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**VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE  
MONTH OF MARCH, 1924.**

**REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.**

THIS report deals with the Vital Statistics of the 33 principal towns in the Island proclaimed under sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

**Marriages.**

2. The marriages of residents in proclaimed towns numbered 378 (328 General, 1 Kandyan, and 49 Muhammadan), as against 365 in the preceding month and 291 in the corresponding month of last year. In Colombo the number of marriages was 137 (109 General and 28 Muhammadan), as against 153 in the preceding month and 123 in the corresponding month of last year.

**Births.**

3. The births registered numbered 1,584 (806 males and 778 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 30·31 per 1,000 of the population, as against 32·14 in the preceding month, 33·04 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29·58 the average for the corresponding months since 1914. The rate ranged from 9·40 in Anuradhapura to 59·39 in Nawalapitiya.

4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 566 (301 males and 265 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 26·39 per 1,000, as against 29·90 in the preceding month, 31·03 in the corresponding month of last year, and 24·75 the average for the corresponding months since 1914. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and Pettah Wards, ranged from 10·06 in Kollupitiya to 28·07 in Wellawatta North.

**Deaths.**

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 1,769 (934 males and 835 females). There were 1,427 deaths of residents in the towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 29·53 per 1,000, as against 32·64 in the preceding month, 32·48 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29·48 the average for the month of March in each year since 1914. The rate ranged from 126·56 in Vavuniya to 3·60 in Kegalla.

6. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 640 (343 males and 297 females). There were 546 deaths of town residents, which corresponded to an annual standardized rate of 29·31 per 1,000, as against 32·94 in the preceding month, 32·59 in the corresponding month of last year, and 27·03 the average for the month of March in each year since 1914. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and Pettah Wards, ranged from 26·75 in San Sebastian to 11·02 in Kollupitiya.

7. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 117 (53 males and 64 females), as against 100 in the preceding month.

**Infant Mortality.**

8. The deaths of children under one year amounted to 358 and corresponded to a rate of 220 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended March 31, 1924. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 226, as against 246 in the previous month, 229 in the corresponding month of last year, and 223 the average for the corresponding months since 1914.

9. In the city of Colombo the deaths of children under one year numbered 140 and corresponded to a rate of 240 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended March 31, 1924. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 246, as against 246 in the previous month, 226 in the corresponding month of last year, and 230 the average for the corresponding months since 1914.

**Causes of Death.**

10. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 15 per cent. of the total deaths were due, *Debility* (of children under one year) caused 8 per cent. of the deaths, *Convulsions* 7 per cent., *Phthisis* 5 per cent., *Diarrhœa* and *Dysentery*, each 4 per cent., *Enteritis*, *Anchylostomiasis*, and *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, each 3 per cent., *Prematurity*, *Enteric Fever*, *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, and *Puerperal Septicæmia*, each 2 per cent., *Tetanus*, *Bronchitis*, *Influenza*, and *Cancer*, each 1 per cent.

11. In Colombo, too, the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, which caused 14 per cent. of the total deaths. *Phthisis* caused 9 per cent. of the deaths, *Convulsions* 7 per cent., *Debility* (of children under 1 year) 6 per cent., *Enteric Fever* and *Enteritis*, each 4 per cent., *Diarrhœa* and *Dysentery*, each 3 per cent., *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, *Prematurity* and *Influenza*, each 2 per cent., *Plague*, *Cancer*, *Tetanus*, *Bronchitis*, *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, *Puerperal Septicæmia*, and *Anchylostomiasis*, each 1 per cent.

12. Nine deaths from *Plague* (7 males and 2 females) were registered in Colombo, as against 22 in the preceding month and 13 in the corresponding month of last year.

13. *Infectious Diseases reported.*—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Chickenpox*, of which 128 cases were reported (102 in Colombo, 7 in Tangalla, 6 in Kandy, 5 in Galle), *Phthisis* followed with 106 cases (101 in Colombo, 5 in Galle), *Enteric Fever* 60 (34 in Colombo, 14 in Galle), *Measles* 38 (31 in Colombo), *Continued Fever* 32 (21 in Colombo, 8 in Galle), *Plague* 7 (in Colombo), *Mumps* 7 (5 in Colombo), *Whooping Cough* 6 (5 in Badulla), and *Smallpox* 2 (1 each in Colombo and Ratnapura). There were also reported 1 case of *Dysentery* in Moratuwa and 1 of *Diphtheria* in Colombo.

**Meteorology.**

14. *Rainfall.*—Ratnapura recorded the highest rainfall (20·82 in.). In the other towns the rainfall ranged from 14·24 in. in Nawalapitiya to 2·80 in. in Jaffna and Vavuniya. Colombo recorded 11·29 in.

15. *Mean Temperature.*—The mean temperature varied from 82·6° in Mannar to 60·6° in Nuwara Eliya, and was 81·4° in Colombo.

16. For detailed statistics, see Tables I. and II. for all towns, and III. and IV. for the city of Colombo in the Appendix.

Registrar-General's Office,  
Colombo, May 5, 1924

H. W. CODRINGTON,  
Registrar-General.

Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered during March 1924, the Proportion of Births and Deaths per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, and the Stillbirths and Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates in the corresponding Months since 1914, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Provinces and Towns.	Population (excluding Militaries and Shipwrecked Personnel) at the middle of 1924 by increase of each year since 1921.	Estimated to the middle of 1924 by increase of each year since 1921.	Marriages.			Births.			Deaths.			Stillbirths.			Deaths of Town Residents.	Birth-rates per 1,000 Births for March 1924.	Death-rates of Town Residents.			Its proportion per 1,000 births registered during March, 1924.	Its proportion per 1,000 Births registered during the Year ended the last day of March, 1924.	Mean Temperature.	Rainfall in Inches.			
			General.	Kandyan.	Muslim.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.			Persons.	Standardized.	Average Death-rates for Mar. 1914-1923.							
All 83 Towns..	597,867	616,958	328	1 49	378	806	778	1,584	934	835	1,769	53	64	117	386	1,427	80.31	29.58	27.81	29.58	358	226	226	220	81.4	
<i>Western.</i>																										
Colombo ..	244,163	253,224			28	301	265	566	343	297	640	15	29	44	93	546	26.39	24.75	25.46	29.31	140	247	240		11.29	
Negombo ..	87,639	28,308				45	38	83	40	36	76	2	2	4	14	62	24.62	40.00	25.86	26.47	14	169	161		11.94	
Moratuwa ..	41,858	43,221				50	102	102	36	56	92	4	5	9	11	91	26.78	43.43	24.86	25.32	30	275	249			
Kalutara ..	13,696	13,706				21	21	42	24	17	41	3	4	7	11	30	35.94	35.56	25.67	23.53	7	167	154		9.49	
Panadura ..	10,747	10,915				16	14	30	12	17	29	3	1	4	5	24	32.45	24.61	25.96	27.62	4	133	131			
<i>Central.</i>																										
Kandy ..	32,562	33,476			7	54	57	111	56	30	88	4	2	6	22	66	39.15	32.86	23.28	25.49	15	135	150		5.86	
Gampola ..	6,202	6,444				11	13	24	12	8	20	2	1	3	4	15	43.97	34.82	27.48	28.41	9	375	427		11.56	
Nawalapitiya ..	3,221	3,578				9	9	18	7	9	16				12	4	59.39	31.44	13.20	14.33					10.24	
Hatton-Dikoya ..	2,940	2,997				3	5	8	8	7	15				10	4	31.83	22.96	15.95	18.72			140		14.35	
Matale ..	7,865	8,004			3	11	12	23	18	15	33	1	1	2	20	13	33.93	37.36	19.18	20.47	4	174	167		5.23	
Nuwara-Eliya ..	7,525	7,899				8	13	21	13	7	20	1	1	2	2	18	31.39	16.43	26.90	29.70	12	571	523		7.66	
<i>Southern.</i>																										
Galle ..	39,072	39,362			1	55	65	120	56	66	122	2	4	6	21	101	35.99	33.57	30.39	29.64	16	133	127		8.79	
Ambalangoda ..	3,347	3,668				3	3	8	3	1	4				3	25	77	28.15	12.88	12.81			117			13.34
Matara ..	16,779	16,950			1	21	18	39	19	29	48	1	2	3	9	39	27.17	35.60	27.17	26.66	10	256	189			
Welligama ..	9,104	9,261				15	16	31	9	7	16				3	16	39.57	37.14	20.42	18.91			65		8.49	
Hambantota ..	2,849	2,927				3	4	7	4	4	8				4	5	28.24	43.66	20.17	20.05	1	143	80		10.63	
Tangalla ..	4,896	4,952				5	4	9	6	7	13	1	1	2	3	9	21.46	32.39	21.46	21.29	7	778	435			
<i>Northern.</i>																										
Jaffna ..	42,436	43,113			4	60	56	116	67	56	113	4	4	8	3	109	31.77	30.65	29.85	30.92	24	207	203		2.80	
Mannar ..	3,705	3,729				8	9	17	7	11	18	1	2	3	3	15	53.83	27.60	47.50	48.44	5	294	351		4.08	
Mullaitivu ..	1,563	1,624				3	1	4	7	7	11				3	8	29.09	46.87	58.17	60.62			724		6.67	
Vavuniya ..	936	982						1	5	7	12				3	9	12.02	18.85	108.17	126.56					2.80	
<i>Eastern.</i>																										
Baticaloa ..	10,664	10,695			7	21	19	40	21	22	43	2	2	2	1	42	44.16	30.90	46.36	48.33	12	300	360		11.91	
Kalmunai ..	2,686	2,602				8	5	13	13	13	26				11	15	59.00	47.16	68.07	68.98	4	308	381		7.55	
Trincomalee ..	9,414	9,612			5	6	5	9	14	20	30	2	2			30	17.20	22.30	36.85	38.90	5	288	224		8.23	
<i>North-Western.</i>																										
Kurunegala ..	10,187	10,793			2	12	10	22	28	10	38	1	1	2	19	19	24.07	30.75	20.78	24.15	4	183	159		3.99	
Futalela ..	6,005	7,235			1	16	10	26	25	20	45	1	1	2	7	38	42.43	40.85	62.01	67.25	6	231	349		8.01	
Kalpitiya ..	1,608	1,614			2	1	1	2	2	5	5				3	5	14.63	33.60	36.58	42.02	2		715		4.62	
Ohilaw ..	6,642	7,079			8	15	12	27	15	13	28		1	1	10	18	45.03	42.56	30.02	34.58	4	148	208		7.81	
<i>North-Central.</i>																										
Anuradhapura ..	7,781	8,794			1	3	4	7	24	19	43	1	1	2		43	9.40	23.65	57.73	69.11	5	714	480		4.73	
<i>Down.</i>																										
Badulla ..	8,126	8,601			4	9	8	17	13	11	24		1	1	7	17	23.33	35.92	23.33	23.80	6	353	322		8.66	
Lunugala ..	526	630													8											
<i>Sabaregamuzza.</i>																										
Sabaregamuzza ..	7,014	7,340			2	1	1	2	20	12	32	2		2	19	11	32.17	29.04	17.69	19.29	4	200	209		20.82	
Ratnapura ..	3,808	3,676			2	1	1	3	7	13	20				14	1	28.91	36.93	3.21	3.60	1	111	104		10.36	
Kegalla ..																										

\* Blankets indicate that there are no observatories or rain gauges.

† Not available.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during March, 1924, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Deaths.	All 33 Towns.										Western Province.												Central Province.												Southern Province.																
	Colombo.			Negombo.			Moratuwa.			Keelutara.			Panadura.			Kandy.			Gampola.			Nawalapitiya.			Hatton-Dikoya.			Matale.			Nuwara Eliya.			Galle.			Ambalangoda.			Makara.			Welligama.			Hambantota.			Tangalla.		
	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.												
<b>All Causes</b>	934	835	1,769	343	297	640	40	36	76	56	24	80	17	12	29	53	30	83	8	7	15	8	7	15	7	14	21	18	39	15	13	28	7	56	63	119	29	9	38	3	1	4	6	7							
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality</b>	175	183	358	74	66	140	5	9	14	21	3	24	2	2	4	8	7	15	4	4	8	5	4	9	2	2	4	6	8	4	6	10	1	3	4	7	2	1	3	—	—	—	3	4							
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																																																			
1. Prematurity	9	15	24	3	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
2. Debility	29	36	65	4	7	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
3. Convulsions	6	14	20	6	7	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Tetanus	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	5*	4†	9	3	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																																																			
1. Prematurity	1	6	7	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility	38	34	72	18	8	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	30	35	65	15	10	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	1	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis	8	4	12	6	4	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	5	6	11	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
7. Pneumonia	14	15	29	8	10	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8. Other Causes	21†	14§	35	9	8	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		

\* One death each from cerebral Hamorrhage Under-development, and Infected Umbilicus (in Colombo); 1 from Infected Navel (in Moratuwa); and 1 from compression of Brain (in Gampola).

† From Atelectasis (in Colombo).

‡ Besides 9 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote †, 1 death from Syphilis (in Negombo); 2 from Fever (1 each in Negombo and Galle); 2 from Rickets (1 each in Moratuwa and Galle); 1 death from Influenza and Whooping Cough; (in Galle); 1 from Erysipelas (in Jaffna); and 4 from Malaria (1 each in Mannar, Mullattivu, Puttalam, and Kegalle).

§ Besides 8 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote †, 1 death each from Worms and Thrush (in Moratuwa); 1 from Whooping Cough and 2 from Influenza (in Galle); and 1 from Malaria (in Mannar).



Table II.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during March, 1924, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

Causes of Deaths.	All 33 Towns.				Western Province.												Central Province.												Southern Province.														
	M	F	Total.		Colombo.		Negombo.		Moratuwa.		Kalutara.		Panadure.		Kandy.		Gampola.		Nawalapitiya.		Hatton-Dikoya.		Natala.		Nuwara Eliya.		Galle.		Ambalangoda.		Makara.		Welligama.		Hambantota.		Tangalla.						
					M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over) .. .. .	759	652	1,411		269	234	35	27	35	21	13	10	15	23	7	4	7	9	8	6	18	13	5	8	50	2	1	16	22	9	5	8	4	3	3								
1. Plague .. .. .	7	2	9																																								
2. Smallpox .. .. .																																											
3. Chickenpox .. .. .																																											
4. Measles .. .. .																																											
5. Influenza .. .. .																																											
6. Pyrexia or Fever .. .. .																																											
7. Enteric Fever .. .. .																																											
8. Malaria .. .. .																																											
9. Malarial Cachexia .. .. .																																											
10. Cholera .. .. .																																											
11. Diarrhoea .. .. .																																											
11a. Enteritis .. .. .																																											
12. Dysentery .. .. .																																											
13. Anchylostomiasis or Doehmuis Duodenalis .. .. .																																											
14. Cancer .. .. .																																											
15. Phthisis .. .. .																																											
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .																																											
17. Anemia .. .. .																																											
18. Diabetes Mellitus .. .. .																																											
19. Convulsions .. .. .																																											
20. Tetanus .. .. .																																											
21. Bronchitis .. .. .																																											
22. Pneumonia .. .. .																																											
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. .. .																																											
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .. .. .																																											
25. Puerperal Eclampsia .. .. .																																											
26. Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .																																											
27. Miscarriage .. .. .																																											
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth .. .. .																																											
29. Starvation .. .. .																																											
30. Accidents and Negligence .. .. .																																											
31. Homicide .. .. .																																											
32. Suicide .. .. .																																											
33. Execution .. .. .																																											
34. All Other Causes .. .. .	200*	207†	407		8	86	10	11	19	7	4	8	11	6	1	1	2	2	1	4	3	1	4	3	18	2	1	8	5	1	1	1	2	1					1				

\* Here are included 52 deaths from Old age, 16 from Debility, 22 from Worms, and 9 from Paralysis.  
† Here are included 65 deaths from Old age, 28 from Debility, 28 from Worms, and 11 from Paralysis.



Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of March 1924, and the Deaths of Children under One Year, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates for the corresponding Months of 1922 and 1923, in each Sanitary Ward of the City of Colombo.

Wards.	Population (exclusive of the Military and Shipping) at the Census of March, 1921.	Population estimated to the middle of 1924 by Inter-censal Increase.	Total Births.			Stillbirths.			Total Deaths (including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails).			Per Mille per Annum.				Mortality of Children under one Year.				
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Deaths of Non-residents.	Deaths of Residents.	Birth-rate.*		Death-rate.*		Number registered during March, 1924.	Its proportion per 1000 births registered during March, 1924.	Its proportion per annum per 1000 births registered starting the 1st day of Mar., 1924.
														Average for March, 1922-23.	March, 1924.	Average for March, 1922-23.	March, 1924.			
City of Colombo ..	244,163	253,224	301	265	566	15	29	44	343	297	640	94	546	26.39	29.97	28.74	29.31	140	247	240
Fort and Galle Face	2,690	2,790	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	2	4.23	—	8.46	6.45	—	—	—
Pettiah ..	7,601	7,883	1	—	1	—	—	3	1	4	—	4	4	1.50	5.29	5.99	8.34	—	—	—
St. Paul's ..	23,395	24,264	27	19	46	2	1	3	21	20	41	—	41	22.38	20.51	19.95	28.15	15	326	436
San Sebastian ..	11,492	11,918	10	11	21	1	2	3	13	14	27	—	27	20.80	10.03	26.75	18.08	7	333	409
Kotahena North ..	18,683	19,378	16	14	30	—	—	—	15	18	33	1	32	18.28	22.22	19.50	22.87	8	266	227
Kotahena South ..	27,488	28,509	28	26	54	2	2	4	24	25	49	—	49	22.36	21.83	20.29	23.32	10	185	188
New Bazaar ..	23,341	24,207	22	12	34	1	2	3	25	24	49	—	49	16.58	21.49	23.90	29.17	15	441	383
Maradana Hospitals	—	—	76	75	151	5	16	21	123	95	218	88	130	—	—	—	—	31	—	—
Maradana North ..	30,404	31,527	25	30	55	1	1	2	29	25	54	—	54	20.60	23.74	20.22	17.27	15	273	275
Maradana East ..	8,593	8,912	5	10	15	—	—	—	12	7	19	1	18	19.87	26.20	23.85	20.77	6	400	379
Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals)	18,531	19,219	22	13	35	1	1	2	11	12	23	—	23	21.50	22.09	14.13	20.56	6	171	192
Slave Island ..	21,564	22,365	22	18	40	—	1	1	25	21	46	—	46	21.12	22.20	24.28	31.30	15	375	350
Kollupitiya ..	23,752	24,635	9	12	21	—	—	—	15	9	24	1	23	10.06	15.07	11.02	12.15	7	333	274
Wellawatta North..	15,816	16,403	24	15	39	1	2	3	17	16	33	3	30	26.07	21.88	21.59	13.12	3	77	94
Wellawatta South..	10,813	11,214	13	10	23	1	1	2	9	9	18	—	18	24.22	25.08	18.95	18.18	2	87	95

\* The city-rate is worked differently from the ward-rates, and takes into account events in hospitals, &c., not assignable to wards.  
 † Standardized death-rates for the wards of the city are not available

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of March, 1924, in each Ward, and of each Race in the City of Colombo.

Causes of Death.	City of Colombo.			Wards.											
	M	F	Total.	Fort and Gale Face.		Pettah.		St. Paul's.		San Sebastian.		Kotahena North.		Kotahena South.	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
<b>All Causes</b> ..	<b>343</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality</b> ..	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>140</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>															
1. Prematurity ..	3	4	7	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility ..	4	7	11	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
3. Convulsions ..	6	7	13	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	1
4. Diarrhoea ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes ..	3*	1†	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>															
1. Prematurity ..	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility ..	18	8	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions ..	15	10	25	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	3	3	1	2	1
4. Diarrhoea ..	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis ..	6	4	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis ..	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia ..	8	10	18	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	2	2	1
8. Other Causes ..	9‡	8§	17	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)</b> ..	<b>269</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>
1. Plague ..	7	2	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Smallpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza ..	6	5	11	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1
6. Pyrexia or Fever ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever ..	14	13	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
8. Malaria ..	4	3	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
9. Malarial Cachexia ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
10. Cholera ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea ..	11	7	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11a. Enteritis ..	7	9	16	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	—	—	1	2
12. Dysentery ..	11	5	16	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	—
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis ..	1	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
14. Cancer ..	7	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis ..	28	31	59	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	5
17. Anæmia ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
18. Diabetes Mellitus ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions ..	3	6	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20. Tetanus ..	7	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
21. Bronchitis ..	4	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Pneumonia ..	42	30	72	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	4	1	5	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	2	1	1	2	1
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	7	5	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
26. Puerperal Septicæmia ..	—	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Miscarriage ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth ..	—	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Starvation ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence ..	13	3	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide ..	3	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide ..	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution ..	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes ..	80	86¶	166	—	—	—	—	1	7	3	4	1	6	5	6

\* One death each from Cerebral Hæmorrhage under development and Infected Umbilicus.

† From Atelectasis.

‡ Four deaths from Influenza, 2 each from Syphilis and Rickets and 1 from Dysentery.

§ Three deaths from Influenza, 2 from Syphilis, and 1 each from Pertussis, Rickets, and Secondary Hæmorrhage from the navel.

|| Here are included 19 deaths from Old Age, 7 from Debility, and 5 each from Marasmus, Heart Disease, and Paralysis.

¶ Here are included 25 deaths from Old Age, 10 from Debility, 9 from Worms, and 5 each from Marasmus, Heart Disease, and Paralysis.



Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of March, 1924, in each Ward, and of each Race in the City of Colombo—*continued.*

Causes of Death.	Wards.															
	New Bazaar.		Maradana Hos- pitals.		Maradana North.		Maradana East.		Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals).		Slave Island.		Kollupitiya.		Wellawatta North.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes .. .. .	25	24	123	95	29	25	12	7	11	12	25	21	15	9	17	16
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality</b> .. .. .	10	5	14	17	6	9	2	4	4	2	7	8	5	2	1	2
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																
1. Prematurity .. .. .	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility .. .. .	—	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
3. Convulsions .. .. .	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes .. .. .	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																
1. Prematurity .. .. .	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility .. .. .	3	—	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	—	1	—	—
3. Convulsions .. .. .	3	1	—	—	1	2	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	—
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—
8. Other Causes .. .. .	2	1	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	1	—	—
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)</b> ..	15	19	109	78	23	16	10	3	7	10	18	13	10	7	16	14
1. Plague .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	5	1
2. Smallpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza .. .. .	2	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
6. Pyrexia or Fever .. .. .	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever .. .. .	1	1	8	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	4
8. Malaria .. .. .	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Malarial Cachexia .. .. .	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
11a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	1	—	4	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
12. Dysentery .. .. .	—	—	4	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duo- denalis .. .. .	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer .. .. .	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
15. Phthisis .. .. .	1	2	14	8	1	5	—	—	—	2	4	1	1	1	2	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anæmia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
20. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Pneumonia .. .. .	1	—	23	12	2	3	—	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	3
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. .. .	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .. .. .	1	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Miscarriage .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth. Starvation .. .. .	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—
29. Starvation .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence .. .. .	—	—	7	3	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
31. Homicide .. .. .	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
32. Suicide .. .. .	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
33. Execution .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes .. .. .	8	10	26	29	16	5	4	1	2	5	5	3	3	2	1	4

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of March, 1924, in each Ward, and of each Race in the City of Colombo—*continued.*

Causes of Death.	Wards.		Deaths among all Races.															
	Wellawatta South.		Europeans.		Burghers.		Sinhalese.		Tamil.		Moors.		Malays.		Others.			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
<b>All Causes</b> .. .. .	9	9	5	1	17	17	186	169	54	46	53	50	10	9	18	5		
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality</b> .. .. .	1	1	—	—	4	3	42	32	13	11	12	13	1	5	2	2		
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																		
1. Prematurity .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	1	—		
2. Debility .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	2	1	1	—	1	1	1		
3. Convulsions .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	3	—	3	—	—	—	—		
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—		
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8. Other Causes .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																		
1. Prematurity .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—		
2. Debility .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	—	12	3	3	3	2	2	—	1	—	—		
3. Convulsions .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	—	5	4	3	1	6	5	—	—	—	—		
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—		
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—		
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	2	6	6	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	1		
8. Other Causes .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	1	7	5	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—		
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)</b> .. .. .	8	8	5	1	13	14	144	137	41	35	41	37	9	4	16	3		
1. Plague .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—		
2. Smallpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
3. Chickenpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
4. Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Influenza .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	2	2	2	—	—	1	—		
6. Pyrexia or Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
7. Enteric Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8. Malaria .. .. .	—	—	1	—	1	1	7	8	1	—	2	1	1	1	3	1		
9. Malarial Cachexia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—		
10. Cholera .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
11. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	1	2	3	—	1	—	—	—		
11a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	—		
12. Dysentery .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	4	2	1	—	—	—	3	—		
13. Anchylostomiasis or Doehmius Duodenalis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—		
14. Cancer .. .. .	1	—	2	1	1	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
15. Phthisis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	2	3	15	16	4	2	3	9	1	1	3	—		
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
17. Anæmia .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
18. Diabetes Mellitus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
19. Convulsions .. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	1		
20. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
21. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—		
22. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	3	—	—	1	1	22	24	8	1	7	4	—	—	4	—		
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	1	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—		
25. Puerperal Eclampsia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
26. Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
27. Miscarriage .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1		
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—		
29. Starvation .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
30. Accidents and Negligence .. .. .	1	—	—	—	2	—	7	2	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
31. Homicide .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
32. Suicide .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
33. Execution .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
34. All Other Causes .. .. .	4	4	2	—	4	8	42	52	7	11	18	15	6	—	1	—		