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## RATES OF PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS IN 28 OCCUPATIONS, BASED ON 17,294 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS<sup>1</sup>

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In a recent paper analyzing certain phases of a tabulation of health examinations,<sup>2</sup> it was brought out that broad occupational groups of white, native-born, male life insurance policyholders showed marked differences in the rates of physical impairments. Of all the groups (agricultural, business, professional, and skilled trade), the one which, in general, presented the highest rates was "skilled trade." Such a finding made it desirable to study the rate of impairment in the specific occupations making up this group, and that is the purpose of the investigation reported in this paper. In order to make the comparisons as comprehensive in application as possible, there have been included a number of specific occupations which would not strictly fall within the definition of "skilled trade." Thus the study is based upon 28 occupations (with a total of 17,294 persons), instead of the 19 occupations used in the previous analysis.

In view of the fact that the general conditions of the investigation and the possible factors of selection involved were described in detail in the first paper in this series,<sup>3</sup> it is necessary at this point only to say that the data were taken from records of examinations which had been given to policyholders as a part of the welfare service of certain life-insurance companies, and were made by physicians cooperating with the Life Extension Institute. Such examinations are not to be confused with those made of applicants for insurance. All the persons included in the study had previously taken out life insurance. This is a factor of importance in considering the representativeness of the

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<sup>1</sup> Studies in Diseases of Adult Life No. 6, from the Division of Research, Milbank Memorial Fund. This phase of the studies was carried out in cooperation with the Office of Industrial Hygiene and Sanitation, United States Public Health Service. The data were made available by the Medical Department of the Life Extension Institute.

<sup>2</sup> Studies in Diseases of Adult Life No. 4: Physical Impairments and Occupational Class. Differential Rates Based Upon Medical Examinations of 100,924 Native-born, Adult White Insured Males. By Edgar Sydenstricker and Rollo H. Britten. Pub. Health Rep., vol. 45, No. 34, Aug. 22, 1930. (Reprint No. 1404.)

<sup>3</sup> Studies in Diseases of Adult Life No. 1: General Results of a Statistical Study of Medical Examinations by the Life Extension Institute of 100,924 White Male Life Insurance Policyholders Since 1921. By Edgar Sydenstricker and Rollo H. Britten. Amer. Jour. Hyg., Vol. XI, No. 1, pp. 73-155, January, 1930.

individuals included in the various occupations, because it is quite apparent that individuals who have purchased life insurance and have also taken the trouble to obtain a health examination are not typical of the general industrial worker. This fact is especially true of certain of the occupations which are made up largely of persons on the lower economic planes.

Women, foreign-born, and colored persons have been excluded from the study. The number of women in specific occupations was not sufficiently large to permit a determination of rates of physical impairment. It is not probable that the foreign-born or colored individuals who would be included in records of examinations of this character would be sufficiently representative to be used.

The examinations are of the periodic type, but for this analysis first examinations only have been considered.

In the paper dealing with broad occupational classes, it was found that the "skilled trade" group showed unusually high impairment rates for the following conditions: Defective vision, uncorrected; defective hearing; carious teeth; slightly infected gums; pyorrhea, definite; insufficient dentistry; frequent colds; bronchitis; organic valvular lesions of the heart; enlarged heart; arterial thickening; constipation; backache; insomnia; use of patent medicines; habitual use of laxatives; varicose veins; albumin in urine; and a tendency to rank high for a number of other conditions, such as sugar, pus, blood, and casts in the urine. The only condition in the "skilled trade" group showing a rate greatly below that of the other groups was defective vision, corrected, and this low rate means merely that a larger proportion of persons in the "skilled trade" group lets defects of vision go uncorrected.

The purpose of the present paper will be to determine in so far as possible whether specific occupational factors account for these higher rates.

The questions answered by the policyholder in his personal history were—"Occupation;" "Particular kind of work;" "Previous occupation." The physicians who were making the examinations were not concerned with the matter of occupation or the making of records for purely statistical purposes. It is impracticable, therefore, to make a rigorous classification according to industry and occupation, and each of the groups used must be regarded as more or less indefinite in nature. At the same time reference to the 28 occupations for which there were sufficient numbers to permit analysis will show that a fairly specific classification has been possible.

As was stated in previous papers, for the purposes of this series of studies the examinations have been divided into two groups, namely, those made in the "head" offices of the Institute (principally in New York, but later also in Chicago and Boston), and those made in

the "field" (all other localities in the United States and some in Canada). Considerable difference in the rates for the same impairment has been revealed by comparing the results in these two groups, but for the purposes of the present study it has generally been advisable to consider only the "field" examinations, because of the small numbers in the other group.

Very little information is available as to the inherent differences in individuals following specific occupations. One fundamental factor, however, lies in the age distribution of persons in this study. Table 1 presents the average age of persons in each occupation in the "field" and "head" offices, as well as the number of persons examined.

TABLE 1.—Average age and number of workers in each occupation <sup>1</sup>

Occupation	Average age in years		Number of persons	
	In field	At head office	In field	At head office
Total .....	37.8	37.1	17,294	3,293
Blacksmiths .....	43.6	45.8	172	17
Domestic help .....	42.2	38.8	188	44
Carpenters .....	41.8	42.3	1,673	153
Bricklayers .....	40.7	38.6	298	44
Painters .....	39.5	40.7	623	147
Firemen (stationary) .....	39.4	40.5	617	70
Tailors .....	39.3	39.4	1,053	486
Waiters and hotel servants .....	39.1	36.6	282	112
Butchers .....	38.8	38.5	564	132
Firemen, police .....	38.7	38.6	440	117
Barbers .....	38.7	38.8	721	95
Metal workers .....	38.6	37.4	347	40
Ironworkers .....	38.6	38.0	332	42
Foundry workers .....	38.6		173	5
Street-railway employees .....	38.5	35.9	287	20
Woodworkers .....	38.4	37.8	396	42
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters .....	38.0	33.8	829	148
Miners .....	37.2		288	3
Shoe-factory operatives .....	37.1	36.2	532	62
Printers .....	36.9	36.3	977	232
Textile mill operators .....	36.7	37.7	207	24
Machinists (office, store) .....	36.4	36.6	3,070	265
Telephone and telegraph operators .....	36.4	34.9	410	42
Factory workers (unclassified, light) .....	36.1	35.2	611	104
Garment operatives .....	35.2	35.3	268	240
Chauffeurs .....	35.1	32.9	505	232
Cutters (cloth) .....	34.8	35.4	327	174
Electricians .....	34.2	32.8	1,014	199

<sup>1</sup> 20 to 59 years of age.

It will be noted that, in general, the average age does not differ widely, being from about 39 to 37 years for half of the occupations. However, a few groups show more marked differences. For instance, the average age of blacksmiths in the "field" data is 44 years and the average age of electricians 34 years. The effect which these distinctions in age have upon the impairment rates will be considered in the course of the paper.

It is difficult to interpret the differences in impairment rates for the various occupations, because the number of persons in each occupa-

tion varies greatly, ranging from 3,070 to 172 in the "field" data. It was also found that the rates of specified impairments varied widely in the different occupations, from about 40 per cent to about 1 per cent. Accordingly, a criterion was required in order to eliminate rates where the chance fluctuation was too great. To do this it was necessary to have an objective, arbitrary limit, independent of the opinion as to whether the rate in question was relatively high or low in comparison with other rates for the same impairment. Such a criterion could not be based entirely on the number of persons in the occupation, since even the occupations with relatively few could be used for the very common impairments; nor on number of cases of a particular condition, since the smaller the rate the fewer the cases required to establish significance. By reference to the actual probabilities involved, the following method was developed: If the number of individuals in a given occupation was too small to yield, at the median rate for all occupational groups,  $50\sqrt{pq}$  cases, that occupation was omitted for that particular impairment.<sup>4</sup>

Although some of the individuals classed in the various occupations are more than 60 years of age, it was felt that a more precise indication of the rate of impairment among persons actually employed in industrial work would be obtained by limiting the study to individuals between 20 and 60 years of age, and this has been done throughout the discussion.

The basic data on which the analysis rests are given in Table 2. The data are limited to the "field." In the appendix will be found tables showing the number of cases for both "head" and "field."

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<sup>4</sup> Here  $p$  represents the probability that the impairment would be found in the whole group (i. e., the rate reduced to a unity basis), and  $q$  the probability that it would not be found. It will be noticed that the product of these two probabilities becomes less as the rate decreases (i. e., from 50 per cent down). The constant 50 was chosen arbitrarily to give a criterion of 25 cases at an average impairment rate of 50 per cent, since the square root of one-half times one-half is one-half. This would require a population of 50 persons. If the average rate for an impairment is 10 per cent, then the square root of the two probabilities is 0.3, and 15 cases are required, or a population of 150. At 5 per cent we have 11 cases and a population of 220. At 3 per cent we have about 8 cases and a population of about 275. A graph was prepared from which these values were easily derived.

TABLE 2.—*Impairment rates by cause in each specific occupation, after application of criterion*

Nature of impairment, disease, or symptom	Miners	Ironworkers	Foundry workers	Blacksmiths	Metal workers	Woodworkers	Machinists (office, store)	Firemen (stationary)	Shoe factory operatives	Textile mill operators	Factory workers (unclassified, light)	Printers	Garment operatives	Tailors	Cutlers (cloth)	Painters	Carpenters	Bricklayers	Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters	Electricians	Waiters and hotel serv-ants	Domestic help	Chauffeurs	Barbers	Butchers	Street railway em-ployees	Telephone and tele-graph operators	Firemen, police
<b>Respiratory:</b>							1.8	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.5			1.4		0.5	1.2		1.1	0.8			1.8	0.8	0.9			
Tuberculosis, actual																												
Tuberculosis, sus-pected																												
Lung pathology not suggestive of tuber-culosis	6.6	4.2			4.6	5.1	3.2	3.4	4.1		4.6	5.4	6.3	7.1	7.3	5.8	4.2	3.4	3.7	4.2	6.0		4.2	3.5	5.7	4.5	5.4	1.8
Bronchitis, emphy-sema						1.3	1.2	1.6	1.7		2.0	1.6		3.2		1.3	1.8		2.1	1.8			1.0	1.2	2.8		1.5	1.8
Enlarged diseased, or buried tonsils																												
Deflected septum—	25.7	25.3	28.6	22.1	28.0	26.8	25.5	24.6	24.1	24.2	29.0	32.0	48.5	35.6	35.8	29.4	24.6	25.2	28.9	30.3	32.3	26.6	30.9	27.2	28.4	28.8	27.6	25.9
<b>Moderate or marked:</b>																												
Slight	1.0	4.5			4.9	5.1	3.5	3.7	3.2		4.6	4.0	4.9	4.1	3.7	5.5	4.6	3.0	5.2	3.9	4.3		5.7	1.8	4.3	5.9	3.4	4.1
Naso-pharyngitis	24.0	24.7	19.1	22.1	23.3	22.5	22.7	24.5	19.9	21.3	23.9	28.5	36.7	30.8	31.2	26.0	23.9	22.1	23.5	25.7	28.0	19.1	31.3	24.6	24.5	24.4	23.7	26.5
Hypertrophic rhini-tis (enlarged turbi-nates)	6.9	9.3	5.8	4.7	8.1	10.4	9.2	7.0	8.8	4.3	10.0	8.2	11.6	9.2	9.5	0.6	7.5	7.7	10.9	8.4	6.0	6.4	6.9	9.2	9.0	8.0	11.0	8.4
Frequent colds	14.2	19.9	19.1	19.8	21.3	22.7	18.2	19.0	15.4	16.9	20.6	20.8	37.7	28.4	32.1	21.5	20.4	17.1	21.1	19.6	21.3	17.6	28.9	15.7	20.0	21.6	20.2	19.5
Digestive:	17.4	21.4	14.5	18.0	19.3	18.9	17.4	16.9	17.7	18.8	19.4	17.1	16.0	13.7	18.3	16.4	16.8	21.1	17.1	13.5	12.1	13.8	20.5	10.5	17.5	14.6	18.8	15.9
<b>Teeth—</b>																												
Carious teeth, septic roots	17.7	20.5	19.1	21.5	16.0	17.9	16.1	21.1	17.3	16.9	20.0	14.9	18.3	15.9	14.7	23.4	21.0	23.2	20.4	15.0	19.1	22.9	18.3	13.3	17.4	16.7	11.7	13.2
Heavy dentistry (X ray ad-vised)	24.3	33.4	31.2	26.7	30.0	24.2	31.4	33.5	29.1	28.0	37.5	33.7	40.7	33.6	30.6	31.6	28.1	27.2	30.4	33.3	34.5	22.3	37.0	29.3	34.4	35.2	31.7	35.5
Missing teeth	7.3	7.2			6.1	6.1	7.1	8.1	7.5	5.8	8.2	7.9	7.5	7.1	10.1	8.3	9.9	8.1	7.4	7.3	6.0	9.6	7.4	4.0	5.9	8.4	5.6	7.3
Pyorrhea (def-nite)																												
Slightly infected gums	7.3	7.8			5.8	5.8	6.3	9.4	6.8	5.3	6.1	5.2	9.0	8.3	4.9	11.1	9.3	7.0	8.0	4.5	9.9	6.4	6.1	7.2	7.3	10.1	6.1	4.8
	10.4	13.6	12.1	16.3	16.1	9.6	11.1	12.2	11.8	11.6	14.1	13.5	17.5	21.6	13.1	13.6	12.9	15.8	14.2	19.4	14.5	14.4	13.8	12.6	12.4	12.5	7.3	12.3





In order to give a more precise expression of the differences in the rates of impairments in these occupations as a whole, compared with the population generally, the rank of the "business" group, in comparison with the 28 occupations, has been determined for each impairment. The rates for the "business" group, which is a very large one, are not particularly high or low, and so may be taken as typical of the examinations in general. It should be pointed out that the average age of workers in the trades represented in this study is about the same as that of persons in the "business" group.

The rank was determined prior to applying the criterion just discussed, in order to avoid having an unequal number of items in the different arrays. Table 3 gives also the "business" rate and the average occupational rate (median after applying criterion), with the ratio of the median rate to the "business" rate.

TABLE 3.—Rank of "business" in comparison with the 28 occupations<sup>1</sup> for "field" data

Nature of impairment, disease, or symptom	Rank <sup>1</sup>	Ratio of occupational to business rate (business=100)	Rate	
			Business	Occupational <sup>2</sup>
Carious teeth, septic roots.....	28	147	12.1	17.8
Pyorrhea (definite).....	27	144	4.8	6.9
Slightly infected gums.....	26	125	10.4	13.0
Backache.....	26	149	3.7	5.5
Missing teeth.....	25	122	6.0	7.3
Albuminuria—slight.....	25	111	14.1	15.7
Habitual use of laxatives.....	24	109	25.8	28.1
Arterial thickening—slight.....	23	123	7.3	9.0
Frequent colds.....	23	117	14.9	17.4
Constipation.....	23	109	32.8	35.9
Pus in urine.....	23	112	9.4	10.5
Insomnia.....	22	130	1.0	1.3
Abnormal reflexes.....	22	112	5.2	5.8
Defective hearing.....	22	118	9.2	10.9
Dizziness.....	22	112	6.7	7.5
Bronchitis, emphysema.....	22	114	1.4	1.6
Cast, hyaline, in urine.....	22	109	8.8	9.6
Defective vision, uncorrected.....	21	116	20.1	23.3
Adentia.....	20	125	2.8	3.5
Weak inguinal rings.....	20	109	4.3	4.7
Cast, granular, in urine.....	20	120	5.0	6.0
Lung pathology not suggestive of tuberculosis.....	20	121	3.9	4.6
Enlarged heart.....	19	119	2.1	2.5
Hernia.....	19	104	4.8	5.0
Frequent or painful urination.....	19	109	8.0	8.7
Wax in ears.....	19	104	9.6	10.0
Arterial thickening—moderate and marked.....	18	121	1.9	2.3
Gastric disturbances.....	18	109	7.8	8.5
Albuminuria—marked amount.....	18	111	1.8	2.0
Varicose veins.....	18	114	3.7	4.2
Tuberculosis—suspected or actual.....	18	109	1.1	1.2
Organic valvular heart conditions.....	18	104	2.8	2.9
"Acid stomach".....	18	106	10.5	11.1
Deflected septum, marked.....	18	102	4.1	4.2
Tenderness in region of appendix.....	17	103	3.1	3.2
Functional murmur.....	16	102	4.9	5.0
Sugar in urine, trace or definite.....	15	102	5.7	5.8
High blood pressure (20 mm. and more above average).....	14	96	5.5	5.3
Varicocele.....	14	99	8.1	8.0
Enlarged thyroid, simple goiter.....	13	100	2.4	2.4
Enlarged, diseased, or buried tonsils.....	13	98	27.6	27.0

<sup>1</sup> Prior to applying 50  $\sqrt{pq}$  criterion.

<sup>2</sup> Median rate after applying 50  $\sqrt{pq}$  criterion.



TABLE 3.—*Rank of "business" in comparison with the 28 occupations for "field" data—Continued*

Nature of impairment, disease, or symptom	Rank	Ratio of occupational to business rate (business = 100)	Rate	
			Business	Occupational
Nasopharyngitis.....	13	98	8.5	8.3
Hemorrhoids.....	13	96	12.0	11.5
Hypertrophic rhinitis (enlarged turbinates).....	12	97	20.7	20.1
Chronic skin affections.....	12	95	9.7	9.2
Nervousness.....	11	97	6.9	6.7
Use of patent medicines.....	11	96	10.0	9.6
Rapid pulse.....	11	88	6.0	5.3
Headache.....	10	92	21.3	19.6
Deflected septum, slight.....	10	97	25.0	24.2
Enlarged prostate.....	10	85	4.8	4.1
Heavy dentistry (X ray advised).....	7	91	34.7	31.5
Low specific gravity.....	5	82	2.8	2.3
Low blood pressure (15 mm. or more below average).....	2	85	15.7	13.4
Defective vision, corrected.....	1	62	29.6	18.4

It will be found that for carious teeth, for instance, the "business" group as a whole ranks twenty-eighth. This means that all but one of the 28 occupations under consideration had higher rates for carious teeth than the average rate for the "business" group. In other words, the impairments listed in the upper part of the table (down to rank 15) are those for which the rates among the industrially employed were above average. In the lower part of the table will be found the impairments for which the contrary was true.

A very clear impression is left by this table, i. e., that excessively high impairment rates in a few of these occupations which involve definite hazards are not sufficient to account for the generally higher rates which are found to be characteristic of the industrial workers as a whole when compared with the other persons analyzed. There are more than 10 findings and symptoms for which the rates in nearly every occupation are above the average for "business." In other words, one must come to the conclusion that where there is a marked difference in health and physical condition between these groups it is the result of various factors associated with social, educational, or economic causes.

For the purpose of an adequate comparison with the impairment rates of the "business" group, a ranking of the occupations according to the magnitude of the rates was desirable. For economy of space, comparison is limited to those occupations which had rates definitely above the "business" average for a given impairment. To determine this question, again, an arbitrary standard was required. A standard based directly on the probable error involved too much labor and was not considered satisfactory, since it would omit from consideration a large number of occupations which, on the average, were significantly

above the "business" level.<sup>5</sup> The method chosen was very simple and, if arbitrary, had the advantage of being purely objective. After exclusion of rates which did not meet the criterion of size of occupational groups, the remaining rates were ranked for each impairment according to magnitude. The "business" rate was then inserted in numerical order in this array. The occupations falling below the "business" rate were counted, and then the same number immediately above the "business" rate were eliminated, together with those below it. All higher than these were included in the table. This method, of course, was based on the assumption that in a chance distribution there will be as many items above the average as below it. Again it must be stressed that no definite implication is involved that all of the occupations remaining after this standard is applied are significantly high, or that none left out is significantly high; but that approximately the number of occupations included in the table are significantly above the "business" level.

In the case of several of the smaller occupational groups it is realized that the rates are somewhat uncertain. For the same reason there is a tendency for some of the occupations representing the smaller groups to appear at the top simply as a result of chance fluctuation. The rates at the top are to be taken as somewhat exaggerated. However, the general tendencies of the data appear to be unmistakable.

A careful consideration of Table 4 will indicate which occupations explain the excess among industrial workers as compared with the "business" average, but the impression to be derived will undoubtedly be that previously stated, viz, an excess for the industrial worker generally rather than outstandingly high rates for particular occupations. However, some differences for specific impairments are of interest.

For uncorrected defective vision, three occupations are outstanding—garment workers, cutters, and tailors. It may be remarked that the same is true when corrected and uncorrected vision are combined.

For defective hearing a very interesting result is found: The first six occupations in the list are those in which noise is a definite factor. This is particularly true for blacksmiths, who have a rate

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<sup>5</sup> This point may be clearly explained by reference to a condition such as carious teeth. In that case 8 occupations showed rates in excess of that of "business" by more than four times the probable error; but, as a matter of fact, many of the others must have been significantly higher, because 27 occupations were above the "business" level and only 1 below. We can not say that all of those 27 were significantly higher, but we know that most of them were. In other words, if we think of the occupations as a series, rather than a single one, it becomes necessary to consider many which could not be shown by reference to the probable error to be significantly different. Moreover, the probable error ceases to have a precise meaning when the test is applied to 28 different items rather than one. For instance, in the case of the highest rate for a given impairment, we have selected a rate at one end of the distribution and are most likely dealing with a chance that would occur only once in twenty-eight times. A positive deviation of three times the probable error would be expected to occur from chance alone about once in twenty-eight times. Thus the precise meaning of the probable error is lost.

very much in excess of that in any other occupation, and nearly three times that of the "business" average.

For carious teeth and pyorrhea, painters have the highest rates, a fact which is possibly associated with lead poisoning.

For hernia, it is observable that none of the occupations requiring arduous labor is above the "business" level—an indication of the factor of selection which is present.

For constipation, it is observable that chiefly the sedentary occupations appear at the top of the table.

TABLE 4.—*Ranking of occupations which have rates significantly above those of the "business" group*

Occupation	Impairment rate	Ratio to average	Number of persons
RESPIRATORY			
Lung pathology not suggestive of tuberculosis:			
Cutters (cloth) .....	7.3	159	327
Tailors .....	7.1	154	1,053
Miners .....	6.6	143	288
Garment operatives .....	6.3	137	268
Waiters and hotel servants .....	6.0	130	282
Painters .....	5.8	126	623
Butchers .....	5.7	124	564
Printers .....	5.4	117	977
Telephone and telegraph operators .....	5.4	117	410
Woodworkers .....	5.1	111	396
Factory workers (unclassified, light) .....	4.6	100	611
Metal workers .....	4.6	100	347
Business .....	3.8	83	41,667
Bronchitis, emphysema:			
Tailors .....	3.2	200	1,053
Butchers .....	2.8	175	564
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters .....	2.1	131	829
Factory workers (unclassified, light) .....	2.0	125	611
Firemen, police .....	1.8	113	440
Carpenters .....	1.8	113	1,673
Business .....	1.4	88	41,667
Deflected septum, moderate or marked:			
Street railway employees .....	5.9	140	287
Chauffeurs .....	5.7	136	595
Painters .....	5.5	131	623
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters .....	5.2	124	829
Business .....	4.1	98	41,667
Frequent colds:			
Iron workers .....	21.4	123	332
Bricklayers .....	21.1	121	298
Chauffeurs .....	20.5	118	595
Factory workers (unclassified, light) .....	19.4	111	611
Metal workers .....	19.3	111	347
Woodworkers .....	18.9	109	396
Telephone and telegraph operators .....	18.8	108	410
Textile mill operators .....	18.8	108	207
Electricians .....	18.5	106	1,014
Cutters (cloth) .....	18.3	105	327
Blacksmiths .....	18.0	103	172
Shoe factory operatives .....	17.7	102	532
Butchers .....	17.5	101	564
Miners .....	17.4	100	288
Machinists (office, store) .....	17.4	100	3,070
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters .....	17.1	98	829
Business .....	14.9	86	41,667

#### DIGESTIVE—TEETH

Carious teeth, septic roots:			
Painters .....	23.4	131	623
Bricklayers .....	23.2	130	298
Domestic help .....	22.9	129	188
Blacksmiths .....	21.5	121	172
Firemen (stationary) .....	21.1	119	617
Carpenters .....	21.0	118	1,673
Ironworkers .....	20.5	115	332
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters .....	20.4	115	829

TABLE 4.—*Ranking of occupations which have rates significantly above those of the "business" group—Continued*

Occupation	Impairment rate	Ratio to average	Number of persons
DIGESTIVE—TEETH—Continued			
<b>Carious teeth, septic roots—Continued.</b>			
Factory workers (unclassified, light)	20.0	112	611
Waiters and hotel servants	19.1	107	282
Foundry workers	19.1	107	173
Garment operatives	18.3	103	268
Chauffeurs	18.3	103	595
Woodworkers	17.9	101	396
Miners	17.7	99	288
Butchers	17.4	98	564
Shoe-factory operatives	17.3	97	532
Textile-mill operators	16.9	95	207
Street-railway employees	16.7	94	287
Machinists (office, store)	16.1	90	3,070
Tailors	15.9	89	1,053
Electricians	15.0	84	1,014
Metal workers	15.0	84	347
Printers	14.9	84	977
Cutters (cloth)	14.7	83	327
Barbers	13.3	75	721
Business	12.1	68	41,667
<b>Missing teeth:</b>			
Cutters (cloth)	10.1	138	327
Carpenters	9.9	136	1,673
Domestic help	9.6	132	188
Street-railway employees	8.4	115	287
Painters	8.3	114	623
Factory workers (unclassified, light)	8.2	112	611
Firemen (stationary)	8.1	111	617
Bricklayers	8.1	111	298
Printers	7.9	108	977
Shoe-factory operatives	7.5	103	532
Garment operatives	7.5	103	268
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters	7.4	101	829
Chauffeurs	7.4	101	595
Electricians	7.3	100	1,014
Firemen, police	7.3	100	440
Miners	7.3	100	288
Ironworkers	7.2	99	332
Business	6.0	82	41,667
<b>Pyorrhea (definite):</b>			
Painters	11.1	161	623
Street-railway employees	10.1	146	287
Waiters and hotel servants	9.9	143	282
Firemen (stationary)	9.4	136	617
Carpenters	9.3	135	1,673
Garment operatives	9.0	130	268
Tailors	8.3	120	1,053
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters	8.0	116	829
Ironworkers	7.8	113	332
Miners	7.3	106	288
Butchers	7.3	106	564
Barbers	7.2	104	721
Bricklayers	7.0	101	298
Shoe-factory operatives	6.8	99	532
Domestic help	6.4	93	188
Machinists (office, store)	6.3	91	3,070
Telephone and telegraph operators	6.1	88	410
Chauffeurs	6.1	88	595
Factory workers (unclassified, light)	6.1	88	611
Woodworkers	5.8	84	396
Metal workers	5.8	84	347
Textile-mill operators	5.3	77	207
Printers	5.2	75	977
Business	4.8	70	41,667
<b>Slightly infected gums:</b>			
Tailors	21.6	166	1,053
Garment operatives	17.5	135	268
Blacksmiths	16.3	125	172
Metal workers	16.1	124	347
Bricklayers	15.8	122	298
Waiters and hotel servants	14.5	112	282
Domestic help	14.4	111	188
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters	14.2	109	829
Factory workers (unclassified, light)	14.1	108	611
Chauffeurs	13.8	106	595
Ironworkers	13.6	105	332
Painters	13.6	105	623
Printers	13.5	104	977
Cutters (cloth)	13.1	101	327

TABLE 4.—*Ranking of occupations which have rates significantly above those of the "business" group—Continued*

Occupation	Impairment rate	Ratio to average	Number of persons
<b>DIGESTIVE—TEETH—Continued</b>			
<b>Slightly infected gums—Continued.</b>			
Carpenters.....	12.9	99	1,673
Barbers.....	12.6	97	721
Street-railway employees.....	12.5	96	287
Butchers.....	12.4	95	564
Firemen, police.....	12.3	95	440
Firemen (stationary).....	12.2	94	617
Poundry workers.....	12.1	93	173
Business.....	10.4	80	41,667

**DIGESTIVE—OTHER**

<b>Gastric disturbances:</b>			
Street railway employees.....	12.2	144	287
Fireman (stationary).....	11.2	132	617
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	10.0	118	410
Blacksmiths.....	9.9	116	172
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	9.8	115	829
Business.....	7.8	92	41,667
<b>"Acid stomach":</b>			
Metal workers.....	13.8	124	347
Garment operatives.....	13.8	124	268
Street railway employees.....	13.6	123	287
Chauffeurs.....	13.4	121	595
Firemen, police.....	13.2	119	440
Tailors.....	12.8	115	1,053
Business.....	10.5	95	41,667
<b>Constipation:</b>			
Garment operatives.....	48.1	134	268
Tailors.....	42.2	118	1,053
Cutters.....	40.1	112	327
Street railway employees.....	39.4	110	287
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	39.3	109	410
Firemen, police.....	38.9	108	440
Woodworkers.....	38.4	107	396
Barbers.....	38.1	106	721
Waiters and hotel servants.....	37.6	105	282
Painters.....	37.4	104	623
Factory workers (unclassified, light).....	37.0	103	611
Electricians.....	36.4	101	1,014
Domestic help.....	36.2	101	188
Printers.....	36.1	101	977
Iron workers.....	35.8	100	332
Bricklayers.....	35.6	99	298
Business.....	32.8	91	41,667
<b>Habitual use of laxatives:</b>			
Street railway employees.....	34.8	124	287
Iron workers.....	34.0	121	332
Firemen, police.....	32.5	116	440
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	32.4	115	410
Barbers.....	31.8	113	721
Tailors.....	31.5	112	1,053
Woodworkers.....	31.3	111	396
Waiters and hotel servants.....	31.2	111	282
Painters.....	30.7	108	623
Bricklayers.....	30.5	109	298
Garment operatives.....	30.2	107	268
Metal workers.....	30.0	107	347
Electricians.....	29.2	104	1,014
Domestic help.....	28.2	100	188
Machinists (office, store).....	28.1	100	3,070
Textile mill operators.....	28.0	100	207
Shoe factory operatives.....	27.8	99	532
Chauffeurs.....	27.6	98	595
Business.....	25.8	92	41,667

**CIRCULATORY**

<b>Enlarged heart:</b>			
Woodworkers.....	3.5	140	396
Iron workers.....	3.0	120	332
Carpenters.....	3.0	120	1,673
Butchers.....	3.0	120	564
Shoe factory operatives.....	2.8	112	532
Firemen, police.....	2.7	108	440
Business.....	2.1	84	41,667

TABLE 4.—*Ranking of occupations which have rates significantly above those of the "business" group—Continued*

Occupation	Impairment rate	Ratio to average	Number of persons
CIRCULATORY—Continued			
Organic valvular heart disease:			
Street railway employees.....	4.9	169	287
Butchers.....	4.3	143	564
Woodworkers.....	4.3	143	396
Bricklayers.....	4.0	138	298
Iron workers.....	3.6	124	332
Business.....	2.8	97	41,667
Functional murmur:			
Chauffeurs.....	8.1	162	595
Garment operatives.....	7.1	142	268
Woodworkers.....	6.3	126	396
Firemen, police.....	6.1	122	440
Business.....	4.9	98	41,667
Arterial thickening, moderate or marked:			
Metal workers.....	3.5	152	347
Cutters (cloth).....	3.4	148	327
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	3.1	135	829
Tailors.....	3.1	135	1,053
Carpenters.....	2.9	126	1,673
Business.....	1.9	83	41,667
Arterial thickening, slight:			
Garment operatives.....	13.4	149	268
Tailors.....	12.5	139	1,053
Waiters.....	12.1	134	282
Bricklayers.....	11.4	127	298
Painters.....	11.2	124	623
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	10.7	119	829
Carpenters.....	10.6	118	1,673
Butchers.....	10.1	112	564
Metal workers.....	9.8	109	347
Textile mill operators.....	9.7	108	207
Factory workers (unclassified, light).....	9.7	108	611
Chauffeurs.....	9.7	108	595
Firemen (stationary).....	9.6	107	617
Iron workers.....	9.0	100	332
Domestic help.....	9.0	100	188
Business.....	7.3	81	41,667
Rapid pulse, over 90:			
Waiters and hotel servants.....	12.1	228	282
Garment operatives.....	10.4	196	268
Tailors.....	8.7	164	1,053
Butchers.....	8.0	151	564
Cutters (cloth).....	7.6	143	327
Shoe-factory operatives.....	7.0	132	532
Chauffeurs.....	6.4	121	595
Woodworkers.....	6.3	119	396
Business.....	6.0	113	41,667

## GENITO-URINARY

Granular casts in urine:			
Firemen (stationary).....	6.9	115	582
Painters.....	6.9	115	582
Waiters and hotel servants.....	6.8	113	264
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	6.8	113	384
Miners.....	6.8	113	251
Woodworkers.....	6.8	113	370
Shoe-factory operatives.....	6.6	110	487
Firemen, police.....	6.2	103	402
Business.....	5.0	83	38,176
Hyaline casts in urine:			
Domestic help.....	13.9	145	165
Miners.....	12.7	132	251
Shoe-factory operatives.....	12.3	128	487
Bricklayers.....	12.3	128	284
Foundry workers.....	11.4	119	167
Blacksmiths.....	11.3	118	151
Waiters and hotel servants.....	10.6	110	264
Tailors.....	10.4	108	968
Butchers.....	10.0	104	512
Street-railway employees.....	9.9	103	262
Electricians.....	9.9	103	949
Iron workers.....	9.7	101	309
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	9.6	100	384
Barbers.....	9.6	100	668
Painters.....	9.5	99	582
Business.....	8.8	92	38,176

TABLE 4.—*Ranking of occupations which have rates significantly above those of the "business" group—Continued*

Occupation	Impairment rate	Ratio to average	Number of persons
GENITO-URINARY—Continued			
<b>Pus in urine:</b>			
Domestic help.....	14.5	138	165
Waiters and hotel servants.....	14.0	133	264
Bricklayers.....	13.4	128	284
Shoe-factory operatives.....	12.7	121	487
Firemen, police.....	11.4	109	402
Ironworkers.....	11.3	108	309
Firemen (stationary).....	11.3	108	582
Barbers.....	11.2	107	669
Cutters (cloth).....	11.2	107	303
Street-railway employees.....	11.1	106	262
Woodworkers.....	10.8	103	370
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	10.7	102	384
Chauffeurs.....	10.7	102	552
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	10.6	101	752
Garment operatives.....	10.5	100	257
Painters.....	10.5	100	582
Business.....	9.4	90	38,176
<b>Frequent or painful urination:</b>			
Foundry workers.....	12.7	146	173
Street-railway employees.....	12.5	144	287
Metal workers.....	11.2	129	347
Miners.....	10.8	124	288
Chauffeurs.....	10.7	123	595
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	10.5	121	410
Painters.....	10.4	120	623
Textile-mill operators.....	10.1	116	207
Business.....	8.0	92	41,667
MISCELLANEOUS			
<b>Defective vision, uncorrected:</b>			
Garment operatives.....	36.2	155	268
Cutters (cloth).....	35.8	154	327
Tailors.....	34.7	149	1,053
Butchers.....	29.8	128	564
Waiters and hotel servants.....	29.4	126	282
Painters.....	26.2	112	623
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	25.7	110	829
Factory workers (unclassified, light).....	25.0	107	611
Metal workers.....	24.8	106	347
Printers.....	24.5	105	977
Firemen, police.....	23.9	103	440
Domestic help.....	23.9	103	188
Business.....	20.1	86	41,667
<b>Defective hearing:</b>			
Blacksmiths.....	29.7	272	172
Carpenters.....	17.2	158	1,673
Foundry workers.....	16.2	149	173
Ironworkers.....	15.4	141	332
Metal workers.....	14.4	132	347
Textile-mill operators.....	13.5	124	207
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	13.4	123	829
Bricklayers.....	13.1	120	268
Cutters (cloth).....	13.1	120	327
Machinists (office, store).....	12.0	110	3,070
Firemen (stationary).....	11.7	107	617
Garment operatives.....	11.2	103	268
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	11.2	103	410
Factory workers (unclassified, light).....	11.0	101	611
Business.....	9.2	84	41,667
<b>Wax in ears:</b>			
Ironworkers.....	12.7	127	332
Garment operatives.....	12.3	123	268
Printers.....	11.9	119	977
Factory workers (unclassified, light).....	11.9	119	611
Chauffeurs.....	11.6	116	595
Bricklayers.....	11.4	114	298
Firemen (stationary).....	11.2	112	617
Metal workers.....	11.2	112	347
Business.....	9.6	96	41,667
<b>Adenitis:</b>			
Painters.....	5.9	169	623
Printers.....	5.2	149	977
Garment operatives.....	4.9	140	268
Carpenters.....	4.6	131	1,673
Cutters (cloth).....	4.3	123	327

TABLE 4.—*Ranking of occupations which have rates significantly above those of the "business" group—Continued*

Occupation	Impairment rate	Ratio to average	Number of persons
MISCELLANEOUS—Continued			
<b>Adenitis—Continued.</b>			
Street railway employees.....	4.2	120	287
Machinists (office, store).....	4.1	117	3,070
Chauffeurs.....	4.0	114	595
Business.....	2.8	80	41,667
<b>Hernia:</b>			
Barbers.....	7.8	156	721
Butchers.....	7.6	152	564
Waiters and hotel servants.....	7.1	142	282
Cutters (cloth).....	6.4	128	327
Business.....	4.8	96	41,667
<b>Weak inguinal rings:</b>			
Garment operatives.....	9.3	198	268
Cutters (cloth).....	8.3	177	327
Tailors.....	7.1	151	1,053
Butchers.....	6.9	147	564
Painters.....	5.5	117	623
Iron workers.....	5.4	115	332
Barbers.....	5.4	115	721
Chauffeurs.....	5.4	115	595
Printers.....	5.1	109	977
Metal workers.....	4.9	104	347
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	4.8	102	829
Carpenters.....	4.7	100	1,673
Business.....	4.3	92	41,667
<b>Varicose veins:</b>			
Waiters and hotel servants.....	6.4	152	282
Street railway employees.....	6.3	150	287
Firemen, police.....	5.9	140	440
Painters.....	5.8	138	623
Butchers.....	5.3	126	564
Business.....	3.7	88	41,667
<b>Backache:</b>			
Miners.....	8.0	145	288
Carpenters.....	7.3	133	1,673
Bricklayers.....	7.0	127	298
Painters.....	6.9	125	623
Iron workers.....	6.9	125	332
Garment operatives.....	6.7	122	268
Metal workers.....	6.6	120	347
Tailors.....	6.2	113	1,053
Factory workers (unclassified, light).....	6.1	111	611
Firemen (stationary).....	5.8	105	617
Butchers.....	5.7	104	564
Woodworkers.....	5.6	102	396
Shoe factory operatives.....	5.5	100	532
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	5.3	96	829
Machinists (office, store).....	5.2	95	3,070
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	5.1	93	410
Chauffeurs.....	4.7	85	595
Electricians.....	4.5	82	1,014
Business.....	3.7	67	41,667
<b>Abnormal reflexes:</b>			
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	9.0	155	410
Street railway employees.....	8.7	150	287
Iron workers.....	8.4	145	332
Garment operatives.....	7.9	136	268
Barbers.....	6.8	117	721
Painters.....	6.7	115	623
Carpenters.....	6.3	109	1,673
Textile mill operators.....	6.2	107	207
Waiters and hotel servants.....	6.1	105	282
Bricklayers.....	6.1	105	298
Woodworkers.....	6.0	104	396
Business.....	5.2	90	41,667
<b>Dizziness:</b>			
Miners.....	10.4	139	288
Shoe factory operatives.....	9.8	131	532
Woodworkers.....	9.6	128	396
Firemen (stationary).....	9.4	125	617
Factory workers (unclassified, light).....	9.3	124	611
Iron workers.....	9.3	124	332
Painters.....	8.9	117	623
Electricians.....	8.7	116	1,014
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	8.2	109	829
Domestic help.....	8.0	107	188
Chauffeurs.....	7.9	105	595
Business.....	6.7	89	41,667



For varicose veins, on the contrary, the occupations above the "business" level appear to be those of workers who are customarily on their feet.

Backache may not be a particularly important symptom, but it is of interest to note that the rate is highest among miners, who usually work in a stooping position, and also among other persons doing arduous work.

The rates for flat feet are not included, because data for the "business" group were not available for this condition. Reference to Table 2 will show, however, that the rates for certain occupations are excessive, particularly garment workers, waiters, cutters, domestic help, tailors, barbers, and butchers.

In addition to manifest variations in the prevalence of specific impairments in different occupations, there is the broader problem of possible differences in general physical condition as indicated by the impairment rates as a whole. Unfortunately such comparisons are difficult, because of the high frequency of relatively unimportant conditions. The total number of impairments per person is therefore of little meaning. It is equally impossible to select any group of serious impairments, since so much difference of opinion must exist in regard to any classification used, and since there is usually no information as to the seriousness of a condition as recorded for a particular individual. It seems preferable to make the comparison purely on the basis of an examination of the rates for individual conditions as given in Tables 2 and 3.

In this connection it is necessary to remember that there will be more variation in the rates for occupations with small populations, and therefore a larger percentage of such occupations will show high rates, quite apart from any true differences among the occupations. There will also be more relative variation in the rates for the less common conditions. Furthermore, any differences which may be found will be subject to much difficulty of interpretation, because of the pronounced effect of selection. Persons with certain impairments tend to drift into occupations where the impairment is not a definite handicap.

An examination of Tables 2 and 3 in the light of these comments gives the unmistakable impression that, aside from the few impairments considered above, the general level of prevalence is about the same for all of the occupations. This fact is again an indication that social, economic, or educational differences are mainly responsible for the variations in the prevalence of impairments noted in this and the preceding study. These distinctions are apparently common to all the occupational groups which have been analyzed. In the case of a few of the occupations, it is suggested that a tendency toward higher or lower rates than the average may reflect selection or the

presence of differing social or economic levels within the skilled trade group as a whole.

Generally speaking, the occupational groups included in this study were not large enough to permit an adequate analysis of the rates in specific age groups. A preliminary analysis brought out the fact that the age curve of the impairments for a particular occupation agrees quite closely with that for the occupations generally. It was also evident that the occupational differences brought out in the previous discussions are present at each age.

One element of the examination which has been given little consideration in this paper is the blood pressure. In preparing the punch cards the actual blood pressure of the individual was not recorded. Instead, his deviation in millimeters from a standard for persons of his age was punched in broad groups, viz, 25 and more millimeters under the average, 15 to 24 under, 14 under to 19 above, 20 to 39 above, 40 to 59 above, 60 and more above. It is desirable to determine from the resulting distribution of deviations what the average blood pressure is for each occupation. An estimated average<sup>6</sup> based on the frequency distribution of the deviations was secured for each occupation. Table 5 gives the averages obtained in this way for each of the 28 occupations, and for the "skilled trade" and "business" groups. It is found that the variation in these averages from occupation to occupation is remarkably slight. Domestic help has the highest average (129.2) and metal workers the lowest (125.2). The "business" average is lower than most of the individual occupations, but again the difference is slight.

TABLE 5.—Average systolic blood pressure<sup>a</sup> (20–59) by occupation

Occupation	Milli- meters	Occupation	Milli- meters
Domestic help.....	129.2	Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	126.9
Blacksmiths.....	129.1	Garment operatives.....	126.9
Firemen, police.....	128.5	Barbers.....	126.9
Factory workers (unclassified, light).....	128.5	Electricians.....	126.9
Waiters and hotel servants.....	128.5	Woodworkers.....	126.8
Firemen (stationary).....	128.4	Bricklayers.....	126.7
Shoe factory operatives.....	128.1	Miners.....	126.7
Painters.....	127.9	Telephone and telegraph operators.....	126.6
Textile mill operators.....	127.9	Tailors.....	126.5
Chauffeurs.....	127.6	Cutters (cloth).....	126.4
Machinists (office, store).....	127.3	Carpenters.....	126.4
Butchers.....	127.2	Street-railway employees.....	126.0
Foundry workers.....	127.2	Metal workers.....	125.2
Iron workers.....	127.1	Skilled trade.....	127.3
Printers.....	127.0	Business.....	126.4

<sup>a</sup> Obtained as described in footnote 6.

<sup>6</sup> It is not possible to obtain a direct average of the deviations. However, if the distribution of deviations for a particular occupation is reduced to percentages, and these percentages are cumulated, it will be possible to determine the percentage of persons down to 15 millimeters below, and the percentage of persons up to 20 millimeters above. By plotting these two percentages on "probability" paper, connecting the two points with a straight line, and reading off the deviation at the point where this line crosses the 50 per cent line, it is possible to obtain an average deviation. If this deviation is then added algebraically to the standard which was originally subtracted in the case of each individual, an average blood pressure is obtained. It should be noted that this average more nearly approaches the median blood pressure than the arithmetic mean, but it seems quite adequate for our purposes.

For the larger occupations the same averages have been determined for three broad age groups. They are found to increase with age in the expected way, but the differences among the occupations are quite insignificant.

TABLE 6.—Average systolic blood pressure<sup>1</sup> by age for 15 occupations

Occupations	20-34	35-44	45-59
Firemen, police.....	123.7	127.7	136.2
Factory workers (unclassified, light).....	126.0	125.1	135.3
Firemen (stationary).....	125.3	127.0	133.9
Shoe-factory operatives.....	123.4	127.0	134.6
Painters.....	124.9	125.1	134.6
Chauffeurs.....	123.1	125.5	139.5
Machinists (office, store).....	124.6	126.0	133.3
Butchers.....	124.1	126.1	131.0
Printers.....	124.5	124.0	133.5
Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters.....	123.1	125.4	133.4
Barbers.....	122.1	125.4	133.0
Electricians.....	123.6	125.1	134.0
Telephone and telegraph operators.....	123.6	123.4	132.1
Tailors.....	121.8	125.4	134.2
Carpenters.....	125.0	124.8	131.3
Skilled trade.....	123.9	125.7	132.7
Business.....	122.7	125.0	132.1

<sup>1</sup> Obtained as described in footnote 6, p. 18.

#### SUMMARY

In a previous study it was shown that the rates of physical impairment in a group of skilled workers tended to be definitely higher than in other groups (professional, business, agricultural). The present study was undertaken to determine, in so far as possible, whether the effects of specific occupational factors are sufficient to account for these higher rates. The data employed were the medical examinations furnished to white, native-born, male policyholders as a part of the health service of life-insurance companies. The examinations were conducted by the Life Extension Institute, and the analysis is limited to the first examinations made on each individual and to those made outside of the "head" offices of the Institute. In all, 17,294 persons in 28 specific occupations were included.

It was found that the higher rates characteristic of the industrial workers were not to be explained, except in a few instances, as being due to the hazard of any specific occupation. On the contrary, these higher rates seemed to be the result of various factors associated with social, educational, or economic causes, and to be present, in more or less degree, in every specific occupation studied. Differences among the industrial occupations did not appear to be of great moment, and when found seemed to reflect either selection (the tendency of workers with certain impairments to drift into occupations where such impairments would not serve as a handicap) or the presence within the industrial occupations themselves of social or economic differences.

APPENDIX TABLE 1.—Number of impairments by cause in each specific occupation

## FIELD DATA

Nature of Impairment, disease, or symptom	FIELD DATA																										Firemen, police
	Miners	Ironworkers	Foundry workers	Blacksmiths	Metal workers	Woodworkers	Machinists (office, store)	Firemen (stationary)	Shoe factory operatives	Textile mill operators	Factory workers (unclassified, light)	Printers	Garment operatives	Tailors	Cutlers (cloth)	Painters	Carpenters	Bricklayers	Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters	Electricians	Waiters and hotel servants	Domestic help	Chauffeurs	Barbers	Butchers	Street railway employees	Telephone and telegraph operators
Respiratory:																											
Tuberculosis, actual or suspected	3	2	2	2	6	7	56	5	7	5	8	15	5	15	4	3	20	3	9	8	0	1	11	6	5	4	6
Lung pathology not suggestive of tuberculosis	19	14	8	6	16	20	99	21	22	5	28	53	17	75	24	36	70	10	31	43	17	7	25	25	32	13	22
Bronchitis, emphysema	4	5	3	6	8	5	38	10	9	2	12	16	6	34	7	8	30	7	17	18	2	3	6	9	16	5	6
Enlarged, diseased, or buried tonsils	74	84	46	38	97	106	784	152	128	50	177	313	130	375	117	183	411	75	240	307	91	50	184	196	160	77	113
Dilated septum—Moderate or marked	8	15	8	8	17	20	106	23	17	8	28	39	13	43	12	34	77	9	43	40	12	8	34	13	24	17	14
Slight	68	82	33	38	51	89	697	151	106	44	146	278	98	324	102	162	400	66	195	290	79	36	186	177	138	70	97
Naso-pharyngitis	20	31	10	8	28	41	282	43	47	9	61	80	31	97	31	41	126	23	90	85	17	12	41	66	51	23	45
Hypertrophic rhinitis (enlarged turbinates)	41	66	33	34	74	90	568	117	82	35	126	203	101	299	105	134	341	51	175	199	60	33	172	135	113	62	83
Frequent colds	50	71	25	31	67	75	533	104	94	39	118	167	43	144	60	102	281	63	142	189	34	26	122	76	99	42	77
Digestive:																											
Teeth—																											
Carious teeth, septic roots	51	68	33	37	52	71	494	130	92	35	122	146	49	168	48	146	352	69	169	152	54	43	109	96	98	48	48
Heavy dentistry (X ray advised)	70	111	54	46	104	96	965	207	155	58	231	329	109	354	100	197	470	81	252	338	103	42	220	211	194	101	130
Missing teeth	21	24	12	13	21	24	218	50	40	12	50	77	20	75	33	52	166	24	61	74	17	16	44	29	33	24	28
Pyorrhea (definite)	21	26	19	14	20	28	193	58	36	11	37	51	24	87	16	69	156	21	66	46	28	12	36	52	41	29	25
Slightly infected	30	45	21	28	56	38	342	75	63	24	86	132	47	228	43	85	215	47	118	98	41	27	82	91	70	36	54

Other—	14	26	9	17	30	35	217	69	45	20	54	79	16	91	23	45	110	23	81	58	25	16	45	65	35	41	30
Gastric disturb-	26	32	21	48	40	343	67	63	18	73	98	37	135	37	135	59	166	26	81	117	24	10	80	65	35	41	30
“Acid stomach.”	83	119	59	122	152	1,043	210	171	68	226	353	129	445	131	233	331	556	103	271	369	103	68	189	275	190	131	171
Constipation—																											
Habitual use of	74	113	45	34	104	124	864	166	148	58	100	270	81	332	78	191	402	91	225	206	88	53	164	229	125	100	
Laxatives—	24	42	17	21	51	38	301	71	60	22	53	102	36	127	45	83	220	33	101	108	34	15	50	84	65	30	45
Hemorrhoids—																											
Tenderness in re-																											
gion of appen-																											
dix—	6	13	7	6	10	18	115	20	25	4	14	34	11	17	10	16	53	10	22	28	12	4	23	17	15	8	13
Circulatory—																											
Enlarged heart—	8	10	1	7	0	14	71	15	15	3	13	18	7	26	5	17	51	10	22	20	9	4	10	19	17	6	7
Organic valvular																											
heart disease—	4	12	4	4	10	17	104	19	12	8	21	29	8	28	10	11	45	12	23	29	13	9	16	15	24	14	11
Functional heart mur-																											
mur—	7	10	7	6	14	25	155	24	25	7	33	49	19	53	17	34	75	14	44	53	12	10	48	16	29	11	22
Arterial thickening—																											
Moderate or	3	4	6	6	12	9	88	10	12	3	12	26	4	33	11	10	48	15	26	15	12	8	12	12	14	4	2
Slight—	12	30	9	12	34	29	252	59	29	20	59	88	36	132	27	70	177	34	59	81	34	17	58	46	57	25	38
Blood pressure—																											
20 and more mil-	9	17	9	14	8	17	173	40	39	14	41	47	15	67	16	47	87	16	39	47	30	17	28	39	35	11	18
limeters above																											
average—																											
15 or more milli-																											
meters below	29	44	22	21	48	54	385	52	72	28	66	124	39	173	51	92	232	44	108	130	43	23	66	105	74	42	59
average—	5	17	4	6	14	25	156	24	37	15	33	56	28	92	25	35	66	12	40	42	34	16	38	36	45	8	23
Rapid pulse, over 90.																											
Gento-urinary—																											
Albuminuric—	6	6	2	1	6	9	69	12	11	5	11	14	3	16	6	10	24	10	20	19	8	6	8	10	13	2	8
Moderate or	51	50	31	23	50	51	453	95	98	31	87	139	33	145	39	87	258	47	110	135	50	29	91	123	61	42	55
Slight—																											
Granular casts in	17	19	17	9	15	25	174	40	32	9	26	50	5	48	14	40	76	17	30	59	18	11	29	36	24	16	26
urine—	32	30	19	17	27	32	206	52	60	18	47	86	18	101	22	55	136	35	56	94	51	29	62	64	51	26	37
Hyaline casts in	16	10	12	7	21	29	137	41	32	10	34	40	8	61	16	40	109	19	29	53	12	23	52	64	31	18	37
Sugar in urine—	25	35	16	14	32	40	273	66	62	18	64	85	27	78	34	61	127	33	80	98	37	24	59	75	46	29	41
Pus in urine—	11	11	5	12	14	15	100	33	18	7	25	37	20	63	6	29	77	22	45	31	20	8	22	32	23	14	46
Enlarged prostate—																											
Frequent or painful																											
urination—	31	26	12	10	39	35	233	62	44	21	55	86	23	65	21	65	141	28	61	74	23	11	64	64	38	43	33
Miscellaneous:																											
Defective vision—																											
Uncorrected—	53	66	20	35	86	83	707	130	118	34	153	239	97	395	117	163	362	53	213	202	83	45	112	170	168	68	74
Corrected—	30	59	31	39	66	84	528	130	111	49	100	276	45	219	56	106	309	53	125	198	50	42	85	169	117	61	106
Defective hearing—	28	51	28	51	50	34	307	72	47	28	67	108	39	105	30	99	43	64	288	39	111	106	19	17	56	62	50
Wax in ears—	21	42	16	14	39	38	327	60	34	18	73	116	33	109	29	62	177	39	34	83	101	29	14	90	46	38	48

APPENDIX TABLE 1.—Number of impairments by cause in each specific occupation—Continued

Nature of impairment, disease, or symptom	Miners	Ironworkers	Foundry workers	Blacksmiths	Metal workers	Woodworkers	Machinists (office, store)	Firemen (stationary)	Shoe factory operatives	Textile mill operators	Factory workers (unclassified, light)	Printers	Garment operatives	Tailors	Cutters (cloth)	Painters	Carpenters	Bricklayers	Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters and	Electricians	Walters and hotel servants	Domestic help	Chauffeurs	Barbers	Butchers	Street railway employees	Telephone and telegraph operators	Firemen, police
Miscellaneous—Con.																												
Enlarged thyroid, simple goiter	7	17	8	6	11	11	77	16	9	4	18	32	11	28	4	20	32	4	20	23	10	3	7	14	16	11	6	4
Adenitis	10	9	7	3	9	10	128	14	9	7	22	61	13	40	14	37	77	6	28	36	10	6	24	18	21	12	8	14
Chronic skin affections	14	28	14	15	35	39	280	51	46	13	63	115	28	91	24	54	133	21	86	102	33	21	56	62	67	37	38	42
Hernia	4	10	8	14	13	22	188	31	21	10	25	55	10	61	21	38	100	14	50	49	20	12	37	56	43	15	12	8
Weak inguinal rings	11	18	8	8	17	18	137	28	23	7	28	60	28	78	27	34	78	8	40	45	12	7	32	39	39	11	9	20
Varicose veins	12	16	8	10	11	18	110	30	22	2	20	32	8	43	7	36	81	13	23	26	18	19	22	37	30	18	10	36
Varicose	23	24	12	12	20	26	262	56	32	14	56	95	16	78	37	55	145	23	66	95	20	17	53	62	50	19	31	35
Flat feet	26	40	19	25	41	49	382	98	95	19	76	177	77	254	81	100	233	43	126	132	78	46	100	152	116	49	42	71
Spinal curvature	9	9	2	6	13	18	137	21	22	7	22	39	10	44	7	20	67	12	36	79	10	4	21	24	18	11	13	13
Backache	23	23	9	17	23	22	150	39	29	6	37	59	18	68	8	43	122	21	44	46	11	12	28	27	32	11	21	17
Nervousness	13	20	11	7	26	28	200	37	36	10	50	76	27	73	28	42	90	30	60	62	16	13	36	61	44	15	35	23
Abnormal reflexes	17	38	10	11	13	24	164	33	30	13	42	45	21	60	13	42	108	18	41	47	17	11	32	49	25	25	37	24
Dizziness	80	31	18	18	22	38	233	68	62	18	57	73	14	71	16	56	118	22	68	89	18	17	47	47	38	21	26	32
Insomnia	2	3	2	3	4	3	33	8	10	2	6	15	5	20	5	10	19	5	10	10	5	0	7	7	8	5	8	6
Headache	57	74	34	28	80	69	594	147	109	45	140	206	48	200	65	144	319	54	154	226	52	26	142	147	107	66	79	86
Use of patent medicine	30	32	14	11	43	34	366	61	47	22	46	115	18	108	27	56	142	26	80	113	34	21	64	80	55	20	31	47

APPENDIX TABLE 2.—Number of impairments by cause in each specific occupation

## HEAD OFFICE DATA

Nature of impairment, disease, or symptom	Miners	Ironworkers	Foundry workers	Blacksmiths	Metal workers	Woodworkers	Machinists (office, store)	Firemen (stationary)	Shoe-factory operatives	Textile-mill operators	Factory workers (unclassified, light)	Printers	Garment operatives	Tailors	Cutters (cloth)	Painters	Carpenters	Bricklayers	Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters	Electricians	Waiters and hotel servants	Chauffeurs	Barbers	Butchers	Street railway employees	Telephone and telegraph operators	Firemen, police	
Respiratory: Tuberculosis, actual or suspected-----	0	2	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	7	6	7	1	5	4	0	2	3	0	4	2	1	2	0	1	1
Lung pathology not suggestive of tuberculosis-----	0	2	1	1	3	1	23	4	4	1	4	9	10	26	9	14	9	1	6	12	9	3	15	3	3	0	3	1
Bronchitis, emphysema-----	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	0	3	6	8	19	2	3	4	0	5	2	2	0	6	2	2	0	0	7
Enlarged, diseased, or buried tonsils-----	3	28	4	12	21	27	171	43	44	11	75	139	166	343	125	98	93	26	91	113	68	29	142	57	88	16	24	59
Defected septum-----																												
Moderate or marked-----	1	7	0	2	5	7	31	6	6	2	21	27	34	63	27	12	26	7	26	27	14	7	27	9	17	8	4	16
Slight-----	1	23	5	11	23	26	164	42	36	8	57	131	131	291	101	91	92	21	85	115	62	28	144	60	75	10	25	66
Naso-pharyngitis-----	0	4	1	0	3	3	20	4	2	0	11	21	27	45	21	9	10	3	12	8	9	2	21	8	6	2	5	8
Hypertrophic rhinitis (enlarged turbinates)-----																												
Frequent colds-----	2	30	5	11	20	28	140	36	40	6	64	112	136	295	114	74	89	15	86	122	62	28	133	53	80	13	21	74
Digestive: Teeth-----	2	8	2	6	8	6	68	14	10	3	26	49	31	72	26	25	19	13	28	44	19	9	50	11	26	3	12	18
Carious teeth, septic roots-----	1	11	0	6	8	6	49	15	9	3	23	35	39	104	22	32	36	7	35	35	26	9	37	11	28	5	5	15
Heavy density (X-ray advised)-----	0	16	4	7	27	19	116	31	21	10	53	97	104	190	74	51	50	18	69	81	48	21	109	37	53	8	23	57
Missing teeth-----	1	3	2	2	1	6	23	4	5	1	17	16	14	30	15	11	19	4	7	8	12	1	19	5	5	2	1	13
Pyorrhea (definite)-----	1	6	1	1	3	5	18	5	5	1	18	22	24	45	14	18	14	3	8	8	8	2	13	8	11	2	1	9
Slightly infected gums-----	0	10	0	6	12	14	79	22	19	6	33	73	84	177	53	51	42	15	40	43	35	21	55	25	44	6	15	33

APPENDIX TABLE 2.—Number of impairments by cause in each specific occupation—Continued

Nature of impairment, disease, or symptom	Miners	Ironworkers	Foundry workers	Blacksmiths	Metal workers	Woodworkers	Machinists (office, store)	Firemen (stationary)	Shoe-factory operatives	Textile-mill operators	Factory workers (unclassified, light)	Printers	Garment operatives	Tailors	Cutlers (cloth)	Painters	Carpenters	Bricklayers	Plumbers, pipe and steam fitters	Electricians	Waiters and hotel serv-ants	Domestic help	Chauffeurs	Barbers	Butchers	Street railway em-ployees	Telephone and tele-graph operators	Firemen, police
<b>Digestive—Continued.</b>																												
<b>Other—</b>																												
Gastric disturb-ances.....	0	5	0	2	4	2	21	6	4	5	14	24	23	46	13	11	15	2	19	17	8	3	31	8	11	2	6	13
"Acid stomach".....	1	7	0	3	3	2	26	7	5	5	10	21	33	46	20	17	17	3	16	19	23	4	27	13	12	4	6	18
Constipation.....	1	17	1	8	17	19	87	26	24	10	46	71	109	201	60	66	58	18	62	62	45	13	95	37	40	10	13	58
Habitual use of laxatives.....	0	10	1	6	12	15	56	22	12	9	23	60	58	132	44	45	41	12	44	44	37	13	64	30	33	8	7	55
Hemorrhoids.....	1	4	1	2	0	6	20	9	6	0	9	31	32	60	24	17	10	5	22	17	12	9	29	13	20	2	2	16
Tenderness in re-gion of appen-dix.....	1	0	0	0	0	2	8	1	2	0	4	4	6	12	4	3	7	0	4	4	3	1	6	2	6	3	0	4
<b>Circulatory:</b>																												
Enlarged heart.....	0	0	0	2	2	2	9	1	0	0	7	6	3	13	6	2	4	1	3	1	1	1	3	2	6	0	0	4
Organic valvular heart disease.....	0	2	0	1	3	1	15	0	2	1	6	6	8	11	2	8	2	0	2	7	2	2	8	4	4	0	3	4
Functional heart mur-mur.....	0	7	0	2	5	2	17	2	4	0	5	17	17	33	12	8	12	1	11	18	12	4	13	7	10	2	6	6
Arterial thickening—Moderate or marked.....	0	3	1	2	4	1	16	5	3	1	4	4	5	15	6	10	10	0	12	6	5	2	7	3	7	0	0	3
Slight.....	0	13	1	4	8	7	48	18	11	4	20	44	47	116	26	43	42	13	27	37	27	15	44	21	20	6	6	25
<b>Blood Pressure—</b>																												
20 or more milli-meters above average.....	0	2	0	4	3	1	17	3	1	2	6	12	13	50	10	12	5	4	5	7	5	2	10	8	11	1	3	7
15 or more milli-meters below average.....	2	11	0	2	5	6	47	14	10	4	20	39	41	77	26	20	20	4	17	35	25	11	36	24	26	3	7	14
Rapid pulse, over 90.....	0	5	0	0	3	8	32	6	14	3	17	38	37	66	20	15	10	3	18	27	11	7	8	14	22	3	8	16



Genito-urinary.	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	7	0	0	1	4	9	7	16	9	8	6	3	5	10	2	6	9	5	6	0	0	8	16		
Albunuria.	1	7	0	0	0	0	4	56	13	15	5	9	44	39	101	30	25	28	14	22	48	26	7	59	22	32	7	9	9	16		
Moderate or marked	1	6	0	0	0	0	4	28	5	7	1	6	29	22	50	21	18	15	8	8	22	8	2	25	9	17	4	3	10	10		
Slight	1	4	1	2	4	5	35	9	8	1	12	41	28	67	20	28	16	8	16	28	12	8	3	32	17	19	6	8	14	14		
Granular casts in urine	0	4	0	0	0	3	15	4	0	3	16	13	48	12	9	5	3	5	8	5	8	5	6	34	5	9	3	1	10	10		
Hyaline casts in urine	1	9	0	4	9	4	27	8	3	7	32	30	71	23	17	22	7	11	33	20	7	53	16	16	20	1	4	12	12	12		
Sugar in urine	0	4	1	1	1	1	23	6	3	0	6	14	11	44	11	17	10	4	17	14	12	4	19	7	14	0	3	9	9	9		
Pus in urine	0	3	0	2	3	4	23	9	4	2	8	15	8	45	12	11	6	5	16	17	5	2	31	9	8	1	3	18	18	18		
Enlarged prostate	0	18	0	9	20	12	96	18	23	8	33	81	109	213	67	69	61	15	52	69	38	15	50	39	60	6	14	22	22	22		
Frequent or painful urination	0	15	0	5	7	7	44	16	11	4	15	56	39	90	32	26	30	7	26	31	16	9	27	17	26	4	8	18	18	18		
Miscellaneous	1	8	1	2	6	6	53	13	8	3	18	44	28	75	25	15	25	7	29	21	14	6	53	13	13	3	4	16	16	16		
Defective vision	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Uncorrected	0	2	1	1	1	3	11	2	3	4	11	8	9	9	2	6	5	2	7	5	4	0	10	1	4	0	2	2	2	2	2	
Chronic skin affections	1	3	0	1	1	4	30	8	5	2	10	27	25	38	21	16	14	6	12	23	17	5	2	6	21	8	9	3	5	5	5	
Hernia	0	8	0	1	3	14	8	2	5	5	11	8	27	19	5	10	3	8	8	12	14	0	3	12	14	0	3	1	4	4	4	
Weak inguinal rings	0	6	2	0	0	3	25	9	2	0	9	28	23	51	23	17	18	8	13	22	11	5	2	6	11	15	1	3	15	15	15	
Varicose veins	0	8	0	0	0	3	17	5	2	2	8	15	25	27	20	14	13	1	10	6	12	5	2	13	8	21	0	2	9	9	9	
Varicose	0	6	1	4	6	4	29	10	8	1	13	25	17	27	19	14	9	3	18	26	13	2	23	9	9	1	4	9	9	9	9	
Flat feet	1	19	2	9	12	10	23	23	21	9	52	110	140	542	85	69	68	16	57	70	63	26	91	43	69	10	15	50	40	40	40	
Spinal curvature	0	4	0	0	0	3	17	2	2	0	4	10	12	20	9	4	4	1	2	6	1	2	6	1	3	8	3	0	1	7	7	
Backache	0	3	0	3	3	3	19	2	2	0	4	11	10	32	14	8	8	4	13	8	5	1	15	4	9	0	3	4	7	7	7	
Nervousness	0	2	1	1	1	8	3	22	4	5	7	15	24	38	13	16	10	2	9	20	7	2	10	12	8	1	0	3	4	9	9	
Abnormal reflexes	0	4	0	1	3	4	6	4	7	2	8	19	23	46	12	9	6	12	21	10	12	15	8	11	12	1	3	2	14	14	14	
Dizziness	2	5	0	0	0	0	4	9	4	1	3	12	11	18	5	17	14	9	17	14	9	5	8	13	12	1	4	9	9	9	9	
Insomnia	1	11	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	3	4	6	80	4	4	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	0	3	1	4	1	1	1
Headache	0	1	1	1	1	12	5	47	15	12	5	44	53	115	30	37	27	7	29	42	25	7	55	20	32	5	7	22	22	22	22	
Use of patent medicine	0	8	1	0	3	3	26	6	2	3	13	23	22	38	16	17	14	5	16	16	12	7	23	4	12	1	5	9	9	9	9	

## SEX DIFFERENCES IN THE PREVALENCE OF DENTAL CARIES<sup>1</sup>

Based on 12,435 Oral Examinations by Dental Personnel in Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, and Hagerstown, Md.

(STUDIES IN DENTAL CARIES No. 2)

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In a previous study,<sup>2</sup> the prevalence of dental caries in a group of school children of different ages was discussed. Most of the oral examinations were made by one experienced dental hygienist; but since she and the dental hygienist who made the remainder of the examinations had previously worked out a standard technique, their findings have been considered comparable and have been combined.

The first paper, in which is given a more detailed discussion of the field work, considered the prevalence of several dental conditions among children of both sexes. In the present study, the data for boys and girls are treated separately.

The examination records were so arranged that both temporary and permanent teeth could be charted. All carious teeth were designated, a special subdivision being made, called "remaining roots," which included teeth having crowns which were entirely carious, those having the pulp involved, and those with fistulæ. Instead of the number of individual fillings, the number of filled teeth was charted. The term "total past decay" when applied to permanent teeth includes missing as well as decayed and filled teeth. All the teeth, whether temporary or permanent, which were present in the child's mouth at the time of examination are included in the term "all teeth."

### TEMPORARY TEETH

Although the percentages of children of both sexes having one or more decayed or filled temporary teeth decline rapidly after the first few age groups, the percentages remain higher among the boys after the 7-year group. (Table 1, fig. 1.) Excepting among 6-year-old children, more boys than girls had five or more temporary teeth decayed or filled. Undoubtedly, the fact that the percentage of children with decayed temporary teeth decreases with age is due to their gradual replacement by permanent teeth. It may be that boys lose their temporary teeth somewhat later than girls.

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<sup>1</sup> From Field Investigations in Child Hygiene, in Cooperation with the Office of Statistical Investigations, United States Public Health Service. Dental Examinations by Meaker and Statistical Analysis by Stoughton.

<sup>2</sup> Dental decay and corrections among school children of different ages. Public Health Reports, Vol. 46, No. 44, October 30, 1931. Reprint No. 1524.

TABLE 1.—Condition of temporary teeth of boys and girls of each age from 6 to 14 years

Age	Boys								Girls							
	Total children	Decayed or filled		Decayed		Remaining roots		Fistulae, 1 or more	Total children	Decayed or filled		Decayed		Remaining roots		Fistulae, 1 or more
		1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more			1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more	
6.....	451	394	268	388	263	148	20	47	462	404	277	399	272	160	9	47
7.....	541	490	320	485	309	200	16	32	551	529	323	521	316	211	14	42
8.....	558	512	307	500	294	224	17	42	560	504	297	498	283	206	10	40
9.....	673	607	289	595	270	249	20	24	662	553	195	536	177	171	10	23
10.....	804	632	175	622	168	236	6	19	848	555	119	540	113	176	6	18
11.....	849	475	84	469	83	181	7	13	853	346	43	337	42	126	1	7
12.....	659	235	24	235	22	88	3	2	702	165	10	162	10	69	2	3
13.....	595	106	6	103	6	45	0	0	588	66	2	64	2	27	0	1
14.....	400	31	0	30	0	20	0	0	367	14	0	14	0	4	0	0

## NUMBER

PER CENT																
6.....	100.0	87.4	59.4	86.0	58.3	32.8	4.4	10.4	100.0	87.4	59.9	86.4	58.9	34.6	1.9	10.2
7.....	100.0	90.6	59.1	89.6	57.1	37.0	3.0	5.9	100.0	91.0	55.6	89.7	54.4	36.3	2.4	7.2
8.....	100.0	92.1	55.2	89.9	52.9	40.3	3.1	7.5	100.0	90.0	53.0	88.6	50.5	36.6	1.8	7.1
9.....	100.0	90.2	42.9	88.4	40.1	37.0	3.0	3.6	100.0	83.5	29.5	81.0	26.7	25.8	1.5	3.5
10.....	100.0	78.6	21.8	77.4	20.9	29.3	.6	2.4	100.0	65.4	14.0	63.7	13.3	20.7	.7	2.1
11.....	100.0	55.9	9.9	55.2	9.8	21.3	.8	1.5	100.0	40.6	5.0	39.5	4.9	14.8	.1	.8
12.....	100.0	35.7	3.6	35.7	3.3	13.3	.5	.3	100.0	23.5	1.4	23.1	1.4	9.8	.3	.4
13.....	100.0	17.8	1.0	17.3	1.0	7.6	-----	-----	100.0	11.2	.3	10.9	.3	4.6	.0	.2
14.....	100.0	7.7	-----	7.5	-----	5.0	-----	-----	100.0	3.8	-----	3.8	-----	1.1	-----	-----

## TEMPORARY TEETH

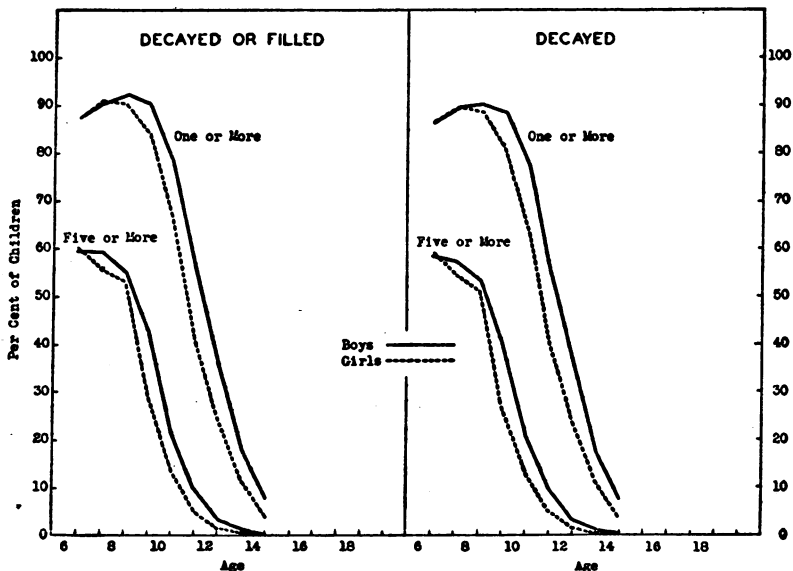


FIGURE 1.—Prevalence of total past decay and untreated caries in temporary teeth of boys and girls at successive years of age

Since the number of temporary teeth filled is so small, the graphs of the percentages of children having unfilled carious temporary teeth are practically the same as those of children having temporary teeth decayed or filled. The percentages of boys having temporary teeth badly decayed (remaining roots) are also higher than the corresponding percentages of girls in every age except the 6-year group. (Fig. 2.) A higher percentage of boys than of girls have five or more temporary teeth so badly decayed as to be classed as "remaining roots." The proportion of children having one or more temporary teeth with fistulae is practically the same for both sexes in each age group.

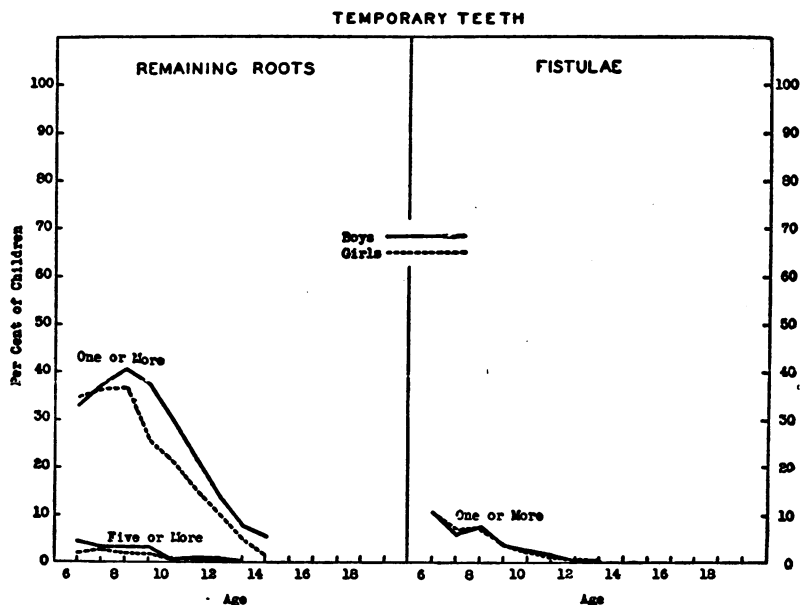


FIGURE 2.—Prevalence of marked caries and fistulae in temporary teeth of boys and girls at successive years of age

TABLE 2.—Condition of temporary teeth of boys and girls in three-year age groups from 6 to 14 years

Age and sex	Total number of children	Per cent having decayed or filled					Per cent having remaining roots				
		1 or more	3 or more	5 or more	7 or more	9 or more	1 or more	3 or more	5 or more	7 or more	9 or more
BOYS											
6 to 8.....	1,548	90.2	77.0	57.8	37.8	19.1	37.0	10.4	3.4	1.2	0.4
9 to 11.....	2,328	73.7	45.9	23.6	9.0	2.9	28.6	6.5	1.4	.3	.1
12 to 14.....	1,654	22.5	5.7	1.8	.3	.1	9.2	1.3	.2	.1	-----
GIRLS											
6 to 8.....	1,603	89.6	74.9	56.0	35.2	16.2	35.9	8.6	2.1	.4	.1
9 to 11.....	2,363	61.5	32.7	15.1	5.9	1.7	20.0	3.9	.7	.1	-----
12 to 14.....	1,657	14.8	3.4	.7	.1	.1	6.0	.5	.1	.1	-----

From the accompanying graphs, it is evident that the relative incidence of various dental defects among boys and among girls is not the same in each age group. Instead of showing rates for each age separately, the children were divided into 3-year age groups and the percentage of children in these groups who had one or more, three or more, etc., teeth showing the defect in question are given in Table 2 and are plotted in Figure 3.

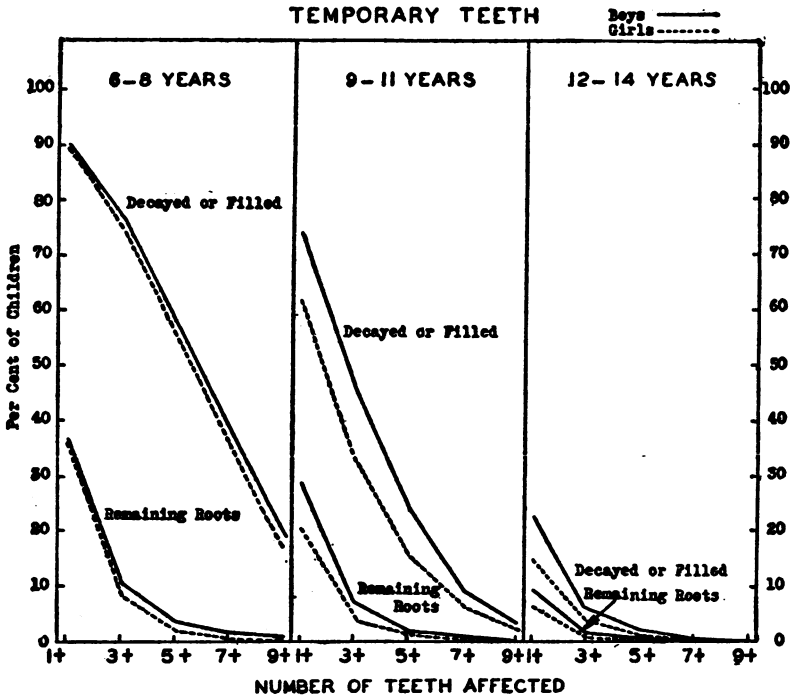


FIGURE 3.—Extent of total past decay and marked caries in temporary teeth of boys and girls in 3-year age groups

In all three groups a greater proportion of boys than of girls had temporary teeth decayed or filled, but the difference was much more marked in the last two groups than among the youngest children.

In the 6 to 8 year group, the percentage of boys having badly decayed temporary teeth (remaining roots) is somewhat higher than the corresponding percentage of girls. In the 9 to 11 and 12 to 14 year old groups a much larger proportion of boys than girls have teeth nearly destroyed by caries (remaining roots).

TABLE 3.—Condition of permanent teeth of boys and girls of each age from 6 to 19 years

Age	Boys									Girls								
	Total children	Decayed, missing, or filled		Decayed		Missing, 1 or more	Filled		Remaining roots, 1 or more	Total children	Decayed, missing, or filled		Decayed		Missing, 1 or more	Filled		Remaining roots, 1 or more
		1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more		1 or more	5 or more			1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more		1 or more	5 or more	
6.....	451	82	2	79	0	0	6	2	0	462	105	1	103	1	0	3	0	1
7.....	541	247	3	241	1	5	15	1	3	581	281	3	266	5	4	21	0	2
8.....	556	341	7	321	5	3	35	1	8	560	363	9	348	5	10	34	3	6
9.....	673	444	22	464	9	21	77	5	12	662	471	22	436	14	30	87	1	17
10.....	804	570	66	503	47	42	117	8	30	848	643	61	543	30	60	180	6	31
11.....	849	630	92	556	59	63	150	11	44	853	662	104	555	59	85	204	19	46
12.....	659	517	116	453	70	89	127	12	60	702	596	170	526	97	103	164	30	49
13.....	595	498	175	451	115	108	115	20	65	588	506	201	445	119	127	155	28	58
14.....	400	347	166	314	107	90	99	21	49	367	325	162	293	91	84	130	27	38
15.....	273	247	148	219	67	65	122	43	37	283	261	171	223	84	79	129	43	25
16.....	130	118	76	102	42	33	63	26	14	195	183	130	160	60	58	117	51	16
17.....	71	67	50	57	23	21	43	28	7	124	121	96	105	33	51	95	45	10
18.....	36	36	31	30	15	15	29	16	3	8	83	69	70	26	35	63	32	4
19.....	19	19	16	16	10	7	14	9	3	65	64	54	55	17	26	51	33	8

## PER CENT

6.....	100.0	18.2	0.4	17.5	---	---	1.3	0.4	---	100.0	22.7	0.2	22.3	0.2	---	0.6	---	0.2
7.....	100.0	45.7	0.5	44.5	0.2	0.9	2.8	0.2	0.6	100.0	48.4	0.5	45.8	0.5	0.7	3.6	---	0.3
8.....	100.0	61.3	1.3	57.7	0.9	0.5	6.3	0.2	1.4	100.0	64.8	1.6	62.1	0.9	1.8	6.1	0.5	1.1
9.....	100.0	66.0	3.3	60.0	1.3	3.1	11.4	0.7	1.8	100.0	71.1	3.3	65.9	2.1	4.5	13.1	1.1	2.6
10.....	100.0	70.9	8.2	62.6	5.8	5.2	14.5	1.0	3.7	100.0	75.8	7.2	64.0	3.5	7.1	21.2	7.7	3.7
11.....	100.0	74.2	10.8	65.5	6.9	7.4	17.7	1.3	5.2	100.0	77.6	12.2	65.1	6.9	10.0	23.9	2.2	5.4
12.....	100.0	78.5	17.6	68.7	10.6	13.5	19.3	1.8	9.1	100.0	84.9	24.2	74.8	13.8	14.7	23.4	4.3	7.0
13.....	100.0	83.7	29.4	75.8	19.3	18.1	19.3	3.4	10.9	100.0	86.1	34.2	75.7	20.2	21.6	26.4	4.9	9.9
14.....	100.0	86.7	41.5	78.5	26.7	22.5	24.7	5.3	12.3	100.0	88.5	44.1	79.8	24.8	22.9	35.4	7.3	10.3
15.....	100.0	90.5	53.5	80.2	24.5	23.8	44.7	15.7	13.5	100.0	92.2	60.4	78.8	29.7	27.9	45.6	16.2	8.8
16.....	100.0	89.2	58.5	78.5	32.3	25.4	48.5	15.4	10.8	100.0	93.8	66.7	82.1	30.8	29.7	60.0	26.1	8.2
17.....	100.0	94.4	70.4	80.3	32.4	29.6	60.6	33.4	9.9	100.0	94.5	75.0	82.0	25.8	39.8	74.2	35.1	7.8
18.....	100.0	100.0	86.1	83.2	41.7	41.7	80.5	44.4	8.3	100.0	98.8	82.1	83.3	30.9	41.7	75.0	38.1	4.8
19.....	100.0	100.0	84.2	84.2	52.6	36.8	73.7	47.4	15.8	100.0	98.5	83.1	84.6	26.1	40.0	78.5	50.8	4.6

## PERMANENT TEETH

In contrast to the graphs for temporary teeth, in which more boys than girls had caries, a higher percentage of girls than boys have one or more permanent teeth decayed, missing, or filled in each age group excepting the last three. (Table 3, fig. 4.) As suggested in the preceding section, it may be that girls lose their temporary teeth somewhat earlier than boys, and consequently their permanent teeth erupt sooner and are exposed to caries over a longer period. The difference is more marked after eight years. About the same percentage of boys and girls between 6 and 10 years of age had five or more permanent teeth decayed, missing, or filled. Among the older children, excepting those of the last two age groups, the percentage of girls was higher than the percentage of boys at each age. The percentage of girls having one or more permanent teeth decayed and unfilled tends to be higher than the percentage of boys. Practically the same percentages of boys and girls had five or more unfilled carious perma-

ment teeth at each age except after 16, when the percentage of boys is higher.

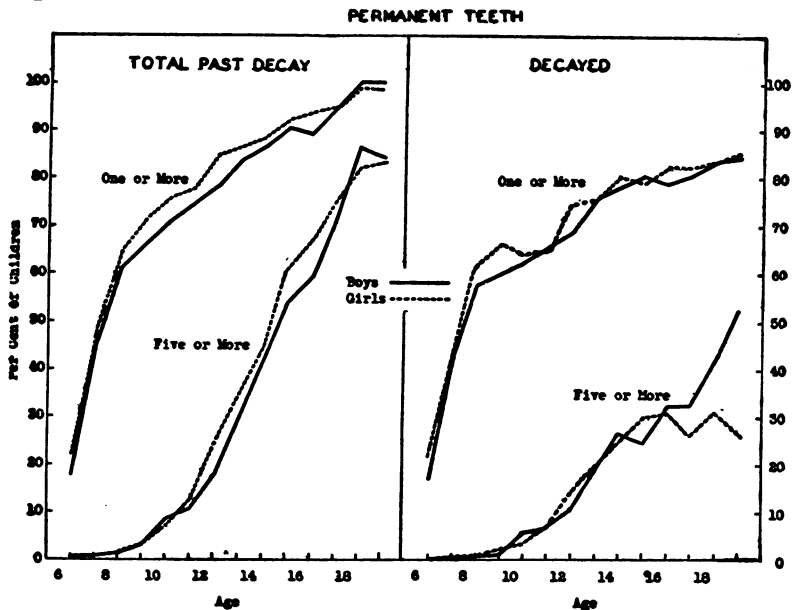


FIGURE 4.—Prevalence of total past decay and untreated caries in permanent teeth of boys and girls at successive years of age

TABLE 4.—Condition of permanent teeth of boys and girls in 3-year-age groups from 6 to 17 years

Age and sex	Total number of children	Per cent having decayed, missing, or filled					Per cent having filled					Per cent having missing		
		1 or more	3 or more	5 or more	7 or more	9 or more	1 or more	3 or more	5 or more	7 or more	9 or more	1 or more	3 or more	5 or more
BOYS														
6 to 8.....	1,548	43.3	17.4	0.8	0.1	0.1	3.6	0.7	0.3	0.1	-----	0.5	0.1	-----
9 to 11.....	2,326	70.7	43.0	7.7	1.9	.6	14.8	5.8	1.0	.3	0.1	5.4	.3	-----
12 to 14.....	1,654	82.3	58.7	27.6	12.4	5.3	20.6	9.2	2.2	1.0	.7	17.4	1.6	0.2
15 to 17.....	474	90.7	76.8	57.4	38.4	23.2	48.1	30.6	19.2	11.6	5.7	25.1	3.6	.6
GIRLS														
6 to 8.....	1,603	46.7	21.4	.8	.2	.1	3.6	1.3	.2	.1	-----	.9	-----	-----
9 to 11.....	2,363	75.2	46.8	7.9	2.5	.8	19.9	7.6	1.1	.3	.1	7.4	.4	-----
12 to 14.....	1,657	86.1	62.0	32.2	15.8	6.6	27.1	13.7	5.1	2.2	.8	18.9	2.3	.2
15 to 17.....	606	93.2	83.0	65.5	45.4	26.1	56.3	38.1	22.9	11.9	5.9	31.0	6.6	.8

About the same proportion of boys and girls have one or more permanent teeth nearly destroyed by caries (remaining roots) up to the 12-year group. (Fig. 5.) Among all the older children the percentage of boys is considerably higher than the percentage of girls. At nearly every age a larger percentage of girls than boys have one or more permanent teeth filled. The proportions are practically the same for the two sexes among children from 6 to 8 years of age. The

percentages of girls having five or more permanent teeth filled are somewhat higher than the corresponding percentages of boys among children between 11 and 17 years of age. More girls than boys have

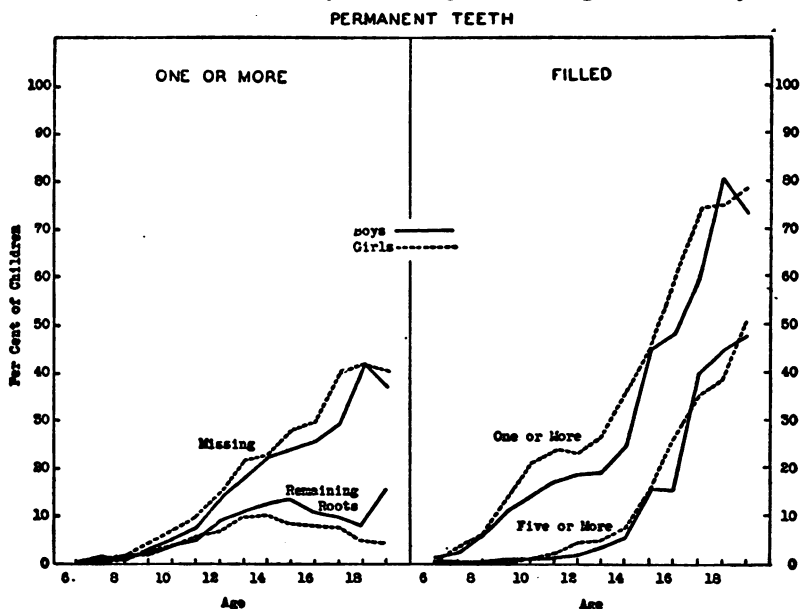


FIGURE 5.—Prevalence of markedly decayed, missing, and filled permanent teeth among boys and girls at successive years of age

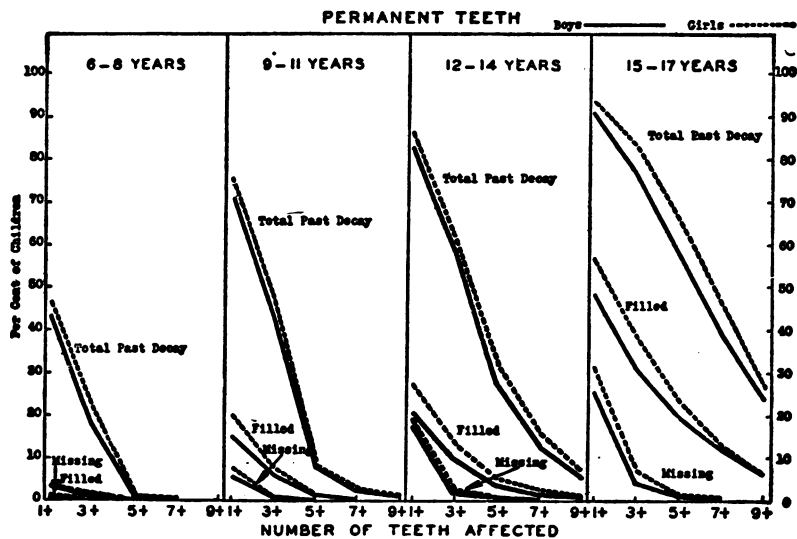


FIGURE 6.—Extent of total past decay, fillings, and extractions of permanent teeth of boys and girls in 3-year age groups

lost at least one permanent tooth except among the 6 and 7 year old children.

In Figure 6 and Table 4 the condition of the permanent teeth of the boys and girls in 3-year-age groups is shown.



Among the 6 to 8 year old children a slightly higher percentage of girls than boys had permanent teeth decayed, missing, or filled. Few children in this or in the 9 to 11 year group had five or more permanent teeth affected, but the percentages are practically the same among boys and girls in the two oldest groups, a larger proportion of girls than of boys was affected. Among the 6 to 8 year old children few had fillings in permanent teeth, and the percentages of boys and girls are practically the same. Among the older children the percentage of girls is, on the whole, appreciably higher than that of the boys.

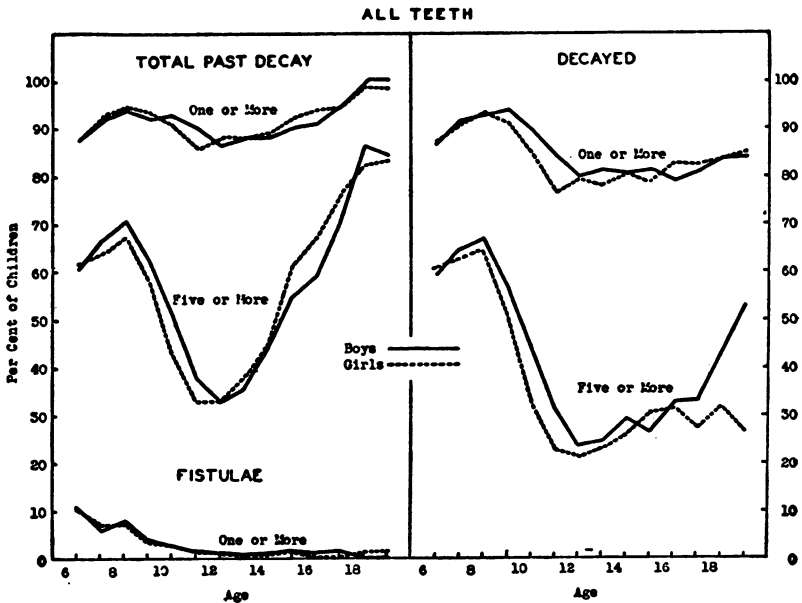


FIGURE 7.—Prevalence of total past decay, untreated caries, and fistulae in teeth of boys and girls at successive years of age

More girls than boys had had permanent teeth extracted. The difference is most pronounced among the 15 to 17 year old children.

#### ALL TEETH

The graphs based on all teeth are similar to the graphs for temporary teeth in the early age groups and to those for permanent teeth among the older children. (Fig. 8, Table 5.) There is no striking difference between the percentages of boys and girls having one or more teeth decayed, missing, or filled. When children with five or more teeth decayed, missing, or filled are considered, the percentages are higher among boys in the early-age groups and among girls in the later age groups.

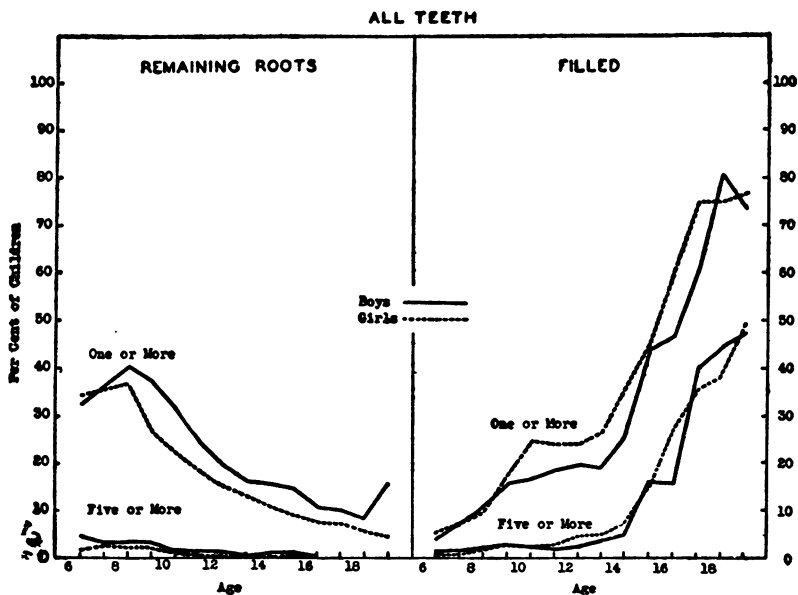


FIGURE 8.—Prevalence of marked caries and fillings in teeth of boys and girls at successive years of age

TABLE 5.—Condition of teeth of boys and girls of each age from 6 to 19 years

Age	Total children	Boys								
		Decayed, missing, or filled		Decayed		Remaining roots		Filled		Fistula,
		1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more	1 or more
NUMBER										
6.....	451	396	274	389	267	148	20	20	4	47
7.....	541	498	360	494	348	199	16	40	7	32
8.....	556	523	392	514	370	225	17	59	11	44
9.....	673	621	417	630	381	253	21	109	17	25
10.....	804	747	407	717	352	255	9	137	16	21
11.....	849	764	317	713	264	208	8	160	16	15
12.....	659	570	214	523	152	131	6	130	14	8
13.....	595	525	209	480	143	97	1	116	20	8
14.....	400	353	178	321	115	63	3	100	20	8
15.....	273	246	148	221	71	40	3	121	43	4
16.....	130	118	76	102	42	14	0	61	20	1
17.....	71	67	50	57	23	7	0	43	28	1
18.....	36	36	31	30	15	3	0	29	16	0
19.....	19	19	16	16	10	3	0	14	9	0
PER CENT										
6.....	100.0	87.8	60.7	86.3	59.2	32.8	4.4	4.4	0.9	10.4
7.....	100.0	92.1	66.5	91.3	64.3	36.8	2.9	7.4	1.3	5.9
8.....	100.0	94.1	70.5	92.4	66.5	40.5	3.1	10.6	2.0	7.9
9.....	100.0	92.3	62.0	93.6	56.6	37.6	3.1	16.2	2.5	3.7
10.....	100.0	92.9	50.6	89.2	43.8	31.7	1.1	17.0	2.0	2.6
11.....	100.0	90.0	37.3	84.0	31.1	24.5	.9	18.8	1.9	1.8
12.....	100.0	86.5	32.5	79.4	23.1	19.9	.9	19.7	2.1	1.2
13.....	100.0	88.2	35.1	80.7	24.0	16.3	.2	19.5	3.4	.5
14.....	100.0	88.3	44.5	80.3	28.7	15.7	.7	25.0	5.0	.7
15.....	100.0	90.1	54.2	80.9	26.0	14.7	1.1	44.3	15.7	1.5
16.....	100.0	90.8	58.5	78.5	32.3	10.8	-----	40.9	15.4	.8
17.....	100.0	94.4	70.4	80.3	32.4	9.9	-----	60.6	39.4	1.4
18.....	100.0	100.0	86.1	83.3	41.7	8.3	-----	80.5	44.4	-----
19.....	100.0	100.0	84.2	84.2	52.6	15.8	-----	73.7	47.4	-----

TABLE 5.—Condition of teeth of boys and girls of each age from 6 to 19 years—Con.

Age	Total children	Girls								
		Decayed, missing, or filled		Decayed		Remaining roots		Filled		Fistulae,
		1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more	1 or more	5 or more	1 or more
NUMBER										
6.....	462	405	283	400	279	160	9	24	2	47
7.....	581	537	370	528	363	211	14	43	4	40
8.....	560	529	377	520	361	207	11	56	9	41
9.....	662	617	382	602	333	178	12	115	17	23
10.....	848	768	359	718	277	193	6	209	19	20
11.....	853	733	276	652	190	157	3	209	22	12
12.....	702	620	228	556	147	108	2	169	30	5
13.....	588	519	218	458	132	78	0	156	28	2
14.....	367	327	163	294	92	40	6	130	27	3
15.....	283	261	172	223	84	26	1	128	43	3
16.....	195	183	130	160	60	15	0	118	52	0
17.....	128	121	97	105	34	9	0	96	45	0
18.....	84	83	69	70	26	5	0	63	32	1
19.....	65	64	54	55	17	3	0	50	32	1
PER CENT										
6.....	100.0	87.7	61.3	86.6	60.4	34.6	1.9	5.2	0.4	10.2
7.....	100.0	92.4	63.7	90.9	62.5	36.3	2.4	7.4	.7	6.9
8.....	100.0	94.5	67.3	92.9	64.5	37.0	2.0	10.0	1.6	7.3
9.....	100.0	93.2	57.7	90.9	50.3	26.9	1.8	17.4	2.6	3.5
10.....	100.0	90.6	42.3	84.7	32.7	22.7	.7	24.6	2.2	2.3
11.....	100.0	85.9	32.4	76.4	22.3	18.4	.3	24.5	2.6	1.4
12.....	100.0	88.3	32.5	79.2	20.9	15.4	.3	24.1	4.3	.7
13.....	100.0	88.3	37.1	77.9	22.4	13.3	-----	26.5	4.8	.3
14.....	100.0	89.1	44.4	80.1	25.1	10.9	-----	35.4	7.3	.8
15.....	100.0	92.2	60.8	78.8	29.7	9.2	.3	45.2	15.2	1.1
16.....	100.0	93.8	66.7	82.1	30.8	7.7	-----	60.5	26.7	-----
17.....	100.0	94.5	75.8	82.0	26.6	7.0	-----	75.0	35.1	-----
18.....	100.0	98.8	82.1	83.3	30.9	5.9	-----	75.0	38.1	1.2
19.....	100.0	98.5	83.1	84.6	26.1	4.6	-----	76.9	49.2	1.5

In most groups under 12 years of age higher percentages of boys than of girls had unfilled carious teeth. Among children 12 years of age and over, practically the same proportion of boys and girls were so affected. In nearly every age group a higher percentage of boys than girls had five or more unfilled carious teeth.

Practically the same proportions of boys and girls in each age group had teeth with fistulæ.

The proportions of boys and girls in 3-year-age groups having teeth decayed, missing, or filled are shown in Figure 9 and Table 6.

TABLE 6.—Condition of teeth of boys and of girls in 3-year-age groups from 6 to 17 years

Age and sex	Total number of children	Per cent having decayed, missing, or filled					Per cent having filled				
		1 or more	3 or more	5 or more	7 or more	9 or more	1 or more	3 or more	5 or more	7 or more	9 or more
BOYS											
6 to 8.....	1,548	91.5	80.8	66.3	48.8	30.8	7.7	3.5	1.4	0.6	0.1
9 to 11.....	2,326	91.7	73.5	49.1	28.8	14.2	17.5	7.4	2.1	.7	.3
12 to 14.....	1,654	87.5	64.6	36.3	15.7	7.1	20.9	9.3	3.3	1.1	.7
15 to 17.....	474	90.9	77.0	57.8	38.4	23.4	47.5	30.4	19.2	11.6	5.7
GIRLS											
6 to 8.....	1,603	91.8	79.3	64.3	48.8	30.1	7.7	3.3	.9	.4	.2
9 to 11.....	2,363	89.6	70.1	43.0	21.9	9.9	22.6	9.2	2.5	.6	.2
12 to 14.....	1,657	88.5	66.4	36.8	18.1	7.5	27.5	13.8	5.1	2.2	.8
15 to 17.....	606	93.2	83.0	65.8	45.9	26.2	56.4	38.3	23.1	11.9	5.9

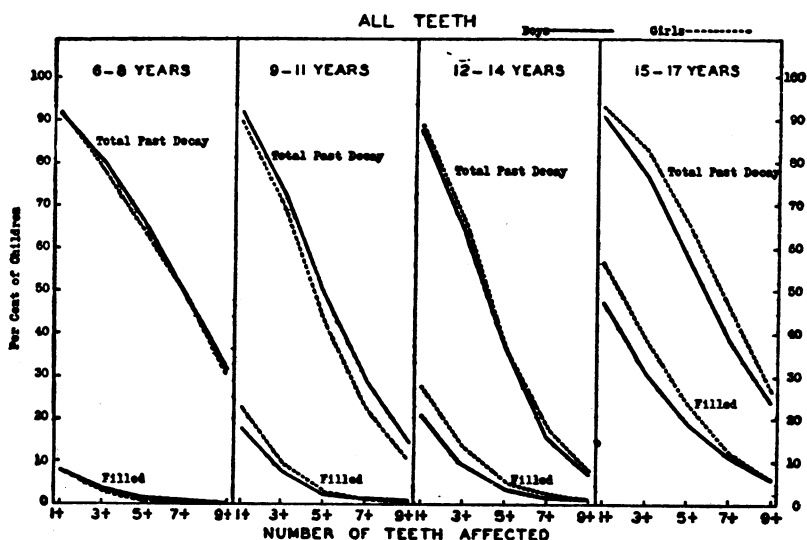


FIGURE 9.—Extent of total past decay and fillings in teeth of boys and girls in 3-year age groups

From 6 to 8 years the incidence of past and present decay is practically the same for both sexes. However, among 9 to 11 year old children a larger percentage of boys than of girls have teeth that are or have been carious. The ratio of boys to girls becomes somewhat greater when children having larger numbers of affected teeth are considered. In the group from 12 to 14 years the percentages are again very nearly alike for both sexes. From 15 to 17 years the proportion of girls affected is higher.

A marked contrast is evident in the graphs showing the percentages of boys and girls having fillings. Between 6 and 8 years of age the percentages are much the same for both sexes. Among the older children, however, a considerably greater proportion of girls than of

boys have one or more filled teeth. The ratio gradually lessens as children having larger numbers of filled teeth are considered. In the last group practically the same percentages of boys and girls had seven or more and nine or more teeth which had been filled.

## SUMMARY

### TEMPORARY TEETH

At each age except among the very youngest children more boys than girls have carious or filled temporary teeth. (Fig. 1.)

A considerably higher percentage of boys than of girls in most age groups had markedly decayed temporary teeth. (Fig. 2.)

There was no sex difference in the prevalence of temporary teeth with fistulæ. (Fig. 2.)

### PERMANENT TEETH

On the whole, more girls than boys had permanent teeth decayed, missing, or filled. (Fig. 4.)

The prevalence of unfilled carious permanent teeth was practically the same among boys and girls. (Fig. 4.)

A higher proportion of girls than of boys had had permanent teeth extracted. (Fig. 5.)

Among children 12 years of age and older, more boys than girls had markedly decayed permanent teeth. (Fig. 5.)

In most age groups, a considerably higher percentage of girls than of boys had had one or more permanent teeth filled. (Fig. 5.)

About the same percentage of boys and girls had five or more filled permanent teeth. (Fig. 5.)

### ALL TEETH

A greater proportion of boys among the younger children and of girls among the older children had decayed, missing, or filled teeth. (Fig. 7.)

Among the younger children, more boys than girls had unfilled carious teeth. Among older children, there was little difference between the sexes, except that a considerably higher number of boys than girls in the last three age groups had five or more unfilled carious teeth. (Fig. 7.)

The prevalence of teeth with fistulæ was practically the same among boys and girls. (Fig. 7.)

A very much higher percentage of boys than of girls had markedly decayed teeth. (Fig. 8.)

On the whole, more girls than boys had teeth with fillings. (Fig. 8.)

## A TRACHOMA SURVEY IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY OF TEXAS

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Because of the repeated reports of trachoma in considerable amount in the citrus region of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, the assistance of the United States Public Health Service was requested by the Texas State Department of Health in making a survey to determine the actual prevalence of trachoma in this region. The survey was begun on March 5, 1931, by representatives of the Public Health Service and State department of health jointly.

### SCOPE OF SURVEY

During a period of six weeks there were examined 11,054 school children in attendance at 76 schools in Cameron, Willacy, Hidalgo, and Starr Counties in southeastern Texas. In addition, visits were made to 25 homes of Mexicans living in and around Brownsville. The homes selected for visits were those from which children in school showed marked granular involvement of the conjunctiva of the eyelids. This part of the survey was difficult, owing to fears aroused because of inability to understand what was desired and also because some of the homes visited were entirely deserted at the time on account of the absence of the families en masse at work in the fields.

### PLAN OF STUDY

The preliminary work of finding the suspicious cases was done by a nurse specially trained in trachoma work, assisted by public health nurses, during the period March 5 to April 14, 1931. Diagnostic clinics, during the period April 16-22, 1931, were held at certain points by medical experts for the examination of each suspected case thus uncovered.

### RESULTS

In all, 44 cases of trachoma were uncovered, and in 40 of these the disease had apparently been contracted in or in the vicinity of the Rio Grande Valley. Eight of the 40 were arrested cases without sufficient corneal involvement to cause any loss of vision and had never been treated. A Mexican janitor in one large city school had the most active case seen in adults. This particular case showed the characteristic purplish coloration in the upper cul-de-sac, with some papillary overgrowth and marked invasion of the corneas by pannus.

Suspected cases found by the nurses were examined at 11 diagnostic clinics held in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties. In those clinics 119 adults and 1,747 children between the ages of 1 and 20 were examined with the results shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1.—*Results of examination of suspected cases at 11 diagnostic clinics*

Condition	Adults	Children	Condition	Adults	Children
Trachoma.....	7	37	Conjunctivitis.....	-----	141
Suspected trachoma.....	3	72	Negative.....	100	872
Folliculosis.....	6	625			
Cataract.....	3	-----	Total.....	119	1,747

Because of the predominance of folliculosis, these cases were studied from the standpoint of age distribution and location.

*Age distribution*

	Up to 5	5 to 9	9 to 14	14 to 20	Adults
Age distribution of total number examined <sup>1</sup> .....	43	619	919	113	119
Age distribution of cases of folliculosis.....	12	439	168	6	6

<sup>1</sup> Ages not given in 53 cases.

It is very evident that folliculosis was largely confined to children in the primary grades and was almost negative in the higher grades.

The following figures show the high percentage of folliculosis found in the individual schools:

1. La Feria School (largely attended by Mexican children):
 

Total examined.....	201
Folliculosis.....	122
Percentage of folliculosis.....	67
2. Santa Maria School (largely attended by Mexican children):
 

Total examined.....	164
Folliculosis.....	90
Percentage of folliculosis.....	54.9
3. Rio Hondo School (largely attended by American children):
 

Total examined.....	418
Folliculosis.....	109
Percentage of folliculosis.....	26.1

There was observed a high percentage of folliculosis among the children examined in the other schools.

**THERAPEUTIC DIAGNOSIS**

The children attending the Santa Maria school in Cameron County, presenting evidence of follicular involvement of the eyelids, were placed under treatment in which a 2 per cent solution of mercuriochrome or a one-fourth per cent solution of zinc sulphate was used. This treatment was administered by the teachers and older students. A reexamination of 48 pupils of this school treated in the above manner for folliculosis over a period of five weeks showed that 33, or 69 per cent, had become clinically negative. Considering the very irregular attendance of many Mexican children, because they are required by their parents to work in the fields, these results may be considered most excellent.

As these children had the same type of conjunctival involvement that is found to be so prevalent in the Rio Grande Valley, the prompt clearing up of the condition under mild astringents and antiseptics is evidence in favor of the nontrachomatous nature of their lid pathology.

#### METHOD OF EXAMINATION

All those presenting themselves at the diagnostic clinics had the eyelids of both eyes well everted so as to expose a generous portion of the upper and lower cul-de-sac. The observation of the conjunctiva thus exposed was made in natural light. In 90 per cent of all individuals the hand slit-lamp was used for examining the cornea for opacities and for pannus. The early commencement of pannus can not be seen without some magnification and focal light.

#### PATHOLOGY

Pannus was noted in all of the few cases of trachoma examined. In the arrested cases, scar tissue was quite evident in the cul-de-sac, more in the upper than the lower, and the pannus was ghostlike or markedly attenuated. The papillary type was more predominant.

In the many cases of folliculosis the granules were usually large and numerous, and on everting the upper lid these granules would often roll out to the extent of obscuring the cornea. On close observation, blood vessels could be made out at the base of the granules. The lids were quite pliable. In the lower lids the granules were also numerous; but on stretching the conjunctiva to separate the granules, blood vessels could usually be made out. On observing the corneas in these cases with the slit lamp there was not the least suspicion of blood vessel penetration of corneal tissue, and the corneas were always smooth and clear.

In the total examined there were only two cases of corneal opacity, both caused by trachoma and both in adults—one from Minnesota and the other from central east Texas. Only one case of lid distortion, due to trachoma, was observed—in an adult from the vicinity of the Oklahoma border.

#### CONCLUSIONS

1. Trachoma at the present time is but a limited public health problem in the citrus belt of the Rio Grande Valley, both among Americans and Mexicans. It is believed that the high living standards among the American population of this region precludes the possibility of trachoma ever becoming much of a problem in this region.

2. The instillation of zinc sulphate or mercurochrome solution in the conjunctival sac of children showing follicular involvement apparently clears up most of such conditions in this region. However, to be most effective this treatment should be supplemented by



instruction in personal hygiene, including cleanliness and the use of individual towels. It is not believed necessary to keep from school the children receiving the above treatment.

3. It is recommended that cases that show but little improvement after two months of treatment should be gratted, including both upper and lower lids, preferably under local anesthesia. This should be followed for some time with 2 per cent silver nitrate solution applied to the everted lids and then irrigated off.

4. The general population and the physicians of this region are greatly interested in school health supervision, and their full cooperation in any campaign for the improvement of health and sanitation in schools may be taken for granted.

### COURT DECISION RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH

*City held not liable to cemetery owners for damages resulting from ordinance forbidding burials within city.*—(California District Court of Appeal, Second District; *Hand et al. v. City of Whittier*, 4 P. (2d) 273; decided Oct. 22, 1931.) The people of the city of Whittier, by direct vote, adopted an ordinance declaring that the burial of the dead within the city was dangerous to life and detrimental to the public health and forbidding the interment of dead bodies in any cemetery within the corporate limits. The plaintiffs, who were the owners of a small cemetery located in a thinly populated portion of the city, brought an action against the city for damages caused by "said ordinance and the unreasonable, arbitrary caprice and unrestrained will of the municipality and the refusal of the officers thereof to issue permits for burials." The judgment of the trial court was in favor of the city, and, in affirming this judgment, the appellate court said:

It is undisputed by appellants that the passage of the ordinance in question was an act by the city of Whittier in the exercise of a governmental function. In such circumstances, in the absence of any statute to the contrary, the principle of law is well established that an action for damages against the city will not lie. (18 Cal. Jur. 1091, 19 R. C. L. 1083.)

### DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 12, 1931

*Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for the week ended December 12, 1931, and corresponding week of 1930. (From the Weekly Health Index, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)*

	Week ended Dec. 12, 1931	Corresponding week, 1930
Policies in force.....	74, 343, 907	75, 006, 785
Number of death claims.....	13, 176	14, 526
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	9. 2	10. 1
Death claims per 1,000 policies, first 50 weeks of year, annual rate.....	9. 6	9. 6

*Deaths<sup>1</sup> from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended December 12, 1931; infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1930. (From the Weekly Health Index, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)*

[The rates published in this summary are based upon mid-year population estimates derived from the 1930 census]

City	Week ended Dec. 12, 1931				Corresponding week, 1930		Death rate <sup>2</sup> for the first 50 weeks	
	Total deaths	Death rate <sup>2</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	Infant mortality rate <sup>3</sup>	Death rate <sup>2</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	1931	1930
Total (82 cities) .....	7,709	11.3	621	49	11.7	697	11.8	11.9
Akron.....	35	6.9	2	20	9.4	6	7.5	7.8
Albany <sup>4</sup> .....	31	12.5	3	60	15.5	3	14.0	14.5
Atlanta <sup>4</sup> .....	56	10.5	6	59	16.5	11	14.9	15.8
White.....	26	7.4	5	75	11.8	3	11.5	11.3
Colored.....	30	16.8	1	29	25.9	8	21.6	23.4
Baltimore <sup>4</sup> .....	195	12.5	17	59	12.2	12	14.1	14.1
White.....	139	10.9	8	36	11.6	10	12.9	12.0
Colored.....	56	19.9	9	144	15.3	2	19.9	19.7
Birmingham <sup>4</sup> .....	55	10.6	4	40	9.2	4	13.1	13.8
White.....	22	6.9	4	68	7.1	1	10.0	10.0
Colored.....	33	16.8	0	0	12.5	3	18.0	19.2
Boston.....	210	13.9	20	58	14.1	18	14.1	14.1
Bridgeport.....	25	8.9	3	50	10.7	4	11.0	10.9
Buffalo.....	153	13.7	16	72	11.1	14	12.8	12.9
Cambridge.....	21	9.6	2	41	11.9	3	12.0	11.8
Camden.....	40	17.5	5	87	12.3	5	14.2	13.4
Canton.....	18	8.8	2	49	8.4	2	9.9	9.8
Chicago <sup>4</sup> .....	688	10.4	64	57	10.8	61	10.5	10.4
Cincinnati.....	130	14.8	14	84	14.3	7	15.7	15.5
Cleveland.....	140	8.0	12	35	10.1	15	11.0	11.0
Columbus.....	63	11.1	2	19	15.4	9	13.5	15.3
Dallas <sup>4</sup> .....	54	10.3	5	-----	10.5	7	11.1	11.4
White.....	42	9.7	2	-----	10.1	6	9.8	10.5
Colored.....	12	13.2	3	-----	12.7	1	17.3	16.1
Dayton.....	37	8.3	3	43	10.1	1	10.5	9.6
Denver.....	70	12.5	1	10	16.8	3	13.8	14.9
Des Moines.....	37	13.4	3	57	10.6	3	11.0	11.6
Detroit.....	238	7.5	27	43	8.5	46	8.1	9.2
Duluth.....	19	9.7	3	81	14.4	2	11.2	11.5
El Paso.....	27	13.4	6	-----	18.2	9	15.1	17.0
Erie.....	32	14.2	0	0	8.1	2	10.3	11.0
Fall River <sup>4</sup> .....	22	10.0	3	71	8.6	0	11.1	11.5
Flint.....	12	3.8	0	0	5.6	5	6.8	9.0
Forth Worth <sup>4</sup> .....	32	10.0	2	-----	10.5	3	10.5	10.8
White.....	25	9.3	1	-----	6.8	2	10.1	10.3
Colored.....	7	13.4	1	-----	29.6	1	12.3	13.9
Grand Rapids.....	27	8.2	3	46	11.7	3	9.0	10.1
Houston <sup>4</sup> .....	48	8.1	4	-----	13.6	10	11.0	12.2
White.....	32	7.4	3	-----	11.8	5	10.1	10.8
Colored.....	16	10.1	1	-----	18.6	5	13.4	16.0
Indianapolis <sup>4</sup> .....	81	11.4	8	61	10.6	5	13.6	14.4
White.....	71	11.4	8	70	9.9	4	13.1	13.4
Colored.....	10	11.5	0	0	15.3	1	17.0	21.2
Jersey City.....	65	10.6	3	27	9.0	6	11.2	11.3
Kansas City, Kans. <sup>4</sup> .....	30	12.7	4	88	12.0	1	12.6	11.7
White.....	23	12.1	3	80	13.1	1	11.9	11.0
Colored.....	7	15.5	1	127	6.8	0	15.5	14.8
Kansas City, Mo.....	105	13.4	6	48	12.6	3	12.9	13.2
Knoxville <sup>4</sup> .....	37	17.7	2	43	14.7	1	12.6	13.5
White.....	28	16.0	2	49	12.9	1	11.8	12.5
Colored.....	9	26.4	0	0	24.1	0	16.5	18.4
Long Beach.....	26	8.9	1	25	14.5	3	9.8	10.1
Los Angeles.....	363	14.4	23	67	10.7	28	13.7	11.0
Louisville <sup>4</sup> .....	78	13.2	6	55	8.3	3	10.7	13.4
White.....	67	13.4	4	42	6.6	3	12.3	12.0
Colored.....	11	12.0	2	143	17.6	0	21.2	21.5
Lowell <sup>4</sup> .....	30	15.6	1	26	12.0	1	12.8	13.3
Lynn.....	25	12.7	3	86	15.3	2	9.4	10.4
Memphis <sup>4</sup> .....	77	15.5	13	138	14.8	9	16.4	16.8
White.....	34	11.1	7	118	14.3	4	13.4	13.2
Colored.....	43	22.7	6	174	15.6	5	21.4	22.7
Miami <sup>4</sup> .....	24	11.1	3	77	13.2	1	11.6	11.0
White.....	20	12.0	0	0	11.5	1	10.8	9.7
Colored.....	4	8.2	3	272	18.6	0	14.5	15.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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City	Week ended Dec. 12, 1931				Corresponding week, 1930		Death rate <sup>2</sup> for the first 50 weeks	
	Total deaths	Death rate <sup>1</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	Infant mortality rate <sup>1</sup>	Death rate <sup>2</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	1931	1930
Milwaukee.....	88	7.7	8	36	9.6	11	9.1	9.6
Minneapolis.....	96	10.6	6	39	13.4	14	10.9	10.7
Nashville.....	56	18.8	11	166	14.2	3	16.7	16.5
White.....	35	16.2	5	99	12.2	3	14.4	13.9
Colored.....	21	25.6	6	377	18.4	0	23.0	23.1
New Bedford <sup>3</sup> .....	24	11.1	1	26	8.8	2	12.0	11.0
New Haven.....	39	12.5	1	15	9.3	3	12.5	12.5
New Orleans.....	136	15.2	13	73	17.2	18	16.5	17.3
White.....	78	12.2	5	42	13.8	11	13.5	14.3
Colored.....	58	22.5	8	132	25.7	7	24.1	24.9
New York.....	1,392	10.2	88	38	10.6	119	11.0	10.7
Bronx Borough.....	215	8.4	14	40	7.3	12	8.1	7.8
Brooklyn Borough.....	490	9.7	31	33	9.5	33	10.1	9.8
Manhattan Borough.....	614	14.8	34	45	16.3	54	16.5	15.9
Queens Borough.....	140	6.3	7	28	7.4	16	7.1	7.0
Richmond Borough.....	33	10.5	2	38	12.1	4	13.4	13.8
Newark, N. J.....	95	11.1	5	27	11.7	4	11.4	12.0
Oakland.....	69	12.3	9	113	11.5	2	10.7	11.0
Oklahoma City.....	38	10.1	7	98	10.0	1	10.6	10.9
Omaha.....	50	12.0	5	58	16.5	7	13.8	13.5
Paterson.....	36	13.5	4	68	8.3	2	13.2	12.0
Peoria.....	23	11.1	1	26	13.8	5	12.4	12.3
Philadelphia.....	434	11.5	39	57	12.3	48	12.8	12.6
Pittsburgh.....	170	13.1	16	56	15.0	19	14.3	13.8
Portland, Oreg.....	83	14.1	3	37	11.4	3	11.6	12.1
Providence.....	81	16.6	7	64	10.7	5	12.6	12.8
Richmond.....	53	15.0	5	73	15.7	5	15.3	14.9
White.....	33	13.1	2	44	10.8	3	12.9	12.2
Colored.....	20	19.7	3	130	27.5	2	21.4	21.4
Rochester.....	69	10.8	4	37	8.7	4	11.7	11.5
St. Louis.....	187	11.8	11	40	13.4	7	14.8	14.0
St. Paul.....	46	8.7	2	21	10.7	2	10.4	10.1
Salt Lake City <sup>4</sup> .....	31	11.3	1	15	14.8	4	12.0	12.6
San Antonio.....	65	11.9	8	—	15.2	5	14.1	15.8
San Diego.....	43	14.3	3	62	15.7	1	13.6	14.5
San Francisco.....	173	13.9	8	53	13.9	9	12.9	13.0
Schenectady.....	23	12.5	0	0	10.3	2	10.9	11.1
Seattle.....	83	11.6	3	30	12.4	8	11.3	10.9
Somerville.....	24	11.9	2	62	10.5	3	8.8	9.6
South Bend.....	13	6.3	1	26	9.9	3	8.0	9.0
Spokane.....	34	15.2	1	26	9.9	0	12.4	12.4
Springfield, Mass.....	32	10.9	1	17	11.1	2	11.4	12.0
Syracuse.....	42	10.3	4	49	10.4	4	11.5	11.6
Tacoma.....	25	12.1	2	56	18.5	2	12.3	12.5
Toledo.....	72	12.6	4	38	13.6	8	11.8	12.6
Trenton.....	37	15.6	2	37	17.3	5	16.2	16.6
Utica.....	29	14.8	3	84	8.7	0	14.2	14.5
Washington, D. C. <sup>5</sup> .....	140	14.9	14	78	14.2	9	15.9	15.2
White.....	82	12.0	3	25	11.2	6	13.5	13.0
Colored.....	58	22.4	11	188	22.3	3	22.1	20.9
Waterbury.....	13	6.7	0	0	9.9	2	9.5	9.5
Wilmington, Del. <sup>6</sup> .....	39	19.1	5	113	14.7	4	13.8	14.4
Worcester.....	40	10.6	2	29	13.6	3	12.0	12.7
Yonkers.....	24	9.0	2	48	8.9	5	8.3	8.1
Youngstown.....	16	4.8	4	55	11.0	3	9.8	10.4

<sup>1</sup> Deaths of nonresidents are included. Stillbirths are excluded.

<sup>2</sup> These rates represent annual rates per 1,000 population, as estimated for 1931 and 1930 by the arithmetical method.

<sup>3</sup> Deaths under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

<sup>4</sup> Data for 77 cities.

<sup>5</sup> Deaths for week ended Friday.

<sup>6</sup> For the cities for which deaths are shown by color the percentages of colored population in 1930 were as follows: Atlanta, 33; Baltimore, 18; Birmingham, 38; Dallas, 17; Fort Worth, 16; Houston, 27; Indianapolis, 12; Kansas City, Kans., 19; Knoxville, 16; Louisville, 15; Memphis, 38; Miami, 23; Nashville, 28; New Orleans, 29; Richmond, 29; and Washington, D. C., 27.

<sup>7</sup> Population Apr. 1, 1930; decreased 1920 to 1930, no estimate made.

# 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 WEEKLY STATE REPORTS

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

**Reports for Weeks Ended December 19, 1931, and December 20, 1930**

*Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended December 19, 1931, and December 20, 1930*

Division and State	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles		Meningococcus meningitis	
	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930
<b>New England States:</b>								
Maine.....	18	5	9	2	131	37	1	0
New Hampshire.....	1	1				26	0	0
Vermont.....		3			101		0	0
Massachusetts.....	67	79	7	6	294	308	3	1
Rhode Island.....	4	7			390		0	0
Connecticut.....	9	14	8	2	67	77	3	0
<b>Middle Atlantic States:</b>								
New York.....	156	118	13	23	447	136	7	10
New Jersey.....	35	79	8	18	46	140	1	1
Pennsylvania.....	146	147			681	457	6	7
<b>East North Central States:</b>								
Ohio.....	92	42	7	9	59	87	1	0
Indiana.....	77	38	15	12	38	125	9	3
Illinois.....	135	173	3	8	36	290	4	11
Michigan.....	58	64	3	8	43	49	3	5
Wisconsin.....	23	21		24	39	197	1	1
<b>West North Central States:</b>								
Minnesota.....	27	20			24	5	0	1
Iowa.....	45	17			3	4	1	2
Missouri.....	102	40	4	4	6	732	8	6
North Dakota.....	8	2			7		0	0
South Dakota.....	2	13			80	2	0	0
Nebraska.....	15	18	4	8	6		0	0
Kansas.....	54	15	1	1	11	7	0	1
<b>South Atlantic States:</b>								
Delaware.....	9	3			1	2	0	0
Maryland.....	58	32	24	14	6	38	2	1
District of Columbia.....	16	14	1	1		16	0	0
West Virginia.....	65	34	18	28	281	23	3	0
North Carolina.....	71	76	8	16	55	52	1	0
South Carolina.....	13	19	406	516	36		0	0
Georgia.....	26	16	49	81	1	25	0	2
Florida.....	9	24	1	1		38	1	1
<b>East South Central States:</b>								
Kentucky.....	62						1	0
Tennessee.....	73	19	25	76	19	29	2	1
Alabama.....	71	43	19	91	7	61	2	0
Mississippi.....	21	20					0	2
<b>West South Central States:</b>								
Arkansas.....	30	5	15	28			0	0
Louisiana.....	44	26	9	10	8		2	1
Oklahoma.....	72	55	43	62		45	0	2
Texas.....	106	55	14	60	4	51	0	1

<sup>1</sup> New York City only.

<sup>2</sup> Week ended Friday.

<sup>3</sup> Typhus fever, 1931, 5 cases: 2 cases in South Carolina, 1 case in Georgia, 1 case in Alabama, and 1 case in California.

<sup>4</sup> Figures for 1931 are exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

*Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended December 19, 1931, and December 20, 1930—Continued*

Division and State	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles		Meningococcus meningitis	
	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930
<b>Mountain States:</b>								
Montana.....	1	5			104	1	1	1
Idaho.....	2				1	10	1	1
Wyoming.....		2		2	1	1	0	0
Colorado.....	3	10			4	17	0	0
New Mexico.....	13	10	1	16	6	76	0	0
Arizona.....	11	5	5	2	1	15	0	4
Utah.....	1	2	7	18		2	0	2
<b>Pacific States:</b>								
Washington.....	4	24			100	20	1	0
Oregon.....	1	7	57	10	3	46	0	0
California.....	105	61	101	73	99	223	4	5
Division and State	Poliomyelitis		Scarlet fever		Smallpox		Typhoid fever	
	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930
<b>New England States:</b>								
Maine.....	0	0	28	33	0	0	2	7
New Hampshire.....	0	0	12	1	0	0	0	1
Vermont.....	0	0	7	5	10	0	0	0
Massachusetts.....	8	8	369	206	0	0	5	4
Rhode Island.....	0	0	26	22	0	0	0	0
Connecticut.....	0	0	58	87	32	0	4	3
<b>Middle Atlantic States:</b>								
New York.....	15	3	476	464	5	4	23	16
New Jersey.....	5	1	142	172	0	0	3	4
Pennsylvania.....	9	5	468	450	0	0	28	20
<b>East North Central States:</b>								
Ohio.....	3	3	326	367	20	49	6	19
Indiana.....	0	0	95	190	10	71	5	5
Illinois.....	6	6	307	344	18	61	5	16
Michigan.....	3	3	240	191	14	45	8	5
Wisconsin.....	0	12	63	146	3	7	3	5
<b>West North Central States:</b>								
Minnesota.....	9	7	63	55	3	13	0	1
Iowa.....	3	3	43	60	83	33	1	3
Missouri.....	1	1	74	131	6	7	5	8
North Dakota.....	0	0	28	21	22	9	0	3
South Dakota.....	0	2	19	17	11	16	1	1
Nebraska.....	1	3	23	61	5	81	4	1
Kansas.....	1	1	82	50	3	33	3	5
<b>South Atlantic States:</b>								
Delaware.....	1	0	1	11	0	0	1	0
Maryland.....	0	0	87	92	0	0	11	10
District of Columbia.....	0	1	25	22	0	0	0	2
West Virginia.....	1	2	65	53	4	9	31	18
North Carolina.....	3	1	99	65	1	3	8	8
South Carolina.....	1	1	13	21	0	0	11	11
Georgia.....	1	0	28	51	6	0	14	5
Florida.....	1	1	4	12	1	0	0	1
<b>East South Central States:</b>								
Kentucky.....	0	1	93	34	0	0	6	13
Tennessee.....	0	0	54	29	4	2	21	2
Alabama.....	2	0	59	54	0	1	9	2
Mississippi.....	0	0	13	21	18	4	2	7
<b>West South Central States:</b>								
Arkansas.....	0	0	11	8	0	2	10	18
Louisiana.....	0	0	26	15	1	6	19	25
Oklahoma.....	0	2	40	44	0	51	11	25
Texas.....	0	4	73	43	7	22	12	13

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

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*Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended December 19, 1931, and December 20, 1930—Continued*

Division and State	Poliomyelitis		Scarlet fever		Smallpox		Typhoid fever	
	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930	Week ended Dec. 19, 1931	Week ended Dec. 20, 1930
<b>Mountain States:</b>								
Montana.....	1	0	36	25	2	26	3	0
Idaho.....	0	1	6	4	0	1	0	0
Wyoming.....	0	0	10	21	0	1	0	0
Colorado.....	0	0	21	10	0	0	3	0
New Mexico.....	0	1	8	5	0	1	2	1
Arizona.....	0	0	9	9	0	2	0	2
Utah <sup>1</sup> .....	0	0	18	8	0	0	1	1
<b>Pacific States:</b>								
Washington.....	1	0	50	51	10	18	0	3
Oregon.....	0	0	19	4	11	1	0	0
California <sup>1</sup> .....	2	19	127	84	2	54	6	10

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

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### SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FROM STATES

The following summary of cases reported monthly by States is published weekly and covers only those States from which reports are received during the current week:

State	Menin- gococ- cus menin- gitis	Diph- theria	Influen- za	Ma- laria	Meas- les	Pel- lagra	Polio- myelitis	Scarlet fever	Small- pox	Ty- phoid fever
<i>October, 1931</i>										
Arkansas.....	1	233	3	182	16	26	1	116	10	76
<i>November, 1931</i>										
Alabama.....	11	397	101	175	26	20	4	247	2	89
Idaho.....	1	20					0	46	3	3
Indiana.....	3	361	21	3	138		3	415	31	27
Maryland.....	3	289	48	2	21		7	432	0	94
New Jersey.....	9	134	40	3	122		46	490	1	21
New Mexico.....	3	89	1	9	9		0	51	1	37
North Dakota.....	3	16	5		7	1	5	79	73	20
Ohio.....	8	568	72	3	234		20	2,005	55	135
Pennsylvania.....	18	508		5	1,352	2	56	1,603	0	242
Porto Rico.....		66	103	8,158	79	3	1		0	17
South Carolina.....		340	1,509	1,116	38	160	7	62	1	38
West Virginia.....	3	228	55		730			249	2	152

<i>October, 1931</i>		Cases	Chicken pox—Continued.	Cases
<b>Arkansas:</b>			North Dakota.....	126
Chicken pox.....		15	Ohio.....	1,836
Mumps.....		7	Pennsylvania.....	2,504
Trachoma.....		41	Porto Rico.....	6
Whooping cough.....		9	South Carolina.....	84
			West Virginia.....	283
<i>November, 1931</i>			Colibacillosis:	
<b>Anthrax:</b>			Porto Rico.....	2
Ohio.....		1	Conjunctivitis:	
<b>Chicken pox:</b>			New Mexico.....	1
Alabama.....		67	Dengue:	
Idaho.....		87	South Carolina.....	7
Indiana.....		408	Diarrhea:	
Maryland.....		250	Maryland.....	25
New Jersey.....		524	South Carolina.....	332
New Mexico.....		118		

Diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years):	Cases	Rabies in animals:	Cases
Ohio.....	29	Maryland.....	2
Dysentery:		South Carolina.....	9
Maryland.....	22	Scabies:	
Ohio.....	1	Maryland.....	20
Pennsylvania.....	3	Septic sore throat:	
Porto Rico.....	105	Idaho.....	6
Filariasis:		Maryland.....	11
Porto Rico.....	31	New Mexico.....	1
Food poisoning:		Ohio.....	81
Ohio.....	5	Tetanus:	
German measles:		Maryland.....	2
Maryland.....	14	New Jersey.....	1
New Jersey.....	23	New Mexico.....	1
New Mexico.....	1	Ohio.....	1
Ohio.....	12	Pennsylvania.....	2
Pennsylvania.....	52	Porto Rico.....	6
Hookworm disease:		Tetanus, infantile:	
Pennsylvania.....	1	Porto Rico.....	18
South Carolina.....	74	Trachoma:	
Impetigo contagiosa:		Indiana.....	1
Maryland.....	61	Maryland.....	1
North Dakota.....	3	New Jersey.....	2
Lead poisoning:		New Mexico.....	1
New Jersey.....	1	North Dakota.....	1
Ohio.....	14	Ohio.....	6
Lethargic encephalitis:		Pennsylvania.....	6
Alabama.....	1	Porto Rico.....	15
Maryland.....	1	Trichinosis:	
New Jersey.....	1	New Jersey.....	2
Ohio.....	7	Tularaemia:	
Pennsylvania.....	3	Indiana.....	1
South Carolina.....	2	Maryland.....	2
Mumps:		Ohio.....	4
Alabama.....	22	West Virginia.....	3
Idaho.....	72	Typhus fever:	
Indiana.....	63	Alabama.....	13
Maryland.....	123	South Carolina.....	1
New Jersey.....	87	Undulant fever:	
New Mexico.....	17	Indiana.....	4
North Dakota.....	33	Maryland.....	4
Ohio.....	547	New Jersey.....	10
Pennsylvania.....	1,108	New Mexico.....	1
Porto Rico.....	8	Ohio.....	3
South Carolina.....	58	Pennsylvania.....	2
Ophthalmia neonatorum:		Vincent's angina:	
Maryland.....	3	Maryland.....	12
New Jersey.....	4	North Dakota.....	40
Ohio.....	50	Whooping cough:	
Pennsylvania.....	14	Alabama.....	61
Porto Rico.....	8	Indiana.....	127
South Carolina.....	11	Maryland.....	599
Paratyphoid fever:		New Jersey.....	641
Ohio.....	1	New Mexico.....	2
Porto Rico.....	4	North Dakota.....	22
South Carolina.....	5	Ohio.....	1,321
Puerperal septicemia:		Pennsylvania.....	1,743
Ohio.....	3	Porto Rico.....	192
Pennsylvania.....	21	South Carolina.....	72
Porto Rico.....	8	West Virginia.....	213
		Yaws:	
		Porto Rico.....	70

# RECIPROCAL NOTIFICATIONS

*Notifications regarding communicable diseases sent during the month of November, 1931 by departments of health of States named to other State health departments*

Disease	California	Connecticut	Illinois	Massachusetts	Minnesota	New York
Diphtheria.....						1
Leprosy.....	1					
Lethargic encephalitis.....				1		
Malaria.....		1				
Meningococcus meningitis.....						1
Poliomylitis.....					3	
Scarlet fever.....		1				
Syphilis.....					1	
Tuberculosis.....	5		4		30	
Typhoid fever.....	1			1	2	1
Undulant fever.....		1				

## ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE, SEPTEMBER, 1929

Reports for the month of September, 1929, showing new admissions to hospitals for the care and treatment of the insane, were received by the Public Health Service from 118 hospitals, located in 41 States, the District of Columbia, and the Territory of Hawaii. The 118 hospitals had 184,242 patients on September 30, 1929, 97,889 males and 86,353 females, the ratio being 113 males per 100 females.

The following table shows the number of new admissions for the month of September, 1929, by psychoses:

Psychoses	Number of first admissions		
	Male	Female	Total
1. Traumatic psychoses.....	6	1	7
2. Senile psychoses.....	179	132	311
3. Psychoses with cerebral arteriosclerosis.....	182	94	276
4. General paralysis.....	210	70	280
5. Psychoses with cerebral syphilis.....	26	13	39
6. Psychoses with Huntington's chorea.....	3	4	7
7. Psychoses with brain tumor.....	2	0	2
8. Psychoses with other brain or nervous disease.....	23	17	40
9. Alcoholic psychoses.....	131	16	147
10. Psychoses due to drugs and other exogenous toxins.....	9	9	18
11. Psychoses with pellagra.....	17	29	46
12. Psychoses with other somatic diseases.....	28	38	66
13. Manic-depressive psychoses.....	174	248	422
14. Involution melancholia.....	20	42	62
15. Dementia præcox (schizophrenia).....	350	265	615
16. Paranoia and paranoid conditions.....	37	52	89
17. Epileptic psychoses.....	40	36	76
18. Psychoneuroses and neuroses.....	20	43	63
19. Psychoses with psychopathic personality.....	14	8	22
20. Psychoses with mental deficiency.....	64	58	122
21. Undiagnosed psychoses.....	139	79	218
22. Without psychosis.....	154	60	214
Total.....	1,828	1,314	3,142

During the month of September, 1929, there were 3,142 new admissions to the hospitals, 58.2 per cent of these being males and 41.8 per cent females, the ratio being 139 males per 100 females. Four hundred and thirty-two of the new admissions were reported as undiagnosed or "without psychosis." There were 2,710 new admissions for which provisional diagnoses were made. Of these 2,710



patients, cases of dementia præcox constituted 22.7 per cent; manic-depressive psychoses, 15.6 per cent; senile psychoses, 11.5 per cent; general paralysis, 10.3 per cent; and psychoses with cerebral arteriosclerosis, 10.2 per cent. These five classes accounted for 70.3 per cent of the new admissions for which diagnoses were given.

The following table shows the number of patients in the hospitals and on parole on September 30, 1929:

	Total patients on books		
	Male	Female	Total
Total patients on books last day of month:			
In hospitals.....	87, 340	78, 117	165, 457
On parole or otherwise absent, but still on books.....	10, 549	8, 236	18, 785
Total.....	97, 889	86, 353	184, 242

Of the 184,242 patients, 10,549 males and 8,236 females were on parole or otherwise absent but still on the books at the end of the month—10.8 per cent of the males, 9.5 per cent of the females, and 10.2 per cent of the total number of patients.

#### GENERAL CURRENT SUMMARY AND WEEKLY REPORTS FROM CITIES

The 97 cities reporting cases used in the following table are situated in all parts of the country and have an estimated aggregate population of more than 33,400,000. The estimated population of the 90 cities reporting deaths is more than 31,855,000. The estimated expectancy is based on the experience of the last nine years, excluding epidemics.

*Weeks ended December 12, 1931, and December 13, 1930*

	1931	1930	Estimated expectancy
<i>Cases reported</i>			
Diphtheria:			
46 States.....	2, 225	1, 718	
97 cities.....	593	550	964
Measles:			
45 States.....	3, 306	3, 213	
97 cities.....	755	1, 021	
Meningococcus meningitis:			
46 States.....	81	121	
97 cities.....	35	47	
Poliomyelitis:			
46 States.....	97	80	
Scarlet fever:			
46 States.....	4, 059	4, 271	
97 cities.....	1, 426	1, 409	1, 123
Smallpox:			
46 States.....	264	493	
97 cities.....	24	90	27
Typhoid fever:			
46 States.....	368	344	
97 cities.....	57	50	47
<i>Deaths reported</i>			
Influenza and pneumonia:			
90 cities.....	647	693	
Smallpox:			
90 cities.....	0	0	

## City reports for week ended December 12, 1931

The "estimated expectancy" given for diphtheria, poliomyelitis, scarlet fever, smallpox, and typhoid fever is the result of an attempt to ascertain from previous occurrence the number of cases of the disease under consideration that may be expected to occur during a certain week in the absence of epidemics. It is based on reports to the Public Health Service during the past nine years. It is in most instances the median number of cases reported in the corresponding weeks of the preceding years. When the reports include several epidemics, or when for other reasons the median is unsatisfactory, the epidemic periods are excluded and the estimated expectancy is the mean number of cases reported for the week during non-epidemic years.

If the reports have not been received for the full nine years, data are used for as many years as possible, but no year earlier than 1922 is included. In obtaining the estimated expectancy, the figures are smoothed when necessary to avoid abrupt deviation from the usual trend. For some of the diseases given in the table the available data were not sufficient to make it practicable to compute the estimated expectancy.

Division, State, and city	Chicken pox, cases reported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles, cases reported	Mumps, cases reported	Pneumonia, deaths reported
		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Cases reported	Deaths reported			
NEW ENGLAND								
Maine:								
Portland.....	5	0	2		0	26	1	3
New Hampshire:								
Concord.....	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Nashua.....	0	1	0		0	0	0	0
Vermont:								
Barre.....	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Massachusetts:								
Boston.....	42	39	20	4	0	1	16	17
Fall River.....	3	4	2	1	1	0	0	0
Springfield.....	11	5	0		0	0	10	0
Worcester.....	16	6	0		0	0	69	1
Rhode Island:								
Pawtucket.....	0	2	0		0	0	0	0
Providence.....	2	9	4	3	0	245	15	7
Connecticut:								
Bridgeport.....	10	5	1	1	1	0	1	3
Hartford.....	4	6	0		0	0	4	1
New Haven.....	40	1	0		0	1	12	2
MIDDLE ATLANTIC								
New York:								
Buffalo.....	33	15	4		1	4	1	15
New York.....	114	174	101	11	6	17	34	137
Rochester.....	8	4	2		0	32	8	5
Syracuse.....	10	2	0		0	0	1	2
New Jersey:								
Camden.....	7	6	7		0	0	0	0
Newark.....	27	17	2	6	0	2	8	7
Trenton.....	1	2	2	1	1	1	23	2
Pennsylvania:								
Philadelphia.....	100	57	5	8	6	3	13	46
Pittsburgh.....	48	20	9	2	4	139	41	27
Reading.....	13	2	0		0	0	1	1
Scranton.....	3	5	0		0	0	0	0
EAST NORTH CENTRAL								
Ohio:								
Cincinnati.....	19	12	8		0	1	0	8
Cleveland.....	165	29	11	11	1	12	73	7
Columbus.....	8	6	12		0	1	2	0
Toledo.....	81	8	3	1	1	1	0	2
Indiana:								
Fort Wayne.....	0	4	7		0	0	0	2
Indianapolis.....	79	19	3		0	1	47	10
South Bend.....	5	1	0		0	0	0	0
Terre Haute.....	3	1	3		0	0	0	1
Illinois:								
Chicago.....	96	121	64	11	4	12	3	51
Peoria.....	9		4		0	1	0	1
Springfield.....	2	2	1		0	1	0	1
Michigan:								
Detroit.....	51	55	30	2	0	6	5	20
Flint.....	23	2	0		0	1	41	1
Grand Rapids.....	4	1	0		0	0	0	1

## City reports for week ended December 12, 1931—Continued

Division, State, and city	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Meas- les, cases re- ported	Mumps, cases re- ported	Pneu- monia, deaths re- ported
		Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases reported	Cases reported	Deaths reported			
EAST NORTH CEN- TRAL—continued								
Wisconsin:								
Kenosha.....	4	1	1	-----	0	1	1	0
Madison.....	11	2	5	-----	-----	0	1	-----
Milwaukee.....	59	15	2	-----	0	9	50	5
Racine.....	22	2	0	-----	0	0	26	0
Superior.....	14	1	0	-----	0	0	8	1
WEST NORTH CENTRAL								
Minnesota:								
Duluth.....	7	0	0	-----	0	0	0	1
Minneapolis.....	74	18	8	-----	1	4	28	6
St. Paul.....	26	6	5	-----	0	0	0	6
Iowa:								
Davenport.....	4	0	0	-----	-----	0	0	-----
Des Moines.....	2	2	10	-----	-----	1	0	-----
Sioux City.....	13	1	6	-----	-----	0	0	-----
Waterloo.....	18	0	2	-----	-----	1	1	-----
Missouri:								
Kansas City.....	25	8	12	-----	0	2	0	10
St. Joseph.....	6	1	4	-----	0	0	1	3
St. Louis.....	19	42	30	1	-----	0	1	5
North Dakota:								
Fargo.....	11	0	0	-----	1	13	0	0
Grand Forks.....	7	0	0	-----	-----	0	0	-----
South Dakota:								
Aberdeen.....	33	0	0	-----	-----	22	0	-----
Nebraska:								
Omaha.....	22	8	9	-----	0	2	2	5
Kansas:								
Topeka.....	4	1	2	-----	0	1	1	0
Wichita.....	15	2	10	-----	0	1	0	3
SOUTH ATLANTIC								
Delaware:								
Wilmington.....	4	2	1	-----	0	2	0	3
Maryland:								
Baltimore.....	23	24	15	11	1	5	31	21
Cumberland.....	0	1	0	-----	0	0	0	1
Frederick.....	0	1	6	-----	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia:								
Washington.....	4	18	11	2	2	2	0	11
Virginia:								
Lynchburg.....	1	3	3	-----	0	0	2	1
Norfolk.....	0	2	5	-----	0	0	1	1
Richmond.....	0	12	8	-----	1	0	0	5
Roanoke.....	7	3	2	-----	0	0	0	4
West Virginia:								
Charleston.....	18	1	2	-----	0	0	0	5
Huntington.....	1	-----	5	-----	0	0	0	0
Wheeling.....	6	1	0	-----	0	1	0	2
North Carolina:								
Raleigh.....	1	2	2	-----	0	1	0	1
Wilmington.....	3	2	0	-----	0	0	0	1
Winston-Salem.....	1	3	1	-----	1	0	1	1
South Carolina:								
Charleston.....	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	4
Columbia.....	0	1	0	-----	0	0	0	2
Greenville.....	0	-----	0	-----	0	0	0	0
Georgia:								
Atlanta.....	5	7	3	12	0	0	0	5
Brunswick.....	0	0	0	-----	0	0	1	1
Savannah.....	0	3	6	-----	1	0	0	2
Florida:								
Miami.....	1	2	1	-----	0	1	0	1
Tampa.....	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Kentucky:								
Covington.....	2	1	1	-----	0	0	0	2
Lexington.....	0	-----	3	-----	0	1	1	1

## City reports for week ended December 12, 1931—Continued

Division, State, and city	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Meas- les, cases re- ported	Mumps, cases re- ported	Pneu- monia, deaths re- ported
		Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases reported	Cases reported	Deaths reported			
EAST SOUTH CEN- TRAL—continued								
Tennessee:								
Memphis.....	4	7	13		0	0	1	4
Nashville.....	1	2	1		2	0	0	5
Alabama:								
Birmingham.....	2	7	6	7	1	1	0	6
Mobile.....	0	3	1		1	0	0	1
Montgomery.....	0	2	1	2		2	2	
WEST SOUTH CEN- TRAL								
Arkansas:								
Fort Smith.....	0	1	3			0	0	
Little Rock.....	0	1	5		0	0	0	5
Louisiana:								
New Orleans.....	0	15	17	3	1	0	0	14
Shreveport.....	6	1	5		0	5	1	0
Oklahoma:								
Muskogee.....	0		12		0	0	6	0
Texas:								
Dallas.....	4	18	25	1	1	0	0	4
Fort Worth.....	0	7	11		0	0	0	2
Galveston.....	0	1	3		0	0	0	0
Houston.....	0	10	21		0	0	1	3
San Antonio.....	0	5	6		0	0	0	4
MOUNTAIN								
Montana:								
Billings.....	0	0	0		0	61	1	0
Great Falls.....	3	0	0		0	0	0	1
Helena.....	0	0	0		0	28	0	0
Missoula.....	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Idaho:								
Boise.....	3	0	0		0	0	1	0
Colorado:								
Denver.....	36	9	2		3	1	5	8
Pueblo.....	9	0	0		0	1	0	0
New Mexico:								
Albuquerque.....	9	0	0		0	0	0	1
Arizona:								
Phoenix.....	0	0	0		0	0	0	4
Utah:								
Salt Lake City.....	61	4	1		0	2	1	1
Nevada:								
Reno.....	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
PACIFIC								
Washington:								
Seattle.....	44	5	0			53	7	
Spokane.....	14	1	0			2	0	
Tacoma.....	23	3	0		0	3	6	5
Oregon:								
Portland.....	25	11	0		0	4	5	10
Salem.....	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
California:								
Los Angeles.....	56	34	29	53	3	2	33	27
Sacramento.....	6	3	2		0	40	1	8
San Francisco.....	69	13	0	22	3	7	2	14

## City reports for week ended December 12, 1931—Continued

Division, State, and city	Scarlet fever		Smallpox			Tuber- culosis, deaths re- ported	Typhoid fever			Whoop- ing cough, cases re- ported	Deaths, all causes
	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		
NEW ENGLAND											
Maine:											
Portland.....	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	23
New Hampshire:											
Concord.....	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
Nashua.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-----
Vermont:											
Barre.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Massachusetts:											
Boston.....	63	83	0	0	0	15	1	3	0	37	210
Fall River.....	3	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	22
Springfield.....	6	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	24
Worcester.....	12	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16	40
Rhode Island:											
Pawtucket.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Providence.....	11	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	81
Connecticut:											
Bridgeport.....	7	4	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	25
Hartford.....	6	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	42
New Haven.....	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	59
MIDDLE ATLANTIC											
New York:											
Buffalo.....	23	41	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	27	148
New York.....	138	163	0	0	0	68	12	10	3	73	1,392
Rochester.....	9	48	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7	65
Syracuse.....	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	42
New Jersey:											
Camden.....	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	40
Newark.....	14	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	36	99
Trenton.....	3	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	37
Pennsylvania:											
Philadelphia.....	70	91	0	0	0	24	3	1	1	109	434
Pittsburgh.....	39	63	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	25	170
Reading.....	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	17
Scranton.....	-----	10	-----	0	0	0	-----	0	0	1	-----
EAST NORTH CENTRAL											
Ohio:											
Cincinnati.....	17	45	0	0	0	9	1	1	0	4	133
Cleveland.....	35	51	1	0	0	13	1	1	0	123	140
Columbus.....	11	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	15	63
Toledo.....	12	6	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	33	72
Indiana:											
Fort Wayne.....	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	28
Indianapolis.....	13	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	12	-----
South Bend.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Terre Haute.....	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Illinois:											
Chicago.....	112	189	1	4	0	47	2	2	0	179	688
Peoria.....	-----	4	-----	0	0	1	-----	0	0	22	23
Springfield.....	2	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	25
Michigan:											
Detroit.....	88	95	0	0	0	19	1	0	1	94	238
Flint.....	11	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	12
Grand Rapids.....	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	27
Wisconsin:											
Kenosha.....	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Madison.....	3	1	0	0	-----	0	0	-----	-----	2	-----
Milwaukee.....	21	27	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	100	88
Racine.....	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10
Superior.....	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL											
Minnesota:											
Duluth.....	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19
Minneapolis.....	43	18	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	15	96
St. Paul.....	20	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	60

## City reports for week ended December 12, 1931—Continued

Division, State, and city	Scarlet fever		Smallpox			Tuber- culo- sis, deaths re- ported	Typhoid fever			Whoop- ing cough, cases re- ported	Deaths, all causes
	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		
WEST NORTH CENTRAL—continued											
Iowa:											
Davenport	1	2	1	0			0	0		0	
Des Moines	10	5	1	0			0	0		0	37
Sioux City	1	3	1	7			0	1		6	
Waterloo	2	1	0	0			0	0		2	
Missouri:											
Kansas City	14	12	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	14	106
St. Joseph	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21
St. Louis	36	19	1	0	0	14	2	0	0	52	187
North Dakota:											
Fargo	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Grand Forks	0	0	0	0			0	0		0	
South Dakota:											
Aberdeen	0	2	0	0			0	0		0	
Nebraska:											
Omaha	7	9	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	50
Kansas:											
Topeka	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	22
Wichita	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	26
SOUTH ATLANTIC											
Delaware:											
Wilmington	5	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	39
Maryland:											
Baltimore	25	17	0	0	0	18	2	4	0	132	196
Cumberland	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	15
Frederick	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4
District of Col.:											
Washington	19	21	0	0	0	12	0	1	1	16	140
Virginia:											
Lynchburg	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	11
Norfolk	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Richmond	8	15	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	51
Roanoke	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	18
West Virginia:											
Charleston	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	22
Huntington		3	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Wheeling	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	17
North Carolina:											
Raleigh	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19
Wilmington	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Winston-Salem	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	20
South Carolina:											
Charleston	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	25
Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	13
Greenville		2		0	0	0		0	0	0	
Georgia:											
Atlanta	6	8	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	56
Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Savannah	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	29
Florida:											
Miami	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	24
Tampa	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	21
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Kentucky:											
Covington	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Lexington		1		0	0	1		0	0	3	21
Tennessee:											
Memphis	7	11	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	26	77
Nashville	2	5	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	5	56
Alabama:											
Birmingham	4	6	1	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	55
Mobile	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	18
Montgomery	0	7	0	0			0			0	
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Arkansas:											
Fort Smith	1	0	0	0			0	1		0	
Little Rock	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	8
Louisiana:											
New Orleans	8	16	0	3	0	11	2	5	1	1	136
Shreveport	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	28

1 2 nonresidents.

## City reports for week ended December 12, 1931—Continued

Division, State, and city	Scarlet fever		Smallpox			Tuber- culo- sis, deaths re- ported	Typhoid fever			Whoop- ing cough, cases re- ported	Deaths, all causes
	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL—continued											
Oklahoma:											
Muskogee.....		1		1	0	0		0	0	6	
Texas:											
Dallas.....	8	14	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	54
Fort Worth.....	2	11	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	32
Galveston.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Houston.....	3	3	1	2	0	5	0	2	0	0	48
San Antonio.....	2	5	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	55
MOUNTAIN											
Montana:											
Billings.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Great Falls.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Helena.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Missoula.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Idaho:											
Boise.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Colorado:											
Denver.....	14	17	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	9	66
Pueblo.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
New Mexico:											
Albuquerque.....	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	13
Arizona:											
Phoenix.....		0		0	0	2		0	0	0	12
Utah:											
Salt Lake City.....	2	9	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	31
Nevada:											
Reno.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PACIFIC											
Washington:											
Seattle.....	9	10	0	2			1	2		2	
Spokane.....	8	3	4	0			0	0		0	
Tacoma.....	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	25
Oregon:											
Portland.....	8	3	5	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	83
Salem.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	15
California:											
Los Angeles.....	20	51	1	0	0	21	2	1	1	23	363
Sacramento.....	3	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	47
San Francisco.....	16	7	0	3	0	12	1	0	0	3	161

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## City reports for week ended December 12, 1931—Continued

Division, State, and city	Meningo- coccus meningitis		Lethargic en- cephalitis		Pellagra		Poliomyelitis (infan- tile paralysis)		
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases	Deaths
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>									
Ohio:									
Columbus.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana:									
Indianapolis.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois:									
Chicago.....	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
Peoria.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Michigan:									
Detroit.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Flint.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Rapids.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin:									
Madison.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>									
Minnesota:									
Duluth.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
St. Paul.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Missouri:									
Kansas City.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
St. Louis.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>									
Maryland:									
Baltimore.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
District of Columbia:									
Washington.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia:									
Norfolk.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina:									
Raleigh.....	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Winston-Salem.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
South Carolina:									
Charleston <sup>1</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Georgia:									
Atlanta.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Savannah <sup>1</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Florida:									
Miami.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tampa <sup>1</sup> .....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>									
Kentucky:									
Lexington.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tennessee:									
Memphis.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alabama:									
Birmingham.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>									
Texas:									
Galveston.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houston.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>									
Utah:									
Salt Lake City.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>PACIFIC</b>									
Washington:									
Seattle.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon:									
Portland.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
California:									
Los Angeles.....	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
San Francisco.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

<sup>1</sup> Typhus fever, 5 cases and 1 death: 1 case and 1 death at Charleston, S. C.; 1 case at Savannah, Ga.; and 3 cases at Tampa, Fla.



The following table gives the rates per 100,000 population for 98 cities for the 5-week period ended December 12, 1931, compared with those for a like period ended December 13, 1930. The population figures used in computing the rates are estimated midyear populations for 1930 and 1931, respectively, derived from the 1930 census. The 98 cities reporting cases have an estimated aggregate population of more than 33,000,000. The 91 cities reporting deaths have more than 31,500,000 estimated population.

*Summary of weekly reports from cities, November 8 to December 12, 1931—Annual rates per 100,000 population compared with rates for the corresponding period of 1930*<sup>1</sup>

## DIPHTHERIA CASE RATES

	Week ended—									
	Nov. 14, 1931	Nov. 15, 1930	Nov. 21, 1931	Nov. 22, 1930	Nov. 28, 1931	Nov. 29, 1930	Dec. 5, 1931	Dec. 6, 1930	Dec. 12, 1931	Dec. 13, 1930
98 cities.....	96	89	96	100	84	87	101	<sup>2</sup> 90	93	<sup>2</sup> 87
New England.....	50	82	70	123	67	87	58	121	70	128
Middle Atlantic.....	52	44	53	52	58	48	54	58	59	47
East North Central.....	80	128	91	124	71	122	94	112	86	120
West North Central.....	184	107	174	110	138	110	222	101	168	97
South Atlantic.....	146	120	172	154	144	66	164	112	118	122
East South Central.....	227	185	169	275	145	138	163	143	163	138
West South Central.....	233	160	206	171	206	153	244	<sup>2</sup> 147	287	<sup>2</sup> 132
Mountain.....	61	26	17	26	26	79	52	18	26	26
Pacific.....	127	63	98	63	67	95	88	65	61	55

## MEASLES CASE RATES

	55	91	85	126	90	107	113	<sup>2</sup> 142	118	<sup>2</sup> 162
98 cities.....	55	91	85	126	90	107	113	<sup>2</sup> 142	118	<sup>2</sup> 162
New England.....	238	172	233	179	315	162	481	220	656	273
Middle Atlantic.....	38	68	92	76	82	69	111	85	89	85
East North Central.....	18	17	29	31	15	28	31	28	28	26
West North Central.....	17	502	19	767	13	649	27	953	46	1,077
South Atlantic.....	10	26	34	64	28	44	43	62	22	80
East South Central.....	12	18	29	149	35	66	35	155	17	299
West South Central.....	24	0	10	3	24	10	27	<sup>2</sup> 11	17	<sup>2</sup> 11
Mountain.....	400	308	757	326	1,236	282	757	53	806	150
Pacific.....	135	32	149	28	123	10	180	26	210	26

## SCARLET FEVER CASE RATES

	170	187	187	195	155	174	179	<sup>2</sup> 202	222	<sup>2</sup> 224
98 cities.....	170	187	187	195	155	174	179	<sup>2</sup> 202	222	<sup>2</sup> 224
New England.....	221	276	260	237	262	264	293	268	397	259
Middle Atlantic.....	131	126	163	159	147	148	155	178	199	186
East North Central.....	215	287	241	263	169	221	229	257	281	315
West North Central.....	149	143	132	219	117	139	161	198	143	209
South Atlantic.....	239	154	259	216	176	188	172	230	176	260
East South Central.....	198	275	145	209	122	215	128	299	250	377
West South Central.....	122	118	78	94	95	132	108	<sup>2</sup> 92	142	<sup>2</sup> 84
Mountain.....	313	388	218	282	191	229	218	141	261	211
Pacific.....	96	99	129	87	108	83	100	97	153	71

## SMALLPOX CASE RATES

	1	4	1	3	2	8	5	<sup>2</sup> 7	4	<sup>2</sup> 14
98 cities.....	1	4	1	3	2	8	5	<sup>2</sup> 7	4	<sup>2</sup> 14
New England.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	7	0
Middle Atlantic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
East North Central.....	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	3
West North Central.....	4	21	10	23	11	68	4	48	13	122
South Atlantic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East South Central.....	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
West South Central.....	3	3	0	3	20	3	3	<sup>2</sup> 4	17	<sup>2</sup> 7
Mountain.....	9	0	0	44	0	35	0	106	0	150
Pacific.....	4	18	6	6	6	8	10	10	10	6

<sup>1</sup> The figures given in this table are rates per 100,000 population, annual basis, and not the number of cases reported. Populations used are estimated as of July 1, 1931, and 1930, respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Shreveport, La., not included.

*Summary of weekly reports from cities, November 8 to December 12, 1931—Annual rates per 100,000 population compared with rates for the corresponding period of 1930—Continued*

## TYPHOID FEVER CASE RATES

	Week ended—									
	Nov. 14, 1931	Nov. 15, 1930	Nov. 21, 1931	Nov. 22, 1930	Nov. 28, 1931	Nov. 29, 1930	Dec. 5, 1931	Dec. 6, 1930	Dec. 12, 1931	Dec. 13, 1930
98 cities.....	12	15	12	15	7	10	7	<sup>2</sup> 10	9	<sup>2</sup> 8
New England.....	7	24	10	17	2	12	5	7	10	19
Middle Atlantic.....	6	4	8	5	4	3	5	8	6	6
East North Central.....	11	5	5	9	5	4	4	10	3	7
West North Central.....	13	19	8	23	8	8	4	6	6	6
South Atlantic.....	36	34	24	28	34	32	16	18	32	4
East South Central.....	23	48	41	13	6	12	12	12	17	18
West South Central.....	24	87	41	84	7	70	27	<sup>2</sup> 26	34	<sup>2</sup> 22
Mountain.....	0	26	9	53	0	9	26	9	0	0
Pacific.....	10	10	18	10	2	6	10	10	6	6

## INFLUENZA DEATH RATES

	8	9	7	10	7	9	7	<sup>2</sup> 9	8	<sup>2</sup> 9
91 cities.....	8	9	7	10	7	9	7	<sup>2</sup> 9	8	<sup>2</sup> 9
New England.....	14	5	7	7	0	2	2	5	5	5
Middle Atlantic.....	10	8	6	7	9	11	4	6	8	7
East North Central.....	2	9	4	5	5	7	6	8	3	5
West North Central.....	6	6	6	6	3	0	6	12	6	21
South Atlantic.....	6	6	12	24	6	10	6	20	12	24
East South Central.....	0	39	25	13	13	26	38	13	25	26
West South Central.....	7	28	10	36	17	14	7	<sup>2</sup> 34	7	<sup>2</sup> 11
Mountain.....	27	9	17	62	26	26	9	18	35	9
Pacific.....	12	5	5	7	7	7	19	2	14	7

## PNEUMONIA DEATH RATES

	86	115	101	116	86	109	89	<sup>2</sup> 99	98	<sup>2</sup> 106
91 cities.....	86	115	101	116	86	109	89	<sup>2</sup> 99	98	<sup>2</sup> 106
New England.....	101	114	84	126	99	77	91	73	67	119
Middle Atlantic.....	106	129	116	133	98	118	95	101	108	104
East North Central.....	52	85	70	82	52	78	56	77	66	86
West North Central.....	88	78	115	138	106	93	88	132	112	150
South Atlantic.....	97	172	152	156	122	180	146	154	140	134
East South Central.....	151	188	183	175	107	136	95	155	113	123
West South Central.....	55	103	79	114	66	153	135	<sup>2</sup> 128	104	<sup>2</sup> 162
Mountain.....	148	220	174	167	122	229	122	132	87	159
Pacific.....	70	67	50	50	74	70	77	60	130	60

<sup>2</sup> Shreveport, La., not included.

## FOREIGN AND INSULAR

### CANADA

*Provinces—Communicable diseases—Week ended December 5, 1931.*—The Bureau of Pensions and National Health of Canada reports cases of certain communicable diseases for the week ended December 5, 1931, as follows:

Province	Cerebro-spinal fever	Influenza	Polio-myelitis	Smallpox	Typhoid fever
Prince Edward Island <sup>1</sup> .....					
Nova Scotia.....		8	1		1
New Brunswick.....					1
Quebec.....			9		11
Ontario.....	1		1	5	23
Manitoba.....					4
Saskatchewan.....				9	
Alberta.....				1	
British Columbia <sup>1</sup> .....					
Total.....	1	8	11	15	40

<sup>1</sup> No case of any disease included in the table was reported during the week.

*Quebec Province—Communicable diseases—Week ended December 5, 1931.*—The Bureau of Health of the Province of Quebec, Canada, reports cases of certain communicable diseases for the week ended December 5, 1931, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Disease	Cases
Chicken pox.....	106	Polio-myelitis.....	9
Diphtheria.....	56	Scarlet fever.....	79
Erysipelas.....	2	Tuberculosis.....	27
German measles.....	3	Typhoid fever.....	11
Measles.....	169	Whooping cough.....	23
Mumps.....	27		

### CUBA

*Provinces—Communicable diseases—Four weeks ended October 24, 1931.*—During the four weeks ended October 24, 1931, cases of certain communicable diseases were reported in Cuba as follows:

Disease	Pinar del Rio	Habana	Matanzas	Santa Clara	Camaguey	Oriente	Total
Diphtheria.....		14		5	1		20
Malaria.....		16		1	24	22	63
Measles.....		70	6	19	1		96
Paratyphoid fever.....			3	5			8
Polio-myelitis.....		2					2
Scarlet fever.....		4	1	2			7
Typhoid fever.....		15	6	18	4	10	53

## JAMAICA

*Communicable diseases—Four weeks ended December 5, 1931.*—During the four weeks ended December 5, 1931, cases of certain communicable diseases were reported in Kingston, Jamaica, and in the island of Jamaica outside of Kingston, as follows :

Disease	Kings- ton	Other locali- ties	Disease	Kings- ton	Other locali- ties
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1	2	Lethargic encephalitis.....		1
Chicken pox.....	2	28	Puerperal fever.....		2
Dysentery.....	2	6	Smallpox (alastrim).....		1
Erysipelas.....	1	1	Tuberculosis.....	35	60
Leprosy.....		3	Typhoid fever.....	5	71

## MEXICO

*Tampico—Communicable diseases—November, 1931.*—During the month of November, 1931, certain communicable diseases were reported in Tampico, Mexico, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Deaths	Disease	Cases	Deaths
Diphtheria.....	6	2	Paratyphoid fever.....		2
Dysentery.....		50	Smallpox.....	1	
Influenza.....	19		Tuberculosis.....	66	20
Leprosy.....	2		Typhoid fever.....	3	4
Malaria.....	953	25	Whooping cough.....	18	

From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls, International Office of Public Hygiene, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, health section of the League of Nations, and other sources. The reports contained in the following tables must not be considered as complete or final as regards either the list of countries included or the figures for the particular countries for which reports are given.

[C indicates cases; D, deaths; P, present]

[illegible]





## PLAQUE

[C indicates cases; D deaths; P present]

[illegible]





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

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1943	January, 1944	February, 1944	March, 1944	April, 1944	May, 1944	June, 1944	July, 1944	August, 1944	September, 1944	October, 1944	November, 1944	December, 1944	January, 1945	February, 1945	March, 1945	April, 1945	May, 1945	June, 1945	July, 1945	August, 1945	September, 1945	October, 1945	November, 1945	December, 1945	January, 1946	February, 1946	March, 1946	April, 1946	May, 1946	June, 1946	July, 1946	August, 1946	September, 1946	October, 1946	November, 1946	December, 1946	January, 1947	February, 1947	March, 1947	April, 1947	May, 1947	June, 1947	July, 1947	August, 1947	September, 1947	October, 1947	November, 1947	December, 1947	January, 1948	February, 1948	March, 1948	April, 1948	May, 1948	June, 1948	July, 1948	August, 1948	September, 1948	October, 1948	November, 1948	December, 1948	January, 1949	February, 1949	March, 1949	April, 1949	May, 1949	June, 1949	July, 1949	August, 1949	September, 1949	October, 1949	November, 1949	December, 1949	January, 1950	February, 1950	March, 1950	April, 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1962	December, 1962	January, 1963	February, 1963	March, 1963	April, 1963	May, 1963	June, 1963	July, 1963	August, 1963	September, 1963	October, 1963	November, 1963	December, 1963	January, 1964	February, 1964	March, 1964	April, 1964	May, 1964	June, 1964	July, 1964	August, 1964	September, 1964	October, 1964	November, 1964	December, 1964	January, 1965	February, 1965	March, 1965	April, 1965	May, 1965	June, 1965	July, 1965	August, 1965	September, 1965	October, 1965	November, 1965	December, 1965	January, 1966	February, 1966	March, 1966	April, 1966	May, 1966	June, 1966	July, 1966	August, 1966	September, 1966	October, 1966	November, 1966	December, 1966	January, 1967	February, 1967	March, 1967	April, 1967	May, 1967	June, 1967	July, 1967	August, 1967	September, 1967	October, 1967	November, 1967	December, 1967	January, 1968	February, 1968	March, 1968	April, 1968	May, 1968	June, 1968	July, 1968	August, 1968	September, 1968	October, 1968	November, 1968	December, 1968	January, 1969	February, 1969	March, 1969	April, 1969	May, 1969	June, 1969	July, 1969	August, 1969	September, 1969	October, 1969	November, 1969	December, 1969	January, 1970	February, 1970	March, 1970	April, 1970	May, 1970	June, 1970	July, 1970	August, 1970	September, 1970	October, 1970	November, 1970	December, 1970	January, 1971	February, 1971	March, 1971	April, 1971	May, 1971	June, 1971	July, 1971	August, 1971	September, 1971	October, 1971	November, 1971	December, 1971	January, 1972	February, 1972	March, 1972	April, 1972	May, 1972	June, 1972	July, 1972	August, 1972	September, 1972	October, 1972	November, 1972	December, 1972	January, 1973	February, 1973	March, 1973	April, 1973	May, 1973	June, 1973	July, 1973	August, 1973	September, 1973	October, 1973	November, 1973	December, 1973	January, 1974	February, 1974	March, 1974	April, 1974	May, 1974	June, 1974	July, 1974	August, 1974	September, 1974	October, 1974	November, 1974	December, 1974	January, 1975	February, 1975	March, 1975	April, 1975	May, 1975	June, 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1987	January, 1988	February, 1988	March, 1988	April, 1988	May, 1988	June, 1988	July, 1988	August, 1988	September, 1988	October, 1988	November, 1988	December, 1988	January, 1989	February, 1989	March, 1989	April, 1989	May, 1989	June, 1989	July, 1989	August, 1989	September, 1989	October, 1989	November, 1989	December, 1989	January, 1990	February, 1990	March, 1990	April, 1990	May, 1990	June, 1990	July, 1990	August, 1990	September, 1990	October, 1990	November, 1990	December, 1990	January, 1991	February, 1991	March, 1991	April, 1991	May, 1991	June, 1991	July, 1991	August, 1991	September, 1991	October, 1991	November, 1991	December, 1991	January, 1992	February, 1992	March, 1992	April, 1992	May, 1992	June, 1992	July, 1992	August, 1992	September, 1992	October, 1992	November, 1992	December, 1992	January, 1993	February, 1993	March, 1993	April, 1993	May, 1993	June, 1993	July, 1993	August, 1993	September, 1993	October, 1993	November, 1993	December, 1993	January, 1994	February, 1994	March, 1994	April, 1994	May, 1994	June, 1994	July, 1994	August, 1994	September, 1994	October, 1994	November, 1994	December, 1994	January, 1995	February, 1995	March, 1995	April, 1995	May, 1995	June, 1995	July, 1995	August, 1995	September, 1995	October, 1995	November, 1995	December, 1995	January, 1996	February, 1996	March, 1996	April, 1996	May, 1996	June, 1996	July, 1996	August, 1996	September, 1996	October, 1996	November, 1996	December, 1996	January, 1997	February, 1997	March, 1997	April, 1997	May, 1997	June, 1997	July, 1997	August, 1997	September, 1997	October, 1997	November, 1997	December, 1997	January, 1998	February, 1998	March, 1998	April, 1998	May, 1998	June, 1998	July, 1998	August, 1998	September, 1998	October, 1998	November, 1998	December, 1998	January, 1999	February, 1999	March, 1999	April, 1999	May, 1999	June, 1999	July, 1999	August, 1999	September, 1999	October, 1999	November, 1999	December, 1999	January, 2000	February, 2000	March, 2000	April, 2000	May, 2000	June, 2000	July, 2000	August, 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2006	December, 2006	January, 2007	February, 2007	March, 2007	April, 2007	May, 2007	June, 2007	July, 2007	August, 2007	September, 2007	October, 2007	November, 2007	December, 2007	January, 2008	February, 2008	March, 2008	April, 2008	May, 2008	June, 2008	July, 2008	August, 2008	September, 2008	October, 2008	November, 2008	December, 2008	January, 2009	February, 2009	March, 2009	April, 2009	May, 2009	June, 2009	July, 2009	August, 2009	September, 2009	October, 2





Pondicherry Province.....	O	7	28	20	1	6	1	18	1	4	14	4	9	18	5	6	---	---
Indo-China (see also table below):	D	7	28	20	1	6	1	16	1	4	12	4	9	16	5	6	---	---
Frampeh.....	O	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Saigon and Cholon.....	D	---	3	2	1	---	3	2	1	4	1	---	---	4	2	1	4	6
Iraq:	D	---	1	1	1	---	2	---	1	2	---	---	---	4	1	---	2	1
Baghdad.....	O	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	3
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Japan.....	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nagoya.....	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mexico (see table below):	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ialisco State.....	D	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	4
Mexico City and surrounding territory.....	D	25	22	10	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
Monterrey.....	D	13	8	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Torreon.....	O	3	---	---	1	1	1	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	6
Tucson.....	D	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Morocco (see table below)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Netherlands: Friesland—Opsterland.....	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nigeria.....	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Panama: Chiriqui.....	D	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Poland.....	D	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Portugal: Lisbon.....	O	3	18	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rumania (see table below):	O	45	45	37	10	21	18	17	16	11	6	15	19	16	17	26	22	23
Siam.....	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21
Spain.....	O	5	1	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Straits Settlements.....	O	1	7	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sudan (Anglo-Egyptian).....	O	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Syria (see table below)	D	1	---	---	---	---	32	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Turkey (see table below)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Union of Socialist Soviet Republics (see table below)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Union of South Africa:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cape Province.....	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Natal.....	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Orange Free State.....	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transvaal.....	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Upper Volta.....	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
On vessel:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
S. S. Taif (pilgrim ship) at Snakin from Jeddah.....	D	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

1 Imported case.











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

**YELLOW FEVER—Continued**

[O indicates cases; D, deaths; P, present]

Place	Week ended—													
	May 31- June 27, 1931	June 28- July 24, 1931	July 25- Aug. 22, 1931	Aug. 23- Sept. 19, 1931	October, 1931						November, 1931			December, 1931
					3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Gold Coast—Continued.														
Salaga.....														1
Tamale.....		2												1
Wale Wale.....		2					1							2
Ivory Coast:														
Bobo Dioulasso.....			1											
Grand Bassam.....		1												
Kong Circle.....			4	1										
Seguela.....		4												
Tehini.....			P											
Nigeria.....				1			1				1	1	1	
Senegal:				1										
Fodor (Hinterland).....				1										
St. Louis.....				1										
Thies.....				1										
Sudan (French):				1										
Madina—Kayo Circle.....		4									2	2		
Togo (French): Atakpame—Anle Circle.....											1	1		
Upper Volta:														
Banfora.....		2												
Dedougou.....		1												
Diarrabakoto.....								2						
Onagadougou.....							1							