to show more clearly this relation of weight to nutritional status, an attempt was made to construct weight curves representing each of the four nutrition groups used. In order to get sufficient numbers of children for the two extreme groups ("excellent" and "poor"), it was necessary to consider the weights of children of all ages at the same time. To do this legitimately the following statistical procedure was used: (1) Average weights were calculated for children of each sex for each year of age and the percentage deviation in the weight of each child from the average weight of all children of the same sex and age was computed; (2) a distribution according to these deviations in weight was then made for each nutrition group by computing the number of children who were not over 3 per cent above or 3 per cent below the average weight for their own sex and age, then the number who were 4 to 10 per cent above, 11 to 17 per cent above, etc., in 7 per cent classes; in a similar manner the children who were below the average were divided into classes of the same interval; (3) these numbers were combined for both sexes and all ages, but each nutrition group was kept separate. The result was a frequency distribution for children of each of the four nutrition grades according to the percentage deviation from the average weight of all children of the same sex and age. Table V shows this distribution in actual numbers of children in each class.



Percentage distributions of children in different nutritional groups according to the percentage deviation from the average weight of all children of the same sex and age. (9,873 native white children 6-16 years of age in South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and New York.)

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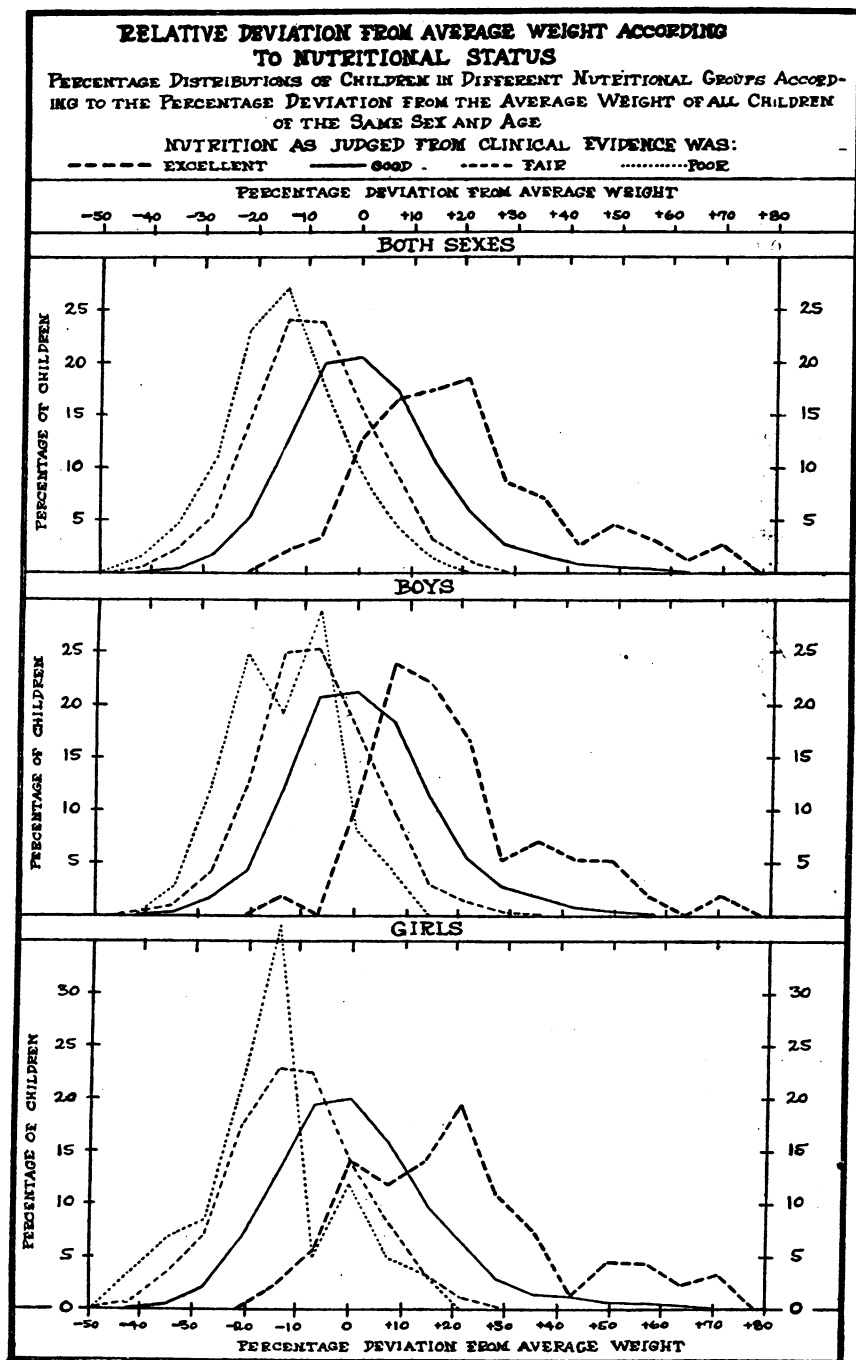


FIG. 3.

Since the number of children of "good" nutrition is so much larger than any of the other grades, comparison is difficult. In order to make the different nutrition groups comparable, each distribution was reduced to a percentage basis, 100 per cent representing the total children in any given nutrition group. Table VI shows these percentage distributions and Figure 3 shows them graphically.

Although there are irregularities, the curves in Figure 3, particularly the curves for both sexes combined, show clearly that while the modal weight is greater in the better nourished groups there is a definite overlapping. Some of the "excellent" and many of the "good" group are as much under the average weight as some of the "poor" group. Although height was undoubtedly a factor in this, it seems hardly likely that it would explain the whole difference. Whatever these other factors may have been, it seems clear that weight alone is not sufficient for determining nutrition for the individual child, if the diagnosis of nutrition here used is at all accurate. The classification of children according to nutrition by weight alone would therefore class as undernourished some children who would be judged as well nourished as the result of a physical examination. It would also fail to detect some children who are poorly nourished but who weigh as much as the average. The situation seems to be that undernourished children on the average weigh less than well-nourished children, but the fact that an individual child weighs less or more than the average is not conclusive proof that he is undernourished or overnourished; he may weigh less and yet be well nourished and he may weigh more than the average and yet be poorly nourished.

#### NUTRITION, UNDERWEIGHT, AND OVERWEIGHT IN RELATION TO SEX AND AGE.

It was found that the percentage of children who were judged as not well nourished varies quite definitely with age. Table VII shows by sex and age the percentage of children whose nutrition was set down as "fair" or "poor." These percentages are plotted in Figure 4-A. The proportion of children who were "fair" or "poor" in nutrition as judged from clinical evidence is highest at 8 years of age—20.7 per cent—and falls off as age increases to 7.1 per cent among 16-year-old children. No consistent difference appears between boys and girls as regards the percentage who were not well nourished.

TABLE VII.—*Nutrition in relation to sex and age.*

Percentage of children classed as fair or poor among 9,973 examined and graded as excellent, good, fair, or poor in nutrition.

(Children of native white parents in South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and New York.)

Age nearest birthday.	Per cent of children classed as fair or poor in nutrition.			Total number of children examined.		
	Both sexes.	Boys.	Girls.	Both sexes.	Boys.	Girls.
All ages.....	16.7	17.1	16.3	9,973	5,037	4,936
6.....	17.6	18.6	16.6	454	231	223
7.....	19.9	20.1	19.6	992	503	489
8.....	20.7	22.1	19.2	1,175	603	572
9.....	18.8	18.0	19.6	1,271	634	637
10.....	18.0	17.1	19.1	1,284	691	593
11.....	18.9	19.0	18.9	1,177	610	567
12.....	15.1	16.4	13.9	1,142	573	569
13.....	12.8	13.1	12.5	1,001	489	512
14.....	12.4	11.7	13.0	769	389	400
15.....	9.0	12.3	5.7	456	227	229
16.....	7.1	8.4	6.2	252	107	145

In determining the extent of underweight and overweight at different ages, Wood's height-weight-age table for boys and girls was used as a standard.<sup>4</sup> Each child was classified as follows:

*Underweight.*—More than 10 per cent below Wood's standard.

*Normal weight.*—Not over 10 per cent below or 20 per cent above Wood's standard.

*Overweight.*—More than 20 per cent above Wood's standard.

Table VIII shows the percentage of children of each sex and age who were more than 10 per cent underweight and the percentage who were more than 20 per cent overweight. Figure 4-B shows the same thing graphically.

TABLE VIII.—*Underweight and overweight in relation to sex and age.*

Percentage of children of each sex and age who were more than 10 per cent underweight and percentage who were more than 20 per cent overweight according to Wood's height-weight-age tables for boys and girls.

(Children of native white parents in South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and New York.)

Age nearest birthday.	Per cent of children.					
	Underweight (more than 10 per cent under Wood's standard).			Overweight (more than 20 per cent over Wood's standard).		
	Both sexes.	Boys.	Girls.	Both sexes.	Boys.	Girls.
All ages.....	24.2	19.5	28.9	2.3	1.3	3.2
6.....	14.1	14.3	13.9	2.3	2.2	2.3
7.....	15.3	13.8	16.8	1.2	1.2	1.2
8.....	20.9	20.3	21.5	1.1	.5	1.8
9.....	23.8	18.6	29.1	1.0	1.1	1.0
10.....	23.6	20.1	27.8	2.1	.7	3.8
11.....	26.6	18.0	35.9	2.4	1.5	3.4
12.....	28.9	21.3	36.6	3.4	2.0	4.8
13.....	28.2	20.4	35.7	3.6	2.1	5.0
14.....	29.6	22.2	36.1	3.6	1.7	5.3
15.....	27.4	23.9	30.5	2.1	.5	3.5
16.....	25.8	31.4	21.7	3.6	1.0	5.6

<sup>4</sup> Right Height and Weight of Boys and Girls, prepared by Dr. Thomas D. Wood.

Figure 4-B may be studied in comparison with Figure 4-A, which shows the per cent of children at each age who were "fair" or "poor" in nutrition as judged from clinical evidence. Disregarding the actual height of the curves, which may not be comparable, the *relative* incidence of underweight and of unsatisfactory nutrition as judged from clinical evidence among different sexes and ages may be compared. In the chart showing nutrition as judged from clinical evidence (fig. 4-A) the percentage of children who were not well nourished decreases regularly after the eighth year of age. Moreover, there seems to be no consistent or significant difference between boys and girls in this respect. But in regard to underweight as judged from Wood's table (fig. 4-B) there is an increase in the per cent of children who are underweight through the sixteenth year for boys and through the fourteenth year for girls. Moreover, there are wide and consistent differences between girls and boys, the girls showing more underweight at all ages except 6 and 16 years.

On examination of the lower curves in Figure 4-B, showing the per cent of children who are overweight, it may be seen that there is not only a larger percentage of girls who are underweight, but at all ages except 7 and 9 years the per cent of girls who are overweight is greater than the per cent of boys who are overweight.

Taking all ages together, 19.5 per cent of the boys were underweight, as against 28.9 per cent of the girls. Overweight also showed a larger percentage of girls who were outside the limit of 20 per cent above Wood's table, 1.3 per cent of the boys being overweight, as against 3.2 per cent of the girls.

Reference to a former publication<sup>5</sup> of the U. S. Public Health Service may throw some light on this difference between the sexes in respect to the percentage who are underweight. In this study of heights and weights of children it was found that the average relative variation in weight of children of the same height and age was greater among girls than among boys from 9 to 16 years, inclusive, and moreover that the variation in both boys and girls increased with age up to at least the fourteenth year.

The 10 per cent variation below Wood's standard weight used in classifying children for Table VIII and so generally used in school health work fails to take into account this difference in the relative variation at different ages and for the two sexes. The result is that during the ages of greatest relative variation a higher percentage of children fall below the 10 per cent limit. That it is a matter of normal variation rather than an unusually large amount of malnutrition

<sup>5</sup> Heights and Weights of School Children—A Study of the Heights and Weights of 14,335 Native White School Children in Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, by T. Clark, E. Sydenstricker, and S. D. Collins, Public Health Reports, vol. 37, No. 20, May 19, 1922, pp. 1199 ff, especially Table X and fig. 7. See also fig. 4. (Reprint 750.)

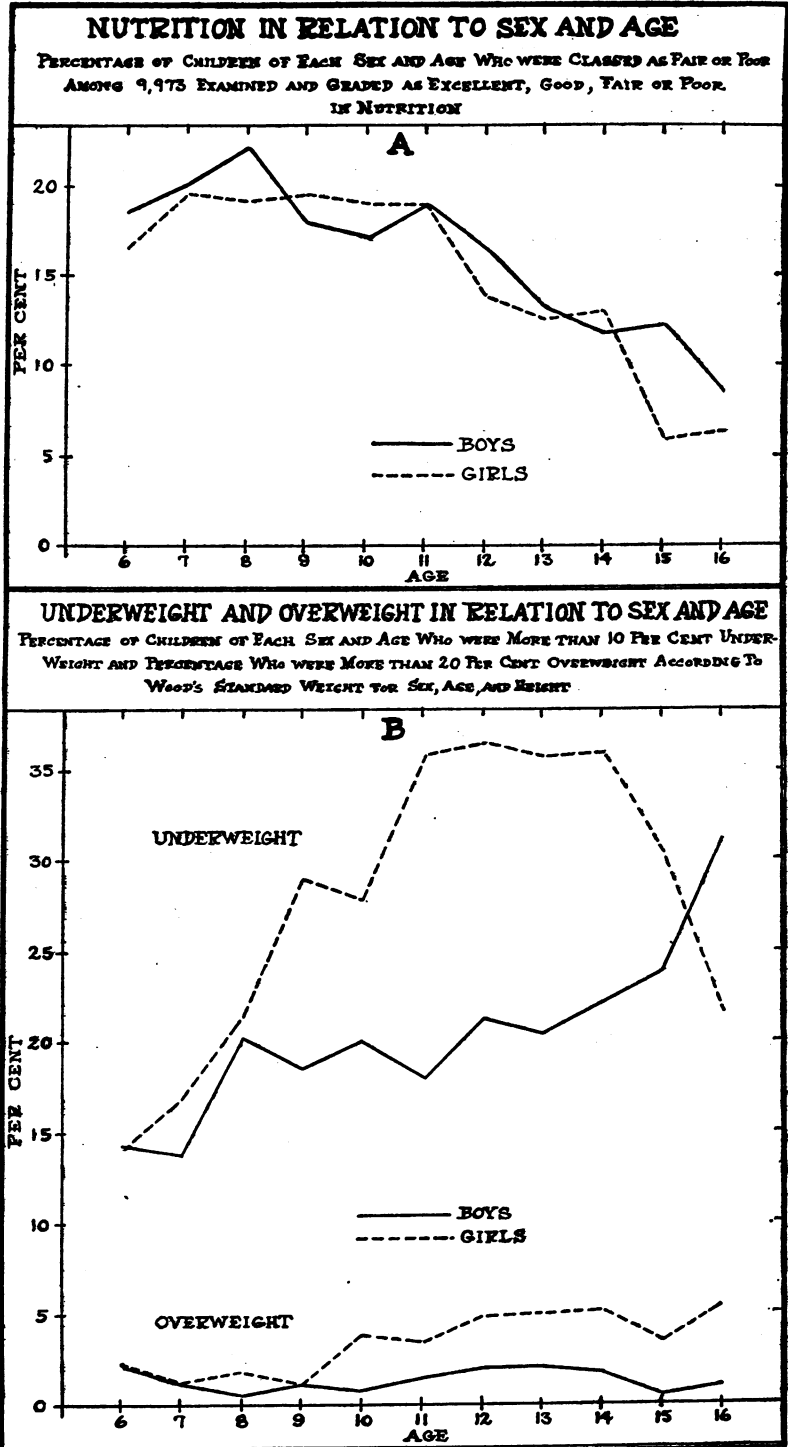


FIG. 4.

among girls seems clear from the fact that girls show more overweight as well as more underweight than boys and that the per cent of each sex who are overweight tends to rise at the same ages as the per cent who are underweight.

TABLE IX.—*Underweight and overweight in relation to nutrition as judged from clinical evidence.*

Percentage of children of each nutrition grade as judged from clinical evidence who were more than 10 per cent underweight and percentage who were more than 20 per cent overweight according to Wood's height-weight-age tables for boys and girls.

(Children of Native White Parents in South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and New York.)

Nutrition as judged from clinical evidence.	Per cent of children—					
	Underweight (more than 10 per cent under Wood's standard).			Overweight (more than 20 per cent over Wood's standard).		
	Both sexes.	Boys.	Girls.	Both sexes.	Boys.	Girls.
All nutritions.....	24.2	19.5	28.9	2.3	1.3	3.2
Excellent.....	4.1	3.5	4.4	14.3	5.3	20.0
Good.....	19.5	15.5	23.6	2.4	1.4	3.5
Fair.....	47.1	37.6	57.2	.3	.4	.3
Poor.....	60.1	66.2	72.9			

The analysis was carried a step further. The per cent of children who were underweight and who were overweight was computed for each nutrition class as judged from clinical evidence. Table IX shows the results. The per cent who were underweight increased as the nutritional status, as judged from clinical evidence, became less favorable. Four per cent of the "excellent" nutrition group were more than 10 per cent underweight according to Wood's standard. None of the "poor" nutrition group were overweight, but 40 per cent of them were within the 10 per cent limit of Wood's table. In a comparison of boys and girls in each nutrition class the per cent of girls who were underweight exceeds the per cent of boys in every case. In two of the three nutrition grades in which there were overweight children the per cent of girls who were overweight exceeds that of boys. It should be remembered in this connection that the per cent of girls who were not well nourished ("fair" or "poor"), as judged from clinical evidence, was not significantly or consistently different from the boys.

#### SUMMARY.

1. Physical examinations were made of 9,973 school children 6 to 16 years of age, inclusive, in South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and New York State. At the same time the physician set down his judgment of the child's nutrition, checking it as "excellent," "good," "fair," or "poor."

2. The mean measurements of children of "good" or "excellent" nutrition were compared by single years of age with those of "fair" or "poor" nutrition. The "good" or "excellent" group was consistently larger in mean weight, mean standing height, mean sitting height, and in the mean weight-height index.

3. The distributions according to weight, standing height, and sitting height for children of "good" or "excellent" nutrition were compared by age groups with those for children of "fair" or "poor" nutrition. Although the modal weight was greater for the "good" or "excellent" group, there was a large area of overlapping of the two curves. The same was true of the standing and sitting height curves, except that it was not so clear that the modal standing and sitting heights for the "good" or "excellent" group were any greater than for the "fair" or "poor" group.

4. Curves were constructed showing the percentage distribution of children in each of the four nutrition groups according to the percentage deviation from the average weight of all children of the same sex and age. These curves showed that not only did some children of "good" nutrition weigh less than some children of "fair" nutrition, but some of "excellent" nutrition actually weighed less than some of "poor" nutrition.

Although *on the average* the children of poorer nutrition weigh less than those of better nutrition, weight alone does not seem to be sufficient for determining the nutrition of a given child. In order to pick out *individual* cases of poor nutrition, a physical examination by a trained physician should supplement physical measurements.

5. The percentage of children who were "fair" or "poor" in nutrition, as judged from clinical evidence, varied with age, increasing in the 6 to 8 year age groups and then declining in succeeding age groups. No significant difference in this respect appeared between boys and girls.

6. The percentage of children who were underweight (10 per cent below) and the percentage who were overweight (20 per cent above), as judged by Wood's table of weight for sex, age, and height, increased as age increased through the fourteenth year for girls and through the sixteenth year for boys. Girls showed a consistently higher percentage of underweight and a consistently higher percentage of overweight than boys.

If average weight is to be used as even a rough index of nutrition, it seems that the percentage deviation allowed for normal variation from the average should vary for different sexes and ages rather than be a constant 7 or 10 per cent, as usually used in school health work.

## **FUMIGATION OF VESSELS FROM PLAGUE-INFECTED PORTS.**

### **OBSERVATIONS WITH ESPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE NECESSITY FOR FUMIGATING CRATES AND SIMILAR CARGO.**

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Fumigation is the chief defense of this country against bubonic plague. It is efficacious in proportion to the thoroughness with which it is done, as good results require not only a knowledge of proper methods but a conscientious and painstaking insistence upon details.

Rats hide in the small inclosed spaces of a vessel, such as double walls, pipe casings, and limbers, and the gas will not penetrate into these places if, on account of cargo, they can not be opened to allow the gas to enter. The presence of cargo does not affect the fumigation of storerooms and living quarters, which frequently harbor rats in relatively greater numbers than the holds.

In allowing freight to be discharged before fumigation, a certain risk is taken, which is increased if there are crates or other articles into which rats can enter and thus be carried ashore. Consequently, when the vessel is from a port with a definite infection, this dangerous freight should be fumigated. This may be done either on shipboard or upon lighters, according to circumstances.

In the plague campaign in Porto Rico in 1912, one of the first steps taken to prevent spread inland was to open and repack all crates bound from San Juan to the interior of the island. The discovery of a number of rats in these crates caused us to begin the fumigation of all such freight arriving from the Canary Islands, which were believed to be the original source of infection.

Various methods were used at different times. Sulphur dioxide, in a warehouse or on lighters under a tarpaulin, was efficient, but required long exposure and did some injury. Cyanide gas was a great improvement and was used either on lighters or in a galvanized iron shed erected especially for this purpose. This practice was continued for several years, and the reinfection of Porto Rico in 1921, believed also to have come from the Canary Islands, followed shortly after its discontinuance. At present, dangerous cargo is fumigated on arrival at San Juan, and it is described by Surg. C. M. Fauntleroy, as follows:

"The routine practice of fumigating all crated cargo, and especially crated packages of foods such as onions, garlic, and potatoes, brought to Porto Rico in Spanish vessels from ports in Spain and the Canary Islands, was instituted at San Juan about 18 months ago, for the reason that the epidemiological data secured as the result of a study made to determine the source of plague infection in Porto Rico at that time, and also again in 1921, pointed very conclusively to this cargo originating either in the ports of Spain

or the Canary Islands; for example: In both of the plague outbreaks in Porto Rico, mentioned above, plague rats were destroyed in certain warehouses in San Juan where the cargo referred to was being stored in large quantities.

"In the outbreak of 1921, the original focus of plague infection was located in and about a wholesale provision store at No. 43 Tetuan Street, where large amounts of crated foods were regularly received and stored and which originated either in Spain or the Canary Islands. Therefore, in view of the facts above stated, it was deemed a matter of great importance that all cargo brought to Porto Rico in Spanish vessels should be carefully fumigated for the destruction of rodents prior to allowing such cargo to be landed, and my experience in the fumigation of several hundred lighters loaded with the cargo in question, has convinced me that this cargo landed from Spanish vessels may, and does, furnish harborage for rodents, and, hence, it provides a means of conveying plague infection."

In 1920, freight arriving at Cristobal, Canal Zone, from Paita, Peru, was fumigated on lighters. Paita was then badly infected; but as there were no large docks, rats could reach the ships only by lighters or in freight. On arrival at Cristobal, such vessels discharged safe freight upon the dock, and unsafe freight into lighters lying on the free side of the ship. The freight in the lighters was fumigated before being transferred to the dock, and the vessel was fumigated when entirely empty. This arrangement was discontinued only when the periodic fumigation of all lighters at Paita was instituted, together with the examination or fumigation of all outgoing freight. As usually only a small part of a mixed cargo may harbor rats, it is frequently more convenient to leave the dangerous cargo on board to be fumigated in the holds after all or part of the safe cargo has been discharged. If much freight is left on board, several fumigations will be necessary.

Fumigation of cargo in lighters is not a difficult procedure. If closed lighters are available, they should be sealed up and fumigated in the ordinary way. If open lighters must be used, the cargo should be covered with large tarpaulins to make a tent, and cyanide generated underneath. To insure good results, the freight must be piled so as to leave air spaces and passageways for the circulation of the gas; but this must be carefully confined by sealing all cracks in the covered lighters, or by fastening the tarpaulins carefully, especially to the deck, battenning them down with reasonably heavy timbers or with boards with weights upon them.

On account of the recent outbreak of plague at Barcelona, Spain, it has been necessary to take special precautions at New York with vessels arriving from that port. Measures begun in October, 1922, which include the fumigation of dangerous cargo, have been changed

but slightly, and these fumigations have resulted in no serious delays, such as are usually considered justified under similar circumstances.

Our procedure for such ships is as follows:

1. On arrival, the boarding officer obtains a cargo stowage plan and notifies the chief of the fumigation division, who personally boards the vessel and examines the manifest and holds to see if the vessel can be fumigated without removing any cargo.

2. Immigration and custom officials are permitted to board the vessel to complete their work.

3. Ship is held in stream on day of arrival and not permitted to dock until early next morning.

4. If not prepared to fumigate at this time, on account of deck cargo or holds that are filled to hatch coaming, the ship may discharge the deck cargo and barreled or case goods from the holds until the square of the hatch is clear, during daylight hours under the supervision of a guard.

5. Ship to pull out in stream at 4 p. m. if not fumigated the same day.

6. Fumigation of whole ship to be started promptly at 9 a. m., when the ship is prepared, four hours' exposure, and prolonged blowing out with aerotruss. When possible, the generating machine on the fumigating tug *Von Ezdorf* is to be used in conjunction with the usual method; the hose from the generator to be inserted into a ventilator opening to get gas beneath cargo at the same time it is generating in the square of the hatches.

7. The day following fumigation, two fumigators are to stand by with gas masks to recover additional rats or to run aerotruss if stevedores complain of gas while working cargo.

8. In event of live rats being seen by guards on watch, during discharge of cargo, the discharge is to be stopped and the vessel re-fumigated. This fractional fumigation is to be repeated at any time when, in the opinion of the fumigating officer, the cargo is such that the gas will not penetrate thoroughly.

9. When holds are completely filled with cargo that may harbor rats, such as bags of almonds or crates of vegetables, enough cargo must be discharged into lighters to permit the fumigation of the ship, the lighters to be fumigated when loaded.

10. When the ship in question carries cargo and passengers in transit, it will be treated as follows:

a. Either ship will remain in stream where New York cargo will be discharged into lighters and fumigated; or

b. The ship may go to the dock, if holds are not completely filled with cargo, and be fumigated there after crew and passengers have been removed.

11. Ship, in all cases, to be fumigated throughout after complete discharge of cargo.

Referring to paragraph 6 of these instructions, it should be noted that this first fumigation is complete in regard to superstructure, no space being omitted, unless the presence of rat harbors can be absolutely excluded by inspection. In preparing for this fumigation, all

inclosed space, such as double walls, must be opened to allow the gas to enter. In addition, while fumigation is in process, a careful search for rats is made in all parts of the deck, especially in boxes, vegetable bins, and life boats. The above is required in all our fumigations, but is stressed in vessels from badly infected ports.

With the superstructure and deck free from rats, it is considered safe to allow the vessel to discharge at the dock as usual, provided any cargo that may harbor rats is fumigated, as previously described, and the vessel itself again fumigated when entirely empty.

Report on two of the vessels treated by this procedure may be selected as examples. They are as follows:

*American S. S. City of Eureka:*

October 29, 1922: Inspected and held in quarantine.

October 30, 1922: Docked. Complete cyanide fumigation, 5 ounces per 1,000 cubic feet. Result, 25 rats.

October 31, 1922: 16 rats discovered while discharging.

November 8, 1922: Fumigated at Baltimore after complete discharge of cargo. Result, 4 rats.

One fumigator on guard before fumigation: two fumigators with gas masks on guard for 24 hours after fumigation.

*Norwegian S. S. Bessegen:*

December 8, 1922: Inspected and held in quarantine.

December 9, 1922: Docked. Complete cyanide fumigation before discharge of cargo. Four hours' exposure. Barrel generators in holds. Hose from fumigating tug's generator put down ventilator pipes. Total dosage for holds, 15 ounces per 1,000 cubic feet. Superstructure, complete fumigation, 5 ounces per 1,000 cubic feet. Two hours' exposure. Result, 4 rats.

December 10, 1922: Sunday. Cargo not worked. One guard on boat. Hatches open.

December 11-15, 1922: Discharging. No rats recovered.

December 16, 1922: Complete fumigation empty. Result, 5 rats.

In comparing the results of fractional fumigations of several vessels with the results obtained when the same ships were previously fumigated at New York after discharge of cargo, it has been observed that, as a rule, fractional fumigations yield more rats. Of the vessels treated, we have records of previous fumigations of but six. If these are typical we must ask ourselves if too many rats do not escape either in the freight or by other means before "fumigation after discharge."

*Comparison of results of fractional and routine fumigation.*

Steamer.	Fractional method.					Routine method; fumigation after discharge.		
	Rats recovered.		Total number of fumigations.	Number of rats per ship.	Average number of rats per fumigation.	Number of rats from all previous fumigations.	Number of fumigations.	Average number of rats per fumigation.
	Preliminary fumigation.	Final fumigation.						
Cabo Villano.....	9	0	2	9	4.5	4	2	2
City of Eureka.....	41	4	2	45	22.5	0	1	0
Bankdale.....	11	8	2	19	9.5	12	5	2.4
Cabo Espatel.....	9	1	2	10	5	10	4	2.5
Bessegen.....	4	5	2	9	4.5	0	2	0
Fenchurch.....	1	1	2	2	1	54	7	7.71
Total.....	75	19	12	94	.....	80	21	.....
Average number of rats per ship fumigated.....	..... 15.6					..... 3.8		
Average number of rats per fumigation.....	..... 7.8					..... 3.8		

This article has been prepared to emphasize the necessity, under certain conditions, of fumigating cargo and to submit a procedure for handling vessels from plague-infected ports which gives a large amount of protection without excessive delay or expense.

It is also hoped that observations upon the efficiency of fumigation may be stimulated and the results reported.

NOTE.—All records and tables given in this paper were prepared by Acting Asst. Surg. S. B. Doyle, in charge of the fumigating division, New York Quarantine Station.

## INFLUENZA IN THE UNITED STATES.

The accompanying table shows the numbers of cases of influenza reported by telegraph by State health officers for the three weeks ended January 6, 1923, compared with the reports for the corresponding period of the two preceding winters.

A similar table covering the period from October 1 to December 23, 1922, appeared in the Public Health Reports December 29, 1922, pages 3204-3205.

*Cases of influenza reported weekly by telegraph by State health officers, December 17, 1922, to January 6, 1923, and corresponding periods of preceding years.*

State and year.	Fifty-first week.	Fifty-second week.	First week.	State and year.	Fifty-first week.	Fifty-second week.	First week.
<b>New England States:</b>				<b>South Atlantic States—</b>			
<b>Maine—</b>				Continued.			
1923.....			10	<b>District of Columbia—</b>			
1922.....	6		5	1923.....			3
1921.....		1	18	1922.....	2	6	1
1920.....	5	7	7	1921.....	2		2
<b>Massachusetts—</b>				1920.....	2	6	(1)
1923.....			59	<b>West Virginia—</b>			
1922.....	28	83	7	1923.....			656
1921.....	12	9	37	1922.....	90	301	
1920.....	12	19	41	<b>South Carolina—</b>			
<b>Connecticut—</b>				1923.....			2,277
1923.....	12	21	22	1922.....		3,077	
1922.....	11	2	5	<b>Georgia—</b>			
1921.....	11	2	13	1923.....			872
1920.....	15	5	1	1922.....	1,199	505	21
<b>Middle Atlantic States:</b>				1921.....	22	14	30
<b>New York—</b>				1920.....	8	12	10
1923.....			136	<b>Florida—</b>			
1922.....	20	60	28	1923.....			56
1921.....	23	24	86	1922.....	21	36	3
1920.....	20	39	52	1921.....	11	7	6
<b>New Jersey—</b>				1920.....	25	8	14
1923.....			30	<b>East South Central</b>			
1922.....	31	26	28	<b>States:</b>			
1921.....	7	17	34	<b>Kentucky—</b>			
1920.....	21	23	22	1923.....			
<b>East North Central</b>				1922.....	81	79	17
<b>States:</b>				1921.....	30	31	(1)
<b>Illinois—</b>				1920.....	12	17	41
1923.....			100	<b>Alabama—</b>			
1922.....	25	46	25	1923.....			503
1921.....	24	17	42	1922.....		115	2
1920.....	21	15	60	1920.....		13	
<b>Wisconsin—</b>				<b>Mississippi—</b>			
1923.....			92	1923.....			3,048
1922.....	32	26	46	1922.....		686	
1921.....	2	4	64	<b>West South Central</b>			
1920.....	41	33	6	<b>States:</b>			
<b>West North Central</b>				<b>Arkansas—</b>			
<b>States:</b>				1923.....			112
<b>Minnesota—</b>				1922.....	40	123	83
1923.....			1	1921.....	26	46	63
1922.....		1	2	1920.....	100	17	52
1921.....				<b>Louisiana—</b>			
<b>Missouri—</b>				1923.....			24
1923.....			7	1922.....			7
1922.....	44	167	51	1921.....	4	4	39
1921.....	4	2		1920.....			32
<b>South Dakota—</b>				<b>Texas—</b>			
1923.....				1923.....			70
1922.....		1		1922.....	8		48
1921.....			2	1921.....		9	39
1920.....	1		(1)	1920.....	6	25	(1)
<b>Nebraska—</b>				<b>Mountain States:</b>			
1923.....			16	<b>Colorado—</b>			
1922.....		47		1923.....		1	
1921.....			3	1922.....			
1920.....	6			1921.....	2	1	(1)
<b>Kansas—</b>				<b>New Mexico—</b>			
1923.....			19	1923.....			1
1922.....	3	6	9	1922.....			
1921.....	3		13	1921.....			
1920.....	7	19	22	1920.....			2
<b>South Atlantic States:</b>				<b>Pacific States:</b>			
<b>Delaware—</b>				<b>Oregon—</b>			
1923.....			(1)	1923.....			21
1922.....	(1)	36	(1)	1922.....	4	23	
1921.....	2	1	9	1921.....		3	(1)
1920.....	14	10	1	<b>California—</b>			
<b>Maryland—</b>				1923.....			19
1923.....			133	1922.....	24	13	38
1922.....	51	82	21	1921.....	3	10	22
1921.....	18	14	70	1920.....	14	19	
1920.....	45	47	(1)				

<sup>1</sup> No report.

<sup>2</sup> Deaths.

## DEATH RATES IN A GROUP OF INSURED PERSONS.

COMPARISON OF DEATH RATES FOR PRINCIPAL CAUSES, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1922, AND OCTOBER AND YEAR, 1921.

The accompanying table is taken from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for November, 1922, and presents the mortality experience of the company for September and October, 1922, and for October and year, 1921. The rates are based on a strength of approximately 14,000,000 insured persons.

The mortality record for this group continues to show a favorable health situation, the rate for October, 7.86 per 1,000, being only slightly higher than that for September, 7.44. This rise in mortality is to be expected, in view of the seasonal increase in the number of deaths from respiratory diseases and diphtheria.

*Death rates (annual basis) for principal causes per 100,000 lives exposed, September and October, 1922, and October and year, 1921.*

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000 lives exposed.			
	October, 1922.	Sep- tember, 1922.	October, 1921.	Year 1921.
Total, all causes.....	786.4	743.6	790.6	870.6
Typhoid fever.....	9.4	9.4	8.6	6.7
Measles.....	1.3	.9	.3	3.2
Scarlet fever.....	3.9	2.6	3.4	7.0
Whooping cough.....	2.0	2.6	1.4	3.9
Diphtheria.....	19.4	10.1	28.1	23.8
Influenza.....	4.9	2.1	3.7	8.7
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	101.4	93.0	97.8	117.4
Tuberculosis of respiratory system.....	91.5	85.6	89.2	105.6
Cancer.....	70.8	71.4	71.3	71.7
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	55.7	51.3	54.1	62.1
Organic diseases of heart.....	104.2	100.6	110.5	117.4
Pneumonia (all forms).....	40.4	26.9	40.4	67.8
Other respiratory diseases.....	11.5	8.1	12.1	14.1
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	13.5	17.7	15.1	14.2
Bright's disease (chronic nephritis).....	67.4	58.8	63.8	68.0
Puerperal state.....	16.2	14.8	14.5	19.8
Suicides.....	6.3	8.5	8.6	7.6
Homicides.....	7.4	8.0	6.8	6.7
Other external causes (excluding suicides and homicides).....	54.0	62.6	51.2	57.6
Traumatism by automobile.....	15.3	16.5	14.2	12.2
All other causes.....	196.7	194.3	199.0	192.9

### REDUCTION IN THE TYPHOID DEATH RATE.

The following figures show the decline in the death rate from typhoid fever among the industrial policyholders of the company in American and Canadian cities during the 12-year period 1911-1922, and evidence the fact that modern sanitary science is conquering typhoid. The death rate from this disease in this group of persons shows practically an uninterrupted decline from 22.8 per 100,000 in 1911 to 6.7 in 1920 and 1921, and to 5.9 (estimated) in 1922.

Year.	Death rate.	Year.	Death rate.
1911.....	22.8	1917.....	12.1
1912.....	19.1	1918.....	11.5
1913.....	18.4	1919.....	7.3
1914.....	16.1	1920.....	6.7
1915.....	12.9	1921.....	6.7
1916.....	13.0	1922.....	15.9

<sup>1</sup> Based on estimated mortality figures for 1922.

#### DECLINE IN MALARIA DEATH RATE.

During the 10-year period 1911-1921 the death rate from malaria among the policyholders of the industrial department of the company has declined at an average yearly rate of 15½ per cent, as follows:

Year.	Death rate.	Year.	Death rate.
1911.....	6.1	1917.....	2.3
1912.....	5.4	1918.....	2.3
1913.....	4.5	1919.....	2.0
1914.....	3.7	1920.....	1.4
1915.....	3.5	1921.....	1.5
1916.....	2.9		

#### DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 30, 1922.

*Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended December 30, 1922, and corresponding week of 1921. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 4, 1923, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)*

	Week ended Dec. 30, 1922.	Corresponding week, 1921.
Policies in force.....	51, 541, 201	47, 852, 588
Number of death claims.....	11, 409	9, 643
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	11.5	10.5

*Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended December 30, 1922, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1921. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 4, 1923, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)*

City.	Estimated population July 1, 1922.	Week ended Dec. 30, 1922.		Annual death rate per 1,000, corre- sponding week 1921.	Deaths under 1 year.		Infant mor- tality rate, week ended Dec. 30, 1922. <sup>2</sup>
		Total deaths.	Death rate. <sup>1</sup>		Week ended Dec. 30, 1922.	Corre- sponding week 1921.	
Total.....	27,996,656	7,540	14.0	13.0	974	854	.....
Akron, Ohio.....	<sup>3</sup> 208,435	44	11.0	8.5	9	2	99
Albany, N. Y.....	116,223	35	15.7	17.7	2	1	46
Atlanta, Ga.....	220,047	86	20.4	18.3	12	8	.....
Baltimore, Md.....	762,222	243	16.6	14.0	38	21	107
Birmingham, Ala.....	191,017	60	16.4	16.2	10	7	.....
Boston, Mass.....	764,017	251	17.1	14.7	29	27	78
Bridgeport, Conn.....	<sup>3</sup> 143,553	30	10.9	13.1	5	5	63
Buffalo, N. Y.....	528,163	130	12.8	11.3	26	21	102
Cambridge, Mass.....	110,944	41	19.3	15.1	7	3	120

<sup>1</sup> Annual rate per 1,000 population.

<sup>2</sup> Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births—an annual rate based on deaths under 1 year for the week and births for 1921. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

<sup>3</sup> Enumerated population Jan. 1, 1920.

*Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended December 30, 1922, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1921. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 4, 1923, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)—Continued.*

City.	Estimated population July 1, 1922.	Week ended Dec. 30, 1922.		Annual death rate per 1,000, corresponding week 1921.	Deaths under 1 year.		Infant mortality rate, week ended Dec. 30, 1922.
		Total deaths.	Death rate.		Week ended Dec. 30, 1922.	Corresponding week 1921.	
Camden, N. J.	121,915	42	18.0	13.9	9	4	141
Chicago, Ill.	2,833,288	638	11.7	10.8	90	83	83
Cincinnati, Ohio.	404,866	148	19.1	15.6	13	12	81
Cleveland, Ohio.	854,565	205	12.5	9.7	31	30	137
Columbus, Ohio.	253,455	86	17.7	14.3	13	7	65
Dallas, Tex.	171,974	46	13.9	13.6	14	11	73
Dayton, Ohio.	161,824	42	13.5	11.5	4	5	86
Denver, Colo.	267,591	67	13.1	14.1	2	7	59
Detroit, Mich.	983,678	233	12.2	9.9	39	30	126
Duluth, Minn.	104,183	13	6.5	.....	4	.....	56
Erie, Pa.	109,528	24	11.4	15.2	3	7	108
Fall River, Mass.	120,790	30	13.0	13.8	9	9	94
Flint, Mich.	111,794	28	13.1	.....	3	.....	.....
Fort Worth, Tex.	114,717	38	17.3	10.8	7	2	108
Grand Rapids, Mich.	143,572	40	14.5	11.1	7	5	81
Houston, Tex.	150,087	36	12.5	9.8	8	2	70
Indianapolis, Ind.	333,257	91	14.2	14.7	11	10	103
Jersey City, N. J.	305,911	84	14.3	10.3	11	12	64
Kansas City, Kans.	113,801	20	9.2	16.1	2	3	50
Los Angeles, Calif.	624,866	186	15.3	16.3	25	23	81
Louisville, Ky.	256,877	72	14.6	13.0	6	4	74
Lowell, Mass.	114,423	32	14.6	11.9	3	2	94
Memphis, Tenn.	167,862	64	19.9	16.1	10	4	39
Milwaukee, Wis.	476,603	105	11.5	9.0	8	12	94
Minneapolis, Minn.	400,970	95	12.4	11.3	17	16	129
Nashville, Tenn.	120,332	47	20.4	22.2	5	4	24
New Bedford, Mass.	127,542	41	16.8	10.4	9	5	.....
New Haven, Conn.	169,987	25	7.7	14.7	2	5	60
New Orleans, La.	399,616	152	19.8	17.6	18	21	51
New York, N. Y.	5,839,746	1,453	13.0	12.4	155	175	70
Bronx Borough.	809,536	178	11.5	10.6	15	18	59
Brooklyn Borough.	2,117,164	526	13.0	11.3	67	70	27
Manhattan Borough.	2,271,888	594	13.6	14.5	64	78	73
Queens Borough.	516,757	98	9.9	10.1	5	6	62
Richmond Borough.	124,401	57	23.9	12.5	4	3	49
Newark, N. J.	431,792	114	13.8	11.0	14	13	87
Norfolk, Va.	124,915	32	13.4	11.6	3	4	87
Oakland, Calif.	233,279	62	13.9	17.0	7	3	62
Omaha, Nebr.	200,739	59	15.3	12.2	8	9	99
Paterson, N. J.	138,521	35	13.2	10.2	4	1	49
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,894,500	598	16.2	14.1	77	70	56
Pittsburgh, Pa.	607,902	213	18.3	15.6	30	39	96
Portland, Oreg.	269,240	60	11.6	14.8	5	8	53
Providence, R. I.	241,011	75	16.2	17.0	7	7	46
Richmond, Va.	178,365	48	14.0	14.5	8	6	61
Rochester, N. Y.	311,548	74	12.4	11.8	7	7	.....
St. Louis, Mo.	795,008	229	15.0	13.7	22	10	51
St. Paul, Minn.	239,836	72	15.7	8.8	5	5	101
Salt Lake City, Utah.	123,918	29	12.2	9.9	4	6	40
San Antonio, Tex.	178,068	63	18.4	.....	15	.....	108
San Francisco, Calif.	529,792	126	12.4	17.8	9	8	48
Seattle, Wash.	315,312	55	9.1	10.6	11	6	95
Spokane, Wash.	104,445	24	12.0	14.5	2	5	96
Springfield, Mass.	140,052	36	13.4	14.6	7	5	108
Syracuse, N. Y.	181,012	48	13.8	16.4	4	6	.....
Tacoma, Wash.	100,369	20	10.4	.....	4	.....	.....
Toledo, Ohio.	260,817	68	13.6	12.1	10	6	.....
Trenton, N. J.	125,075	51	21.3	13.6	7	1	.....
Washington, D. C.	347,571	143	17.0	18.2	16	14	.....
Wilmington, Del.	115,568	36	16.2	12.9	0	1	.....
Worcester, Mass.	188,449	55	15.2	16.1	10	7	.....
Yonkers, N. Y.	106,422	22	10.9	13.1	2	3	.....

\* Enumerated population Jan. 1, 1920.

# PREVALENCE OF DISEASE.

*No health department, State or local, can effectively prevent or control disease without knowledge of when, where, and under what conditions cases are occurring.*

## UNITED STATES.

### CURRENT STATE SUMMARIES.

#### Reports for Week Ended January 6, 1923.

These reports are preliminary, and the figures are subject to change when later returns are received by the State health officers.

ALABAMA.		COLORADO.	
	Cases.	(Exclusive of Denver.)	Cases.
Diphtheria.....	9	Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1
Hookworm disease.....	33	Chicken pox.....	23
Influenza.....	503	Diphtheria.....	31
Malaria.....	9	Measles.....	4
Pellagra.....	4	Mumps.....	1
Pneumonia.....	46	Pneumonia.....	24
Scarlet fever.....	15	Scarlet fever.....	64
Tuberculosis.....	9	Smallpox.....	22
Typhoid fever.....	3	Tuberculosis.....	22
		Typhoid fever.....	11
		Whooping cough.....	6
ARKANSAS.		CONNECTICUT.	
Chicken pox.....	13	Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	2
Diphtheria.....	12	Chicken pox.....	73
Hookworm disease.....	1	Conjunctivitis.....	4
Influenza.....	112	Diphtheria.....	63
Malaria.....	21	Favus.....	1
Measles.....	5	German measles.....	2
Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	1	Influenza.....	22
Pellagra.....	5	Measles.....	367
Scarlet fever.....	3	Mumps.....	15
Smallpox.....	1	Pneumonia (lobar).....	39
Trachoma.....	1	Scarlet fever.....	85
Tuberculosis.....	13	Smallpox.....	1
Typhoid fever.....	3	Tuberculosis (all forms).....	28
Whooping cough.....	3	Whooping cough.....	73
CALIFORNIA.		FLORIDA.	
Cerebrospinal meningitis:		Dengue.....	3
Los Angeles.....	1	Diphtheria.....	5
San Francisco.....	2	Influenza.....	56
Diphtheria.....	130	Malaria.....	2
Influenza.....	19	Pneumonia.....	5
Measles.....	57	Scarlet fever.....	1
Scarlet fever.....	118	Smallpox.....	4
Smallpox.....	20	Typhoid fever.....	6
Typhoid fever.....	6		

GEORGIA.		KANSAS—continued.	
	Cases.		Cases.
Chicken pox.....	8	Measles.....	28
Diphtheria.....	20	Mumps.....	12
Dysentery (bacillary).....	1	Pneumonia.....	74
Hookworm disease.....	4	Scarlet fever.....	134
Influenza.....	872	Smallpox.....	1
Malaria.....	9	Tuberculosis.....	45
Measles.....	36	Whooping cough.....	20
Paratyphoid fever.....	1		
Pneumonia.....	29	LOUISIANA.	
Scarlet fever.....	15	Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1
Septic sore throat.....	2	Dengue.....	12
Smallpox.....	2	Diphtheria.....	26
Tuberculosis (pulmonary).....	6	Influenza.....	24
Typhoid fever.....	4	Scarlet fever.....	3
		Smallpox.....	17
		Typhoid fever.....	10
ILLINOIS.			
Cerebrospinal meningitis—Chicago.....	1	MAINE.	
Diphtheria:		Chicken pox.....	9
Champaign County.....	10	Diphtheria.....	2
Cook County (including Chicago).....	225	German measles.....	1
Chicago.....	211	Influenza.....	10
Kane County.....	8	Measles.....	3
La Salle County.....	8	Pneumonia.....	5
Lake County.....	15	Scarlet fever.....	10
Madison County.....	8	Tuberculosis.....	3
St. Clair County.....	8	Whooping cough.....	10
Scattering.....	100		
Influenza.....	76	MARYLAND. <sup>1</sup>	
Pneumonia.....	576	Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1
Scarlet fever:		Chicken pox.....	152
Cook County (including Chicago).....	116	Diphtheria.....	100
Chicago.....	92	German measles.....	3
Madison County.....	12	Influenza.....	133
Stephenson County.....	9	Lethargic encephalitis.....	1
Winnebago County.....	9	Malaria.....	1
Scattering.....	160	Measles.....	107
Smallpox:		Mumps.....	30
Lee County.....	13	Pneumonia (all forms).....	193
Will County.....	28	Scabies.....	2
Scattering.....	17	Scarlet fever.....	76
Typhoid fever.....	18	Tuberculosis.....	45
Whooping cough.....	194	Typhoid fever.....	4
		Whooping cough.....	104
INDIANA.			
Cerebrospinal meningitis—Allen County.....	1	MASSACHUSETTS.	
Diphtheria.....	155	Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	3
Scarlet fever.....	116	Chicken pox.....	195
Smallpox.....	114	Conjunctivitis (suppurative).....	3
Typhoid fever.....	5	Diphtheria.....	209
		German measles.....	4
IOWA.		Influenza.....	50
Diphtheria.....	61	Lethargic encephalitis.....	1
Scarlet fever.....	77	Measles.....	657
Smallpox.....	5	Mumps.....	148
Typhoid fever.....	1	Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	14
		Pneumonia (lobar).....	195
KANSAS.		Scarlet fever.....	253
Chicken pox.....	83	Septic sore throat.....	3
Diphtheria.....	87	Tuberculosis (all forms).....	83
German measles.....	1	Typhoid fever.....	9
Influenza.....	19	Whooping cough.....	277
Lethargic encephalitis.....	2		

<sup>1</sup> Week ended Friday.

## MICHIGAN.

	Cases.
Diphtheria.....	201
Measles.....	197
Pneumonia.....	219
Scarlet fever.....	354
Smallpox.....	53
Tuberculosis.....	24
Typhoid fever.....	9
Whooping cough.....	114

## MINNESOTA.

Chicken pox.....	9
Diphtheria.....	95
Measles.....	58
Pneumonia.....	5
Scarlet fever.....	168
Smallpox.....	61
Tuberculosis.....	71
Typhoid fever.....	1
Whooping cough.....	4

## MISSISSIPPI.

Dengue.....	11
Diphtheria.....	22
Influenza.....	3,048
Scarlet fever.....	6
Smallpox.....	9
Typhoid fever.....	3

## MONTANA.

Diphtheria.....	3
Scarlet fever.....	23
Smallpox.....	18
Typhoid fever.....	1

## NEBRASKA.

Chicken pox.....	34
Diphtheria:	
Omaha.....	11
Wymore.....	11
Scattering.....	18
Influenza.....	16
Measles.....	1
Mumps.....	6
Scarlet fever:	
Dundy County.....	12
Scattering.....	50
Septic sore throat.....	12
Smallpox.....	6
Tuberculosis.....	1
Typhoid fever.....	1
Whooping cough.....	1

## NEW JERSEY.

Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	3
Chicken pox.....	211
Diphtheria.....	197
Influenza.....	30
Malaria.....	1
Measles.....	1,099
Pneumonia.....	224
Poliomyelitis.....	2
Scarlet fever.....	218
Typhoid fever.....	22
Whooping cough.....	127

<sup>1</sup> Deaths.

## NEW MEXICO.

	Cases.
Chicken pox.....	17
Conjunctivitis.....	1
Diphtheria.....	27
Influenza.....	1
Pneumonia.....	7
Scarlet fever.....	14
Trachoma.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	16
Typhoid fever.....	6
Whooping cough.....	2

## NEW YORK.

(Exclusive of New York City.)

Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1
Diphtheria.....	209
Influenza.....	136
Measles.....	646
Pneumonia.....	427
Poliomyelitis.....	2
Scarlet fever.....	344
Smallpox.....	9
Typhoid fever.....	24
Whooping cough.....	357

## NORTH CAROLINA.

Chicken pox.....	65
Diphtheria.....	64
German measles.....	1
Measles.....	109
Scarlet fever.....	55
Septic sore throat.....	3
Smallpox.....	33
Typhoid fever.....	5
Whooping cough.....	170

## OREGON.

Chicken pox.....	18
Diphtheria:	
Portland.....	12
Scattering.....	6
Influenza.....	1
Lethargic encephalitis.....	3
Measles.....	5
Pneumonia.....	16
Scarlet fever.....	7
Septic sore throat.....	1
Smallpox.....	17
Tuberculosis.....	17
Whooping cough.....	1

## SOUTH DAKOTA.

Chicken pox.....	9
Diphtheria.....	19
Measles.....	5
Pneumonia.....	19
Scarlet fever.....	34
Smallpox.....	6
Tuberculosis.....	3
Typhoid fever.....	4
Whooping cough.....	3

TEXAS.		WEST VIRGINIA.	
	Cases.		Cases.
Chicken pox.....	44	Diphtheria.....	25
Dengue.....	222	Influenza:	
Diphtheria.....	16	Beckley.....	100
Dysentery.....	5	Fairmont.....	36
Influenza.....	70	Pennsboro.....	2
Lethargic encephalitis.....	2	Princeton.....	500
Measles.....	36	Williamson.....	18
Mumps.....	1	Scarlet fever.....	17
Pneumonia.....	34	Typhoid fever.....	1
Scarlet fever.....	26		
Smallpox.....	25	WISCONSIN.	
Tuberculosis.....	9	Milwaukee:	
Typhoid fever.....	17	Chicken pox.....	34
Whooping cough.....	10	Diphtheria.....	32
		German measles.....	1
VERMONT.		Influenza.....	5
Chicken pox.....	43	Measles.....	609
Diphtheria.....	6	Pneumonia.....	14
Influenza.....	1	Scarlet fever.....	66
Measles.....	12	Tuberculosis.....	15
Mumps.....	5	Whooping cough.....	16
Pneumonia.....	1	Scattering:	
Scarlet fever.....	12	Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	3
Typhoid fever.....	3	Chicken pox.....	152
Whooping cough.....	76	Diphtheria.....	53
		German measles.....	2
WASHINGTON.		Influenza.....	87
Chicken pox.....	61	Measles.....	234
Diphtheria.....	18	Pneumonia.....	23
Impetigo contagiosa.....	1	Poliomyelitis.....	1
Lethargic encephalitis—Whitman County...	1	Scarlet fever.....	128
Measles.....	5	Smallpox.....	34
Mumps.....	11	Tuberculosis.....	11
Pneumonia.....	1	Typhoid fever.....	6
Poliomyelitis—Pierce County.....	1	Whooping cough.....	69
Scarlet fever.....	44		
Smallpox.....	22	WYOMING.	
Tuberculosis.....	21	Chicken pox.....	3
Typhoid fever.....	9	Pneumonia.....	5
Vincent's angina.....	1	Scarlet fever.....	3
Whooping cough.....	22	Smallpox.....	1

### Reports for Week Ended December 30, 1922.

KENTUCKY.		KENTUCKY—continued.	
	Cases.		Cases.
Chicken pox.....	2	Trachoma.....	6
Diphtheria.....	13	Tuberculosis.....	7
Influenza.....	79	Typhoid fever.....	2
Lethargic encephalitis:		Whooping cough.....	5
Jackson County.....	1		
Measles:		NORTH DAKOTA.	
Henderson County.....	32	Chicken pox.....	38
Livingston County.....	20	Diphtheria.....	22
McCracken County.....	70	Measles.....	10
Scattering.....	9	Pneumonia.....	9
Pneumonia.....	11	Scarlet fever.....	37
Scarlet fever.....	3	Smallpox.....	10
Septic sore throat.....	1	Tuberculosis.....	4
Smallpox.....	1	Whooping cough.....	3
Tonsillitis.....	1		

**SUMMARY OF CASES REPORTED MONTHLY BY STATES.**

The following summary of monthly State reports is published weekly and covers only those States from which reports are received during the current week.

State.	Cerebrospinal meningitis.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Malaria.	Measles.	Pellagra.	Pollomyelitis.	Scarlet fever.	Smallpox.	Typhoid fever.
<i>November, 1922.</i>										
Colorado.....	2	133	4	.....	10	.....	.....	166	147	53
Montana.....	6	54	4	.....	7	.....	.....	93	18	12
New Mexico.....	.....	123	18	.....	3	.....	.....	32	.....	43
Ohio.....	6	2,213	23	.....	1,060	.....	7	1,878	137	163

**RECIPROCAL NOTIFICATION.**

**NOVEMBER, 1922.**

*Cases of communicable diseases referred during November, 1922, to other State health departments by departments of health of the States of Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and New York.*

State.	Diphtheria.	Scarlet fever.	Tuberculosis.	Typhoid fever.
Connecticut.....	3	.....	5	.....
Illinois.....	.....	.....	19	.....
Massachusetts.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Minnesota.....	1	.....	31	6
New York.....	2	1	.....	.....

**CITY REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 23, 1922.****ANTHRAX.**

City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Pennsylvania: Philadelphia.....	1	1

**CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS.**

The column headed "Median for previous years" gives the median number of cases reported during the corresponding weeks of the years 1915 to 1921, inclusive. In instances in which data for the full seven years are incomplete, the median is that for the number of years for which information is available.

City.	Median for previous years.	Week ended Dec. 23, 1922.		City.	Median for previous years.	Week ended Dec. 23, 1922.	
		Cases.	Deaths.			Cases.	Deaths.
California: Riverside.....	0	1	1	Rhode Island: Providence.....	0	.....	1
Indiana: Indianapolis.....	0	.....	1	Texas: Dallas.....	0	1	.....
..... South Bend.....	0	.....	1	..... Galveston.....	0	1	.....
Massachusetts: Lynn.....	0	.....	1	Washington: Seattle.....	0	3	.....
New Jersey: Newark.....	1	.....	1	West Virginia: Bluefield.....	0	.....	1
New York: New York.....	4	3	1	Wisconsin: Superior.....	0	.....	2

## CITY REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 23, 1922—Continued.

## DENGUE.

City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Alabama:		
Mobile.....		1
Louisiana:		
Baton Rouge.....	2	

## DIPHTHERIA.

See p. 78; also Current State summaries, p. 68, and Monthly summaries by States, p. 72.

## INFLUENZA.

City.	Cases.		Deaths, week ended Dec. 23, 1922.	City.	Cases.		Deaths, week ended Dec. 23, 1922.
	Week ended Dec. 24, 1921.	Week ended Dec. 23, 1922.			Week ended Dec. 24, 1921.	Week ended Dec. 23, 1922.	
Alabama:				Massachusetts—Contd.			
Birmingham.....	2	3	3	Saugus.....	3		
Montgomery.....		1		Watertown.....	1		
Arkansas:				Winthrop.....	1		
Little Rock.....	1	1		Woburn.....			1
California:				Worcester.....	12		
Berkeley.....		3		Michigan:			
Los Angeles.....	3	4	1	Ann Arbor.....	1		
Oakland.....		2	1	Detroit.....		3	1
Sacramento.....	3	3	1	Missouri:			
San Francisco.....	3	4	1	St. Joseph.....		1	1
Colorado:				Montana:			
Denver.....			1	Missoula.....		1	1
Connecticut:				Nebraska:			
Bridgeport.....		3		Lincoln.....			1
New Britain.....	8			New Jersey:			
Waterbury.....	1			Kearny.....		2	
District of Columbia:				Newark.....	4	16	2
Washington.....	2	2	1	Passaic.....		1	
Florida:				New York:			
Tampa.....	3	1		Albany.....	8		
Georgia:				Buffalo.....	2		
Albany.....	1			Cohoes.....		1	
Atlanta.....	5	85		New York.....	34	54	4
Brunswick.....		48		Saratoga Springs.....	1		
Macon.....		35		North Carolina:			
Rome.....		16		Rocky Mount.....			1
Savannah.....		23	6	Winston-Salem.....			1
Valdosta.....			1	Ohio:			
Illinois:				Akron.....	2	1	
Chicago.....	18	16	5	Cincinnati.....		1	5
Jacksonville.....		1		Cleveland.....		1	
Kentucky:				Springfield.....			1
Covington.....	1			Toledo.....			2
Louisville.....		2		Pennsylvania:			
Louisiana:				Philadelphia.....	4	5	8
New Orleans.....	1			Rhode Island:			
Maryland:				Providence.....			1
Baltimore.....	8	27		South Carolina:			
Massachusetts:				Charleston.....		29	
Beverly.....		1		Utah:			
Boston.....	1	8		Salt Lake City.....			1
Cambridge.....	1	1		Virginia:			
Danvers.....		4		Petersburg.....	3		
Everett.....		4		Richmond.....			2
Fall River.....		1		Roanoke.....	3	10	1
Haverhill.....		1		West Virginia:			
Lawrence.....	4	2	1	Fairmont.....	1	1	
Leominster.....		2		Wisconsin:			
Lowell.....		1		Green Bay.....	1		
Malden.....		1		Marinette.....			1
Quincy.....		1	1				

## CITY REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 23, 1922—Continued.

## LETHARGIC ENCEPHALITIS.

City.	Cases.	Deaths.	City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Nebraska:			Oregon:		
Omaha.....	1	1	Portland.....	2	.....

## MALARIA.

Alabama:			Massachusetts:		
Birmingham.....	1	.....	Malden.....	1	.....
Louisiana:			Tennessee:		
New Orleans.....	1	.....	Memphis.....	3	1

## MEASLES.

See p. 78; also Current State summaries, p. 68, and Monthly summaries by States, p. 72.

## PELLAGRA.

City.	Cases.	Deaths.	City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Alabama:			Texas:		
Birmingham.....	1	.....	Dallas.....		1
Illinois:			Fort Worth.....		1
Chicago.....		1	Houston.....		1
Louisiana:					
New Orleans.....	1	.....			

## PNEUMONIA (ALL FORMS).

Alabama:			Illinois—Continued.		
Birmingham.....		10	Evanston.....	3	.....
Mobile.....		5	Forest Park.....	1	.....
Montgomery.....	3	.....	Freeport.....		2
California:			Galesburg.....	3	2
Alameda.....		1	Jacksonville.....	1	.....
Berkeley.....		2	Kewanee.....		1
Long Beach.....	1	.....	La Salle.....	1	.....
Los Angeles.....	36	17	Mattoon.....		1
Oakland.....	7	2	Oak Park.....	4	2
Sacramento.....	5	2	Peoria.....		6
San Bernardino.....		1	Springfield.....		3
San Diego.....		1	Indiana:		
San Francisco.....		6	Anderson.....		1
Colorado:			Crawfordsville.....		1
Denver.....		17	East Chicago.....		2
Pueblo.....		4	Fort Wayne.....		2
Connecticut:			Gary.....		1
Bridgeport.....		2	Huntington.....		1
Bristol.....	2	.....	Indianapolis.....		13
Derby.....		2	Kokomo.....		1
Hartford.....	3	2	La Fayette.....		2
Milford.....		1	Logansport.....		1
New Haven.....	3	1	Michigan City.....		1
New London.....		2	Muncie.....		3
District of Columbia:			South Bend.....		6
Washington.....		17	Terre Haute.....		4
Florida:			Iowa:		
St. Petersburg.....		1	Burlington.....	2	1
Tampa.....		3	Council Bluffs.....		4
Georgia:			Muscataine.....	1	.....
Atlanta.....		10	Kansas:		
Rome.....	1	.....	Fort Scott.....	1	.....
Savannah.....		7	Kansas City.....	9	.....
Valdosta.....		2	Lawrence.....		1
Illinois:			Salina.....	1	.....
Aurora.....	4	2	Topeka.....	4	1
Blue Island.....	1	.....	Wichita.....		7
Chicago.....	232	88	Kentucky:		
Cicero.....		1	Louisville.....		11
Decatur.....	2	.....	Louisiana:		
East St. Louis.....		4	Baton Rouge.....	2	1
Elgin.....		2	New Orleans.....		12

## CITY REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 23, 1922—Continued.

## PNEUMONIA (ALL FORMS)—Continued.

City.	Cases.	Deaths.	City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Maine:			New Hampshire:		
Auburn.....		1	Keene.....		1
Biddeford.....		4	New Jersey:		
Lewiston.....		2	Atlantic City.....		2
Portland.....		4	Bayonne.....	1	
Sanford.....	3		Belleville.....	1	
Maryland:			Bloomfield.....	3	1
Baltimore.....	63	32	East Orange.....	1	
Cumberland.....	3	1	Garfield.....	1	
Massachusetts:			Hackensack.....		1
Arlington.....	2		Hoboken.....		3
Attleboro.....		1	Kearny.....		1
Beverly.....	2	1	Montclair.....		2
Boston.....	34	32	Morristown.....		2
Cambridge.....		12	Newark.....	79	21
Chelsea.....	4	1	Orange.....	6	
Chicopee.....		3	Passaic.....		4
Clinton.....		2	Paterson.....	7	
Easthampton.....		1	Phillipsburg.....		1
Fall River.....	8	5	Plainfield.....	2	
Greenfield.....		1	Summit.....	3	1
Haverhill.....	5		Trenton.....	28	4
Holyoke.....	3	1	West Hoboken.....		2
Lawrence.....	3	2	West New York.....		1
Leominster.....	2	1	West Orange.....		1
Lowell.....	3	1	New Mexico:		
Lynn.....		1	Albuquerque.....		2
Malden.....		4	New York:		
Medford.....	1		Albany.....	10	
Methuen.....		1	Auburn.....	3	1
New Bedford.....		4	Buffalo.....	23	9
Newburyport.....		1	Cohoes.....	2	1
Newton.....	4		Cortland.....		1
North Adams.....		2	Glens Falls.....	1	
Northbridge.....		1	Hornell.....	2	
Peabody.....		2	Hudson.....	2	
Quincy.....		2	Ithaca.....	2	
Revere.....		1	Jamestown.....	4	1
Salem.....	3	1	Middletown.....	2	1
Somerville.....	6	3	New York.....	358	183
Springfield.....	5	3	Newburgh.....		2
Wakefield.....		2	Niagara Falls.....		2
Waltham.....		1	North Tonawanda.....	1	
Watertown.....		2	Olean.....		1
Webster.....	1		Port Chester.....	1	
West Springfield.....		1	Rochester.....	20	10
Winthrop.....	1		Rome.....	3	1
Woburn.....		1	Saratoga Springs.....	1	
Worcester.....		11	Schenectady.....	4	1
Michigan:			Syracuse.....	13	2
Ann Arbor.....	2		Troy.....	4	3
Benton Harbor.....		1	Watertown.....	5	
Detroit.....	88	33	White Plains.....	3	1
Flint.....	6	2	North Carolina:		
Grand Rapids.....	12		Greensboro.....		1
Hamtramck.....		4	Rocky Mount.....		1
Highland Park.....	6	2	Wilmington.....		4
Holland.....	1		Winston-Salem.....		7
Jackson.....	4	1	Ohio:		
Kalamazoo.....		2	Akron.....	1	
Marquette.....	3	1	Canton.....		6
Pontiac.....	2	1	Cincinnati.....		10
Port Huron.....		2	Cleveland.....	48	26
Minnesota:			Columbus.....		9
Duluth.....		6	Dayton.....	1	
Hibbing.....	1		East Cleveland.....	4	2
Minneapolis.....		10	Findlay.....	1	
Rochester.....	3	2	Hamilton.....		2
St. Paul.....		9	Kenmore.....	1	
Missouri:			Lima.....		2
Kansas City.....	23	17	Mansfield.....	2	1
St. Joseph.....		5	Newark.....		2
Montana:			Niles.....		1
Anaconda.....		1	Piqua.....		1
Billings.....		1	Staubenville.....	1	
Great Falls.....		1	Toledo.....		8
Missoula.....		2	Youngstown.....		3
Nebraska:			Zanesville.....		2
Lincoln.....	1		Oklahoma:		
Omaha.....		15	Oklahoma.....		5

## CITY REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 23, 1922—Continued.

## PNEUMONIA (ALL FORMS)—Continued.

City.	Cases.	Deaths.	City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Oregon:			Virginia:		
Portland.....		10	Charlottesville.....		1
Pennsylvania:			Lynchburg.....		1
Philadelphia.....	114	104	Norfolk.....		7
Rhode Island:			Petersburg.....		1
Cranston.....		1	Richmond.....		7
Pawtucket.....		4	Roanoke.....		3
Providence.....		10	West Virginia:		
South Carolina:			Bluefield.....		1
Charleston.....		11	Clarksburg.....		1
Greenville.....		1	Huntington.....		2
South Dakota:			Morgantown.....	1	
Sioux Falls.....	2		Parkersburg.....		2
Tennessee:			Wheeling.....		6
Memphis.....		9	Wisconsin:		
Nashville.....		3	Beloit.....		2
Texas:			Fond du Lac.....	1	
Amarillo.....	2		Kenosha.....	2	1
Beaumont.....		2	Marinette.....		1
Dallas.....		4	Oshkosh.....		1
El Paso.....		3	Racine.....		3
Fort Worth.....		2	Superior.....		1
Galveston.....		3	Wyoming:		
Houston.....		4	Cheyenne.....		1
San Antonio.....		3			
Utah:					
Salt Lake City.....		6			

## POLIOMYELITIS (INFANTILE PARALYSIS).

The column headed "Median for previous years" gives the median number of cases reported during the corresponding weeks of the years 1915 to 1921, inclusive. In instances in which data for the full seven years are incomplete, the median is that for the number of years for which information is available.

City.	Median for pre- vious years.	Week ended Dec. 23, 1922.		City.	Median for pre- vious years.	Week ended Dec. 23, 1922.	
		Cases.	Deaths.			Cases.	Deaths.
Connecticut:				New York:			
New Haven.....	0	1		New York.....	0	5	
District of Columbia:				Rhode Island:			
Washington.....	0	1		Providence.....	0		1
Illinois:				Virginia:			
Chicago.....	1		1	Richmond.....	0	1	

## RABIES IN ANIMALS.

City.	Cases.	City.	Cases.
California:		Texas:	
Los Angeles.....	8	Beaumont.....	1
Tennessee:		Virginia:	
Memphis.....	2	Alexandria.....	1

## SCARLET FEVER.

See p. 78; also Current State summaries, p. 68, and Monthly summaries by States, p. 72.

## CITY REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 23, 1922—Continued.

## SMALLPOX.

The column headed "Median for previous years" gives the median number of cases reported during the corresponding weeks of the years 1915 to 1921, inclusive. In instances in which data for the full seven years are incomplete, the median is that for the number of years for which information is available.

City.	Median for previous years.	Week ended Dec. 23, 1922.		City.	Median for previous years.	Week ended Dec. 23, 1922.	
		Cases.	Deaths.			Cases.	Deaths.
California:				Missouri:			
Eureka.....	0	1	.....	St. Louis.....	2	1	.....
Los Angeles.....	2	1	.....	Montana:			
Oakland.....	0	2	.....	Great Falls.....	1	16	.....
Santa Ana.....	0	1	.....	Nebraska:			
Colorado:				Omaha.....	5	1	.....
Denver.....	9	8	3	Ohio:			
Georgia:				Dayton.....	0	3	.....
Valdosta.....	0	1	.....	Hamilton.....	2	1	.....
Illinois:				Toledo.....	1	3	.....
Chicago.....	1	2	.....	Oklahoma:			
Freeport.....	0	8	.....	Tulsa.....	1	3	.....
Indiana:				Oregon:			
Anderson.....	0	2	.....	Portland.....	3	7	.....
Elwood.....	0	1	.....	Pennsylvania:			
Hammond.....	0	1	.....	Philadelphia.....	0	1	.....
Indianapolis.....	3	1	.....	Tennessee:			
Iowa:				Nashville.....	0	1	.....
Clinton.....	0	1	.....	Texas:			
Davenport.....	2	1	.....	Fort Worth.....	0	1	.....
Des Moines.....	1	1	.....	Waco.....	0	1	.....
Michigan:				Utah:			
Ann Arbor.....	0	1	.....	Salt Lake City.....	3	4	1
Detroit.....	3	8	.....	Washington:			
Flint.....	0	1	.....	Bellingham.....	2	1	.....
Grand Rapids.....	0	3	.....	Seattle.....	3	3	.....
Highland Park.....	0	2	.....	Wisconsin:			
Minnesota:				Eau Claire.....	0	1	.....
Duluth.....	0	17	.....	Superior.....	0	23	.....
Minneapolis.....	13	6	.....				
St. Paul.....	7	13	.....				

## TETANUS.

City.	Cases.	Deaths.	City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Alabama:			New York:		
Mobile.....		1	New York.....	1	.....
Illinois:			Ohio:		
Chicago.....	1	1	Columbus.....		1
Maine:			Oklahoma:		
Lewiston.....	1	1	Oklahoma.....		1
Missouri:			Texas:		
St. Louis.....	1	.....	Houston.....		1

## TUBERCULOSIS.

See p. 78; also Current State summaries, p. 68.

## CITY REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 23, 1922—Continued.

## TYPHOID FEVER.

The column headed "Median for previous years" gives the median number of cases reported during the corresponding weeks of the years 1915 to 1921, inclusive. In instances in which data for the full seven years are incomplete, the median is that for the number of years for which information is available.

City.	Median for previous years.	Week ended Dec. 23, 1922.		City.	Median for previous years.	Week ended Dec. 23, 1922.	
		Cases.	Deaths.			Cases.	Deaths.
Alabama:				Missouri:			
Birmingham.....	1	.....	1	St. Louis.....	3	.....	2
Mobile.....	0	.....	1	Montana:			
California:				Great Falls.....	0	2	.....
Los Angeles.....	1	3	2	New Jersey:			
San Francisco.....	1	3	2	Bayonne.....	0	1	.....
Stockton.....	0	1	.....	Newark.....	1	3	.....
District of Columbia:				Orange.....	0	1	.....
Washington.....	2	1	.....	New York:			
Florida:				Ithaca.....	0	2	.....
St. Petersburg.....	.....	1	.....	New York.....	10	9	3
Georgia:				Rochester.....	0	2	.....
Atlanta.....	0	2	.....	Troy.....	1	1	1
Illinois:				North Carolina:			
Bloomington.....	0	1	.....	Wilmington.....	0	1	.....
Chicago.....	6	2	.....	Ohio:			
Indiana:				Akron.....	0	2	.....
Kokomo.....	0	.....	1	Ashtabula.....	0	3	.....
Kansas:				Chillicothe.....	0	1	.....
Kansas City.....	0	1	.....	Cincinnati.....	0	1	.....
Kentucky:				Piqua.....	0	1	.....
Louisville.....	0	1	.....	Pennsylvania:			
Louisiana:				Philadelphia.....	4	.....	1
New Orleans.....	2	3	.....	Tennessee:			
Maryland:				Nashville.....	0	1	.....
Baltimore.....	5	2	1	Texas:			
Massachusetts:				Dallas.....	0	1	.....
Chelsea.....	0	1	.....	Galveston.....	0	1	.....
Malden.....	0	1	.....	San Antonio.....	0	2	2
Southbridge.....	0	1	1	Virginia:			
Michigan:				Richmond.....	0	2	.....
Battle Creek.....	0	1	.....	Washington:			
Detroit.....	2	5	2	Seattle.....	0	1	.....
Minnesota:				Wisconsin:			
Duluth.....	1	1	.....	Manitowoc.....	0	1	.....
Minneapolis.....	1	1	.....	West Allis.....	0	3	.....

## TYPHUS FEVER.

City.	Cases.	Deaths.
New York:		
New York.....	1	.....

## DIPHTHERIA, MEASLES, SCARLET FEVER, AND TUBERCULOSIS.

City.	Population Jan. 1, 1920.	Total deaths from all causes.	Diphtheria.		Measles.		Scarlet fever.		Tuberculosis.	
			Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Alabama:										
Birmingham.....	178,806	50	2	.....			3	.....	6	6
Mobile.....	60,777	21	1	.....			2	.....		2
Montgomery.....	43,464	19		.....				.....		.....
Arkansas:										
Hot Springs.....	11,695	3		.....				.....		.....
Little Rock.....	65,142		2	.....	1	.....	2	.....	8	.....
North Little Rock.....	14,048		1	1	1	.....		.....		1

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## DIPHTHERIA, MEASLES, SCARLET FEVER, AND TUBERCULOSIS—Continued.

City.	Popula- tion Jan. 1, 1923.	Total deaths from all causes.	Diphtheria.		Measles.		Scarlet fever.		Tuber- culosis.	
			Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
<b>California:</b>										
Alameda.....	28,806	11	2						3	
Berkeley.....	56,036	5	1				5		1	
Eureka.....	12,923	6					1		2	
Long Beach.....	55,593	21	3		1		2			1
Los Angeles.....	576,673	188	56	1	9		26	1	44	17
Oakland.....	216,261	46	7	1			6		4	3
Pasadena.....	45,354	20	1		3		9			4
Richmond.....	16,843	1	1							
Riverside.....	19,341	4	1						1	
Sacramento.....	65,908	21	4							3
San Bernardino.....	18,721	10	3						1	
San Diego.....	74,653	20	11				7		4	3
San Francisco.....	506,676	141	24		2		9	1	12	9
San Jose.....	39,642	7	6							
Santa Ana.....	15,435	5	3		1			1		
Santa Barbara.....	19,441	3								
Santa Cruz.....	10,917	4							1	1
Stockton.....	40,296	12	5				1		1	2
Vallejo.....	21,107	3					2			
<b>Colorado:</b>										
Denver.....	256,491	82	41	3	2		18			11
Greeley.....	10,958	5								
Pueblo.....	43,050	8	7				3			
<b>Connecticut:</b>										
Bridgeport.....	143,555	36	13		7	1	6		7	4
Bristol.....	20,620	4	2							
Dorby.....	11,238	4			21		11			
Fairfield (town).....	11,475	2	1		2		2			
Greenwich (town).....	22,123	1			1		7			
Hartford.....	138,036	28	22		4		3		4	
Manchester (town).....	18,370	2					2			
Milford (town).....	10,193	3								
New Haven.....	162,537	23	5		66		2		8	
New London.....	25,638	9	1	1						
Norwich (city).....	22,304	4	2						2	
<b>District of Columbia:</b>										
Washington.....	437,571	120	25		13		19		17	11
<b>Florida:</b>										
St. Petersburg.....	14,237	10	1							
Tampa.....	51,608	21	1							2
<b>Georgia:</b>										
Atlanta.....	200,616	59	10		1		2		2	5
Macon.....	52,995	1	1		12		1		1	
Rome.....	13,252	1					4			
Savannah.....	83,252	56	1				1		2	4
Valdosta.....	10,783	6								
<b>Idaho:</b>										
Boise.....	21,393	10	3							
Pocatello.....	15,001	3								1
<b>Illinois:</b>										
Alton.....	24,682	5	2				3	1		2
Aurora.....	36,397	11	5		1		1		1	2
Bloomington.....	28,725	4	1				3		1	
Blue Island.....	11,424	3	1							
Chicago.....	2,701,705	765	183	19	125	5	89	5	133	39
Chicago Heights.....	19,653	6								1
Cicero.....	44,995	10	2				2		2	1
Decatur.....	43,818	13	2				2		1	
East St. Louis.....	66,767	20	4	1			2		1	2
Elgin.....	27,454	11			2		4		1	
Evanston.....	37,234	7	2		1		1		2	
Freeport.....	19,669	8			1		7			
Galesburg.....	22,834	7	2		2					
Jacksonville.....	15,713	10	2				5			
Kewanee.....	16,026	7	1				2			
La Salle.....	13,050	1			3		2			
Mattoon.....	13,552	2	1				2		1	
Oak Park.....	39,856	16	2		2		3			
Pekin.....	12,086	3	1							
Peoria.....	76,121	28	3				8			2
Quincy.....	35,978	12							2	
Springfield.....	59,183	20	9		15		1			1

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## DIPHTHERIA, MEASLES, SCARLET FEVER, AND TUBERCULOSIS—Continued.

City.	Popula- tion Jan. 1, 1920.	Total deaths from all causes.	Diphtheria.		Measles.		Scarlet fever.		Tuber- culosis.	
			Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
<b>Indiana:</b>										
Anderson.....	29,767		3	1			4			1
Crawfordsville.....	10,139	3					1			
East Chicago.....	35,967	9	2	1			3			1
Elwood.....	10,790	3	1				1			
Fort Wayne.....	86,549		5	1			5			1
Frankfort.....	11,585	1	4							
Gary.....	55,378	17	1				3			2
Hammond.....	36,004	6	1		3					
Huntington.....	14,000	4								
Indianapolis.....	314,194	93	29	2	3		9	1	21	5
Kokomo.....	30,067	6	9							
La Fayette.....	22,486	10	3				2			
Logansport.....	21,626	3								
Michigan City.....	19,457	6					7			1
Mishawaka.....	15,195	4	4	1	39		5			3
Muncie.....	36,524	15	2	1	1		1			
Porter.....	12,410	3								
South Bend.....	70,983	14			89		3			
Terre Haute.....	66,083	22	3				2			
<b>Iowa:</b>										
Burlington.....	24,057	9	4				3			
Cedar Rapids.....	45,566						4			
Clinton.....	24,151		6							
Council Bluffs.....	36,162	16	1	1	1					
Davenport.....	56,727		15				1			
Des Moines.....	126,468		15	1	1		21	1		
Dubuque.....	39,141				17		1			
Marshalltown.....	15,731						2			
Mason City.....	20,065	6	3	1			1			
Muscatine.....	16,068	6					1			
Ottumwa.....	23,003		3				1			
Sioux City.....	71,227		5		3		4		1	
<b>Kansas:</b>										
Atchison.....	12,630	1	1							
Coffeyville.....	13,452	2	1							
Fort Scott.....	10,663	8	9					1		1
Hutchinson.....	23,298		2		1		2			
Kansas City.....	101,177		4				2		2	
Lawrence.....	12,456	3	1		1		4		1	
Leavenworth.....	16,912								1	
Parsons.....	16,028	4	3		1				1	
Salina.....	15,085		2							
Topeka.....	50,022	8	19				3			
Wichita.....	72,217	33	15	1	1		3			3
<b>Kentucky:</b>										
Covington.....	57,121	19	4	1			2			
Henderson.....	12,169	4			32		1			
Louisville.....	234,891	78	12	1			4		9	3
Owensboro.....	17,424		2				1			
Paducah.....	24,735		2		74					
<b>Louisiana:</b>										
Baton Rouge.....	21,782	7								
New Orleans.....	387,219	131	32	3	2		3		18	15
<b>Maine:</b>										
Auburn.....	16,985	4	1				4		1	
Bath.....	14,731	6								
Biddeford.....	18,008	12								1
Lewiston.....	31,791	17					1		2	1
Portland.....	69,272	17	4		10					
Sanford (town).....	10,691	6	1	1						1
Waterville.....	13,351		2							
<b>Maryland:</b>										
Baltimore.....	733,826	224	54	5	25		21		12	18
Cumberland.....	29,837	13	1		7		1		2	1
Frederick.....	11,066	3	2						2	
<b>Massachusetts:</b>										
Adams (town).....	12,967	1					2			
Amesbury (town).....	10,036	0								
Arlington (town).....	18,665	4							1	1
Attleboro.....	19,731	7			44					1
Belmont (town).....	10,749	2			1					
Beverly.....	22,561	5					3			
Boston.....	748,060	266	67	8	81	3	39	1	25	16
Braintree (town).....	10,580	4			2					2

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## DIPHTHERIA, MEASLES, SCARLET FEVER, AND TUBERCULOSIS—Continued.

City.	Popula- tion Jan. 1, 1920.	Total deaths from all causes.	Diphtheria.		Measles.		Scarlet fever.		Tuber- culosis.	
			Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Massachusetts—Continued.										
Brookline.....	37,748	8	2		2				1	1
Cambridge.....	109,694	40	4		11		3		2	3
Chelsea.....	43,184	11	3		34		5			
Chicopee.....	36,214	9						1		
Clinton.....	12,979	4			1					
Danvers.....	11,108		1	1						
Dedham.....	10,792	3								
Easthampton.....	11,261	2			4				1	1
Everett.....	40,120	12	3		4		2		1	
Fall River.....	120,485	33	8	1	110	1	4		6	3
Framingham.....	17,033	2								
Gardner.....	16,971	7					3			
Greenfield.....	15,462	3	4				2		2	
Haverhill.....	53,884	6	2		1		2		4	1
Holyoke.....	60,203	19	2				2		1	1
Lawrence.....	94,270	25	3		4				4	3
Leominster.....	18,744	6					1		2	
Lowell.....	112,759	25	4	1	11		7		3	
Lynn.....	99,148	26	6		75		5			
Malden.....	49,103	18		2	1		5		1	
Medford.....	39,038	7	1		14		1			
Melrose.....	18,204	6					5			
Methuen.....	15,189	3								
New Bedford.....	121,217	28	5	1	224		3		6	1
Newburyport.....	15,618	5	1				5			
Newton.....	46,054	16	1		1		9			1
North Adams.....	22,282	7	1				1			1
Northampton.....	21,951	5			1		3		2	
Northbridge.....	10,174	4								
Peabody.....	19,552	6	1						2	
Pittsfield.....	41,763	11	8		1		6		1	
Plymouth.....	13,045	4								
Quincy.....	47,876	5	5		3		3		4	1
Revere.....	28,823	5				1				
Salem.....	42,529	15	2	1						
Somerville.....	93,091	22	3		5		4		1	1
Southbridge.....	14,245	2			1		2			
Springfield.....	129,614	50	11	1			4		7	3
Taunton.....	37,137	16	1				5		2	1
Wakefield.....	13,025	6	1				1			
Waltham.....	30,915	14	4				6		1	
Watertown.....	21,457	6	3				2		1	
Webster.....	13,258	2								
West Springfield.....	13,443	2		1						
Westfield.....	18,604	6	1							
Winthrop.....	15,455	2			2					
Woburn.....	16,574	6								
Worcester.....	179,754	55	5				14		3	2
Michigan:										
Alpena.....	11,101		6	1			2			
Ann Arbor.....	19,516	9	7	2						
Battle Creek.....	36,164		4		1		10			
Benton Harbor.....	12,233	3	1		28		1			
Detroit.....	993,678	237	70	4	5		91	2	60	17
Flint.....	91,599	26	20	1	9		32		5	2
Grand Rapids.....	137,634	47	10				9		5	1
Hamtramck.....	48,615	9	3	1						
Highland Park.....	46,499	14	3	1			3			
Holland.....	12,183	1	1				1			1
Jackson.....	48,374	9	2		1		4			
Kalamazoo.....	48,487	16	16	1			2			1
Marquette.....	12,718	3								
Pontiac.....	34,273	5	2				8			
Port Huron.....	25,944	12	1				2			
Sault Ste. Marie.....	12,096	1							1	
Minnesota:										
Duluth.....	98,917	21	1		10		7			
Faribault.....	11,089	3					4			
Hibbing.....	15,088	6	1				9			1
Minneapolis.....	380,582	92	39	3	1		58		23	3
Rochester.....	13,722	20							1	1
St. Cloud.....	15,573		2							
St. Paul.....	234,698	68	20	2	11		46	1	8	2
Virginia.....	14,022				1		3			
Winona.....	19,143		1				2			

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## DIPHTHERIA, MEASLES, SCARLET FEVER, AND TUBERCULOSIS—Continued.

City.	Popula- tion Jan. 1, 1920.	Total deaths from all causes.	Diphtheria.		Measles.		Scarlet fever.		Tuber- culosis.	
			Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Missouri:										
Cape Girardeau.....	10,252	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Carthage.....	10,068	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Joplin.....	29,902	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas City.....	324,410	101	16	1	1	.....	12	.....	7	6
St. Joseph.....	77,939	38	3	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis.....	772,897	199	42	2	3	.....	29	.....	23	12
Montana:										
Anaconda.....	11,668	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Billings.....	15,100	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
Great Falls.....	24,121	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Helena.....	12,037	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missoula.....	12,668	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Nebraska:										
Lincoln.....	54,948	12	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Omaha.....	191,601	47	8	1	1	.....	10	.....	.....	1
Nevada:										
Reno.....	12,016	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire:										
Berlin.....	16,104	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Concord.....	22,167	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dover.....	13,029	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keene.....	11,210	5	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey:										
Asbury Park.....	12,400	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Atlantic City.....	50,707	14	1	.....	74	.....	5	.....	2	.....
Bayonne.....	76,754	.....	1	.....	1	.....	2	.....	2	.....
Belleville.....	15,660	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield.....	22,019	7	3	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Clifton.....	26,470	1	2	.....	7	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
East Orange.....	50,710	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	6	.....	1	.....
Garfield.....	19,381	1	1	.....	4	.....	1	.....	4	.....
Hackensack.....	17,667	7	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Hoboken.....	68,166	25	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Kearny.....	26,724	10	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Montclair.....	28,810	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morristown.....	12,548	7	.....	.....	70	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newark.....	414,524	123	19	1	66	1	14	.....	31	5
Orange.....	33,268	8	1	.....	22	1	1	.....	1	.....
Passaic.....	63,841	21	4	.....	10	.....	6	.....	2	.....
Paterson.....	135,875	.....	8	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Perth Amboy.....	41,707	3	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phillipsburg.....	16,923	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plainfield.....	27,700	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Summit.....	10,174	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trenton.....	119,289	44	43	4	.....	.....	5	.....	3	1
Union (town).....	20,651	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Hoboken.....	40,074	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
West New York.....	29,926	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	1
West Orange.....	15,573	2	1	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico:										
Albuquerque.....	15,157	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
New York:										
Albany.....	113,344	.....	7	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3	.....
Auburn.....	36,192	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo.....	506,775	126	11	1	77	.....	24	1	20	11
Cohoes.....	22,987	8	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Cortland.....	13,294	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Geneva.....	14,648	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Glens Falls.....	16,638	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hornell.....	15,025	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Hudson.....	11,745	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Ithaca.....	17,004	5	.....	.....	1	.....	5	.....	.....	1
Jamestown.....	38,917	12	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Little Falls.....	13,029	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lockport.....	21,308	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middletown.....	18,420	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	5,620,048	1,452	226	9	137	4	192	2	201	199
Newburgh.....	30,366	14	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Niagara Falls.....	50,760	7	2	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
North Tonawanda.....	15,482	2	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Olean.....	20,506	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Peeckskill.....	15,868	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	1	.....

¹ Pulmonary tuberculosis only.

## CITY REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 23, 1922—Continued.

## DIPHTHERIA, MEASLES, SCARLET FEVER, AND TUBERCULOSIS—Continued.

City.	Popula- tion Jan. 1, 1920.	Total deaths from all causes.	Diphtheria.		Measles.		Scarlet fever.		Tuber- culosis.	
			Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
New York—Continued.										
Port Chester.....	16,573	4	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester.....	295,750	69	7	.....	53	1	3	.....	.....	2
Rome.....	26,341	10	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Saratoga Springs.....	13,181	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....
Schenectady.....	88,723	17	1	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	3	2
Syracuse.....	171,717	38	23	.....	.....	.....	11	1	1	.....
Troy.....	72,013	29	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1
Watertown.....	31,285	5	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....
White Plains.....	21,031	6	.....	.....	2	.....	9	.....	.....	.....
North Carolina:										
Durham.....	21,719	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	5
Greensboro.....	15,861	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Mount.....	12,742	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Wilmington.....	33,372	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winston-Salem.....	48,395	20	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3
North Dakota:										
Fargo.....	21,961	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Grand Forks.....	14,010	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Ohio:										
Akron.....	208,435	37	15	.....	4	.....	10	.....	35	.....
Ashtabula.....	22,082	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Barberton.....	18,811	6	1	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1	.....
Bucyrus.....	10,425	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge.....	13,104	5	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Canton.....	87,091	16	4	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	15,531	6	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	401,247	144	19	3	5	.....	18	.....	6	8
Cleveland.....	796,841	195	66	5	39	.....	134	1	31	20
Cleveland Heights.....	15,236	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Columbus.....	237,031	86	9	2	8	.....	6	.....	2	8
Dayton.....	152,559	36	8	.....	2	.....	16	.....	1	.....
East Cleveland.....	27,292	7	2	.....	1	.....	5	.....	1	.....
Findlay.....	17,021	4	.....	.....	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fremont.....	12,468	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton.....	39,675	12	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Kenmore.....	12,683	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Lancaster.....	14,706	3	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lima.....	41,326	5	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Lorain.....	37,295	.....	1	.....	8	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Mansfield.....	27,524	9	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion.....	27,891	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Martins Ferry.....	11,634	3	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middletown.....	23,594	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newark.....	26,718	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Niles.....	13,080	5	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Norwood.....	24,906	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Piqua.....	15,044	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	10,305	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandusky.....	22,897	7	1	.....	1	.....	2	1	.....	.....
Springfield.....	60,840	9	7	1	.....	.....	3	.....	1	.....
Steubenville.....	28,508	10	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Toledo.....	243,164	58	19	2	312	.....	10	.....	3	7
Youngstown.....	132,358	35	33	3	1	.....	12	.....	3	5
Zanesville.....	29,569	9	3	1	53	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Oklahoma:										
Oklahoma.....	91,295	30	4	.....	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Tulsa.....	72,075	1	5	1	9	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Oregon:										
Portland.....	258,288	60	9	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	20	5
Pennsylvania:										
Philadelphia.....	1,823,779	617	80	9	1,487	33	44	2	48	36
Rhode Island:										
Cranston.....	29,407	6	.....	.....	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Pawtucket.....	64,248	18	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Providence.....	237,595	70	12	1	72	.....	5	.....	.....	3
South Carolina:										
Charleston.....	67,957	24	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Columbia.....	37,524	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Greenville.....	23,127	6	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
South Dakota:										
Sioux Falls.....	25,202	4	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee:										
Chattanooga.....	57,695	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
Memphis.....	162,351	63	7	.....	10	.....	1	.....	5	7
Nashville.....	118,342	42	7	1	.....	.....	5	.....	6	2

## CITY REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 23, 1922—Continued.

## DIPHTHERIA, MEASLES, SCARLET FEVER, AND TUBERCULOSIS—Continued.

City.	Popula- tion Jan. 1, 1920.	Total deaths from all causes.	Diphtheria.		Measles.		Scarlet fever.		Tuber- culosis.	
			Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
<b>Texas:</b>										
Beaumont.....	40,422	11	2							
Corpus Christi.....	10,522	3	1						1	1
Corsicana.....	11,356	2								
Dallas.....	158,976	43	7				3			4
El Paso.....	77,560	28				1			6	7
Fort Worth.....	106,482	24	8			4			1	1
Galveston.....	44,255	15	3							1
Houston.....	138,276	40	9				2			1
San Antonio.....	161,379	59	8			1				6
Waco.....	38,500	11	1							1
<b>Utah:</b>										
Salt Lake City.....	118,110	27	6			1		1		
<b>Vermont:</b>										
Barre.....	10,008					2				
Burlington.....	22,779	6								1
Rutland.....	14,954	4								
<b>Virginia:</b>										
Alexandria.....	18,060	5	1							
Charlottesville.....	10,688	1	1							
Lynchburg.....	30,070	10	3	1					2	
Norfolk.....	115,777	3	3			1		3		2
Petersburg.....	31,012	11	2			2				2
Richmond.....	171,667	44	6			15		6		5
Roanoke.....	50,842	18	6			5				1
<b>Washington:</b>										
Everett.....	27,644				1					
Seattle.....	315,312		3		3		10		14	
Tacoma.....	96,965		1		1		7			
Yakima.....	18,539		2			1				
<b>West Virginia:</b>										
Bluefield.....	15,282	4			2					
Charleston.....	39,608	14	7		1		1		1	2
Clarksburg.....	27,869	8	4		1		2			
Fairmont.....	17,851		3						1	
Huntington.....	50,177	16	2			2				
Martinsburg.....	12,515		1							
Morgantown.....	12,127		1			1				
Moundsville.....	10,669	3								
Parkersburg.....	20,050	7				1				1
Wheeling.....	56,208	15			57		2			
<b>Wisconsin:</b>										
Appleton.....	19,561	7	1		1				1	
Ashland.....	11,334						2			
Beloit.....	21,284	5			6		7			
Eau Claire.....	20,906		1		1		1		1	
Fond du Lac.....	23,427	6					4			
Janesville.....	18,293	2			1		1			
Kenosha.....	40,472	7	2		17		2			
Madison.....	38,378	6	4				6			
Manitowoc.....	17,563	3	1		1					
Marinette.....	13,610	9	1							
Milwaukee.....	457,147	107	32	2	674	1	94	2	2	3
Oshkosh.....	33,162	19					1			2
Racine.....	58,593	15	6	1	2		2			1
Sheboygan.....	30,955	8	8	1			1			
Stevens Point.....	11,371		2				3			
Superior.....	39,671	9					3			1
Wausau.....	18,661		2							
West Allis.....	13,745	1	10		53		13			
<b>Wyoming:</b>										
Cheyenne.....	13,829	7		2			1		1	

## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

### CUBA.

#### Communicable Diseases—Habana.

Communicable diseases have been notified at Habana as follows:

Disease.	Dec. 11-20, 1922.		Re-main-ing under treat-ment Dec. 20, 1922.	Disease.	Dec. 11-20, 1922.		Re-main-ing under treat-ment Dec. 20, 1922.
	New cases.	Deaths.			New cases.	Deaths.	
Chicken pox.....	4	.....	6	Measles.....	1	.....	.....
Diphtheria.....	6	.....	4	Paratyphoid fever.....	2	.....	7
Leprosy.....	.....	.....	10	Scarlet fever.....	1	.....	5
Malaria.....	77	.....	<sup>1</sup> 65	Typhoid fever.....	35	3	<sup>2</sup> 110

<sup>1</sup> From the interior, 26.

<sup>2</sup> From the interior, 22; from abroad, 1.

#### Quarantine Against Gulf Ports in United States Suspended.

Under date of December 22, 1922, quarantine measures against Gulf ports in the United States, on account of plague, were declared suspended for arrivals in Cuban ports.

### ECUADOR.

#### Diseases Declared Quarantinable.

By legislative decree of the Government of Ecuador, approved September 29, 1922, Asiatic cholera, bubonic plague, smallpox, typhus fever, and yellow fever were declared subject to quarantine.

#### Plague—Plague-Infected Rats—Guayaquil—November, 1922.

During the month of November, 1922, one case of plague was notified at Guayaquil, Ecuador. During the same period, out of 8,750 rats examined, 52 rats were found plague infected.

### JAMAICA.

#### “Alastrim.”

During the two weeks ended December 9, 1922, 68 new cases of “alastrim” were reported in the island of Jamaica.

#### Epidemic Outbreak—St. Thomas Parish.

Under date of December 13, 1922, the appearance of a small epidemic of “alastrim” was reported in the parish of St. Thomas,

island of Jamaica, with approximately 100 cases and 10 deaths occurring within the previous two-month period. Twenty-two cases were stated to be present in hospital, and about 42 estimated cases outside of hospital, at the date of the report. More than 2,000 vaccinations were reported performed in the parish during the period covered by the report. It was stated that vaccination was not compulsory in the parish. The disease was reported to be almost exclusively confined to the negro agricultural laborers living in the foothills, and it was stated that few, if any, cases were present in the towns. The parish of St. Thomas adjoins the parish of Portland, in which epidemic prevalence of "alastrim" was reported October 25, 1922.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Typhoid Fever—Kingston and Vicinity.**

During the two weeks ended December 9, 1922, four cases of typhoid fever were reported at Kingston, occurring during the week ended December 9, 1922. During the two-week period covered by the report, 31 cases of typhoid fever were reported in the vicinity of Kingston.

#### **PORTUGAL.**

##### **Inspection Regulations for Vessels—Lisbon.**

Information dated October 6, 1922, shows that under a law made public September 25, 1922, vessels lying in the harbor of Lisbon were made subject to visits of port sanitary officers up to midnight of each working day.

##### **Plague—Lisbon.**

During the period November 10–29, 1922, four new cases of plague with two deaths, were reported at Lisbon, Portugal.

#### **PORTUGUESE WEST AFRICA.**

##### **Plague—Angola—Loanda.<sup>2</sup>**

Under date of November 4, 1922, the plague outbreak at Loanda, Portuguese West Africa, was stated to have spread from the section of the city in which the first cases were reported to other sections, with a total of 27 deaths from October 1 to 28, 1922. Fatal cases were reported among the white population.

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<sup>1</sup> Public Health Reports, Nov. 17, 1922, p. 2879.

<sup>2</sup> Public Health Reports, Dec. 15, 1922, p. 3125.

## CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER.

### Reports Received During Week Ended January 12, 1923.<sup>1</sup>

The reports contained in the following tables must not be considered as complete or final, either as regards the list of countries included or the figures for the particular countries for which reports are given.

#### CHOLERA.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India.....				Sept. 24-Oct. 28, 1922: Cases, 4,616; deaths, 3,070.
Bombay.....	Oct. 27-Nov. 4.....	1		
Madras.....	Nov. 19-25.....	2	1	
Rangoon.....	Nov. 12-18.....	3	1	

#### PLAGUE.

Azores:				
Fayal Island—				
Castelo Branco.....	Dec. 2.....		2	Vicinity of Horta.
Pico Island—				
Lages.....	Nov. 27-Dec. 15.....		8	1 case present Dec. 15, 1922.
St. Michaels Island.....	Nov. 12-25.....	32	15	At localities 3-9 miles from Ponta Delgada.
Brazil:				
Bahia.....	Nov. 12-18.....		1	
British East Africa:				
Kenya Colony—				
Tanganyika Territory..	Oct. 15-21.....		1	
Ceylon:				
Colombo.....	Nov. 12-18.....	9	5	Plague rodents, 3.
China:				
Hongkong.....	Nov. 5-11.....	1	3	
Ecuador:				
Guayaquil.....	Nov. 16-30.....	1	1	Nov. 1-30, 1922: Rats examined, 8,750; found plague-infected, 52.
Egypt:				Jan. 1-Nov. 30, 1922: Cases, 480; deaths, 224.
City—				
Alexandria.....	Nov. 19.....	1		
Port Said.....	Nov. 24-27.....	2	1	
Suez.....	Nov. 18-19.....	1	2	
Province—				
Assiout.....	Nov. 19.....	1		
Minieh.....	Nov. 18-27.....	2	1	
India.....				Oct. 1-28, 1922: Cases, 7,569; deaths, 6,567.
Bombay.....	Oct. 27-Nov. 4.....	1		
Madras.....	Nov. 19-25.....	1	1	
Rangoon.....	Nov. 12-18.....	7	6	
Portugal:				
Lisbon.....	Nov. 10-29.....	4	2	
Portuguese West Africa:				
Angola—				
Loanda.....	Oct. 1-28.....		27	Fatal cases among white population.
Syria:				
Beirut.....	Nov. 6-12.....	2	1	

#### SMALLPOX.

Algeria:				
Algiers.....	Dec. 1-10.....	1		
Arabia:				
Aden.....	Nov. 26-Dec. 2.....	2		
British East Africa:				
Kenya Colony—				
Tanganyika Territory..	Oct. 8-28.....	12	2	
Canada:				
Manitoba—				
Winnipeg.....	Dec. 3-9.....	4		
Chile:				
Valparaiso.....	Oct. 2-Nov. 5.....		51	
China:				
Hongkong.....	Nov. 5-11.....		1	
India:				
Madras.....	Nov. 12-18.....	8	2	
Rangoon.....	Nov. 5-11.....	2	1	

<sup>1</sup> From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls and other sources.

**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued.****Reports Received During Week Ended January 12, 1923—Continued.****SMALLPOX—Continued.**

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Java:				
West Java— Batavia.....	Nov. 4-10.....	14	.....	Province.
Mexico:				
Sonora, State— Empalme.....	Nov. 1-30.....	4	1	Present in northern section of State.
Syria:				
Aleppo.....	Nov. 26-Dec. 2....	22	10	
On vessel:				
S. S. Huntress.....	Nov. 11.....	1	.....	At Fremantle, Australia, from Cape Town, South Africa.

**TYPHUS FEVER.**

Czechoslovakia:				
Prague.....	Nov. 19-25.....	1	.....	
Palestine.....	Dec. 5-11.....	2	.....	In northern part of country.
Spain:				
Barcelona.....	Nov. 30-Dec. 6....	.....	2	

**Reports Received from December 30, 1922, to January 5, 1923.<sup>1</sup>****CHOLERA.**

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India:				
Calcutta.....	Nov. 12-18.....	1	1	

**PLAGUE.**

Brazil:				
Bahia.....	Oct. 29-Nov. 11....	1	.....	
Porto Alegre.....	Nov. 19-25.....	1	.....	
China:				
Hongkong.....	Nov. 12-18.....	5	3	
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	Nov. 19-25.....	1	.....	
Port Said.....	do.....	2	1	
Java:				
East Java—Soerabaya.....	Oct. 22-23.....	1	1	
Palestine:				
Jaffa.....	Nov. 27-Dec. 4....	1	.....	
Peru:				Nov. 1-15: Cases, 8; deaths, 3.
Localities—				
Chopen.....	Nov. 1-15.....	.....	.....	Present.
Guadalupe.....	do.....	3	0	
Lima (country).....	do.....	2	0	
Lima (city).....	do.....	1	1	
San Pedro.....	do.....	2	1	
Trujillo.....	do.....	0	1	
Portugal:				
Lisbon.....	Nov. 20-26.....	.....	1	
Turkey:				
Constantinople.....	Nov. 22-28.....	2	.....	

<sup>1</sup> From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls, and other sources. For reports received from July 1 to Dec. 29, 1922, see Public Health Reports for Dec. 29, 1922. The tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.

# **CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued.**

**Reports Received from December 30, 1922 to January 5, 1923—Continued.**

## **SMALLPOX.**

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Arabia:				
Aden.....	Nov. 19-29.....	5	1	
Brazil:				
Bahia.....	Nov. 5-11.....	1		
Canada:				
Manitoba—				
Winnipeg.....	Dec. 10-16.....	2		
Ontario—				
Niagara Falls.....	Dec. 3-16.....	5		
Ottawa.....	Dec. 10-16.....	3		
Chile:				
Concepcion.....	Oct. 30-Nov. 20.....		3	
China:				
Antung.....	Nov. 13-26.....	1		
India:				
Calcutta.....	Nov. 12-18.....	1	1	
Java:				
West Java—				
Batavia.....	Nov. 11-17.....	7		
Mexico:				
Chihuahua.....	Dec. 4-10.....		3	
Nogales.....	Dec. 10-19.....		1	
Peru:				
Callao.....	Nov. 1-15.....	2	0	
Lima (country).....	do.....	2	1	
Portugal:				
Lisbon.....	Nov. 19-Dec. 2.....	26	6	
Oporto.....	Oct. 15-Dec. 2.....	19	8	
Spain:				
Corunna.....	Nov. 26-Dec. 2.....		1	
Seville.....	Nov. 27-Dec. 3.....		12	
Valencia.....	Nov. 26-Dec. 2.....	1		
Switzerland:				
Zurich.....	Nov. 19-25.....	6		
Syria:				
Aleppo.....	do.....	2	2	
Turkey:				
Constantinople.....	Nov. 19-Dec. 2.....	45	18	
Tunis:				
Tunis.....	Dec. 1-8.....		1	

## **TYPHUS FEVER.**

Algeria:				
Algiers.....	Nov. 11-20.....	1	1	
Brazil:				
Port Alegre.....	Nov. 19-25.....	1		
Chile:				
Concepcion.....	Oct. 17-Nov. 20.....		4	
China:				
Antung.....	Nov. 13-26.....	5		
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	Nov. 19-25.....	1	1	
Portugal:				
Oporto.....	Oct. 15-Dec. 2.....	1	1	
Turkey:				
Constantinople.....	Nov. 27-Dec. 2.....	3		

## **YELLOW FEVER.**

Senegal:				
Dakar—				
Saltpond.....				Reported present Dec. 21, 1922.
Warrai.....				Do.