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**VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE
MONTH OF APRIL, 1927.**

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 number of marriages of residents in proclaimed towns numbered 236 (165 General, 3 Kandyan, and 68 Muslim), as against 279 in the preceding month and 245 in the corresponding month of last year. In Colombo the number of marriages was 95 (61 General and 34 Muslim), as against 113 in the preceding month and 101 in the corresponding month of last year.

Births.

3. The births registered numbered 1,715 (912 males and 803 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 32·79 per 1,000 of the population, as against 35·43 in the preceding month, 32·45 in the corresponding month of last year and 29·39 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. The rate ranged from 15·04 in Kalpitiya to 58·40 in Nawalapitiya. There were 15·32 births of children whose mothers were residents of the towns, equivalent to an annual rate of 29·29, as against 31·82 in the preceding month.

4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 692 (373 males and 319 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 32·16, as against 35·53 in the preceding month, 27·54 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25·09 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 12·86 in Maradana South to 28·42 in Slave Island. There were 580 births of children, whose mothers were residents of the city equivalent to an annual rate of 26·96, as against 30·72 in the preceding month.

Deaths.

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 1,428 (772 males and 656 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 27·30, as against 28·05 in the preceding month. There were 1,084 deaths of residents in the town equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 22·41, as against 23·45 in the preceding month, 25·83 in the corresponding month of last year, and 27·02 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. The standardized death rate (exclusive of the small towns Mullaittivu, Vavuniya, and Lunugala) ranged from 46·32 in Mannar to 10·65 in Kegalla.

6. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 516 (270 males and 246 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 23·98, as against 26·81 in the preceding month. There were 413 deaths of residents of the city, which corresponded to an annual standardized rate of 22·10, as against 24·50 in the preceding month, 24·08 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25·75 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. The deaths-rate of residents exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards ranged from 23·34 in New Bazaar to 7·17 in Wellawatta North.

7. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 119 (67 males and 52 females), as against 127 in the preceding month.

Infant Mortality.

8. The deaths of children under one year amounted to 314 and corresponded to a rate of 176 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended April, 1927. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 183, as against 175 in the preceding month, 196 in the corresponding month of last year, and 220 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. There were 296 deaths of children under one year whose mothers were residents of the towns, which corresponded to a rate 193, as against 178 in the preceding month.

9. In the city of Colombo the deaths of children under one year amounted to 133, and corresponded to a rate of 191 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended April, 1927. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 192, as against 167 in the preceding month, 186 in the corresponding month of last year, and 232 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. There were 123 deaths of children under one year, whose mothers were residents of the city, which corresponded to a rate of 212 as against 171 in the preceding month.

Causes of Death.

10. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia* to which 14 per cent. of the total deaths were due. *Debility* (of children under one year) caused 8 per cent.; *Convulsions*, 7 per cent.; *Phthisis*, 5 per cent.; *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia* and *Diarrhoea*, each 4 per cent.; *Enteritis*, *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, *Dysentery*, and *Anchylostomiasis*, each 3 per cent.; *Bronchitis*, *Enteric Fever*, *Puerperal Septicaemia*, and *Influenza*, each 2 per cent.; *Prematurity* and *Tetanus*, each 1 per cent.

11. In Colombo too the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 14 per cent. of the total deaths were due. *Debility* (of children under one year) caused 11 per cent.; *Phthisis*, 7 per cent.; *Convulsions*, 5 per cent.; *Influenza* and *Enteritis*, each 4 per cent.; *Diarrhoea*, *Bronchitis*, and *Dysentery*, each 3 per cent.; *Enteric Fever* and *Puerperal Septicæmia*, each 2 per cent.; *Anchylostomiasis*, *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, and *Tetanus*, each 1 per cent.

12. Five deaths (4 males and 1 female) from *Plague* were registered in Colombo, as against 15 in the preceding month, and 1 in the corresponding month of last year.

13. *Infectious Diseases reported*.—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Chickenpox*, of which 148 cases were reported (118 in Colombo, 7 in Nuwara Eliya); *Phthisis* followed with 96 (80 in Colombo); *Enteric Fever* 33, (17 in Colombo); *Continued Fever* 18 (16 in Colombo); *Plague* 12 (in Colombo); *Measles* 8 (7 in Colombo); *Diphtheria* 7 (4 in Kandy); *Dysentery* 6 (4 in Moratuwa); *Whooping Cough* 3 (in Colombo); *Mumps* 1 (in Colombo).

Meteorology.

14. *Rainfall*.—Chilaw recorded the highest rainfall (16·07 in.). In the other towns the rainfall ranged from 12·15 in. in Kurunegala to 0·96 in. in Kalunai. Colombo recorded 11·00 in.

15. *Mean Temperature*.—The mean temperature varied from 84·8° in Trincomalee to 59·4° in Nuwara Eliya, and was 82·2° in Colombo.

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

Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, Deaths, and Stillbirths registered during April, 1927, the Proportion of Births and Deaths per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, the Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 registered Births, together with the Average Birth Rates in the corresponding Months since 1917, 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 the estimated to the middle of 1927 by the Census of 18, 1921.)	Marriages	Births.	Deaths.	Stillbirths.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in Tovai and Jails.	Birth Rate.	Mortality of Children under One Year.		Mean Temperature in °F.													
								Its proportion per annum to 1,000 births registered during the year ended April, 1927.	Its proportion per 1,000 births registered during the year ended April, 1927.														
All 33 Towns ..	597,887	636,332	165	68	236	912	803	1715	772	656	1428	87	52	119	338	32·79	29·39	27·30	314	183	176		
Western.																							
Colombo ..	244,163	261,793	61	34	95	373	319	692	270	246	516	30	19	49	100	32·16	25·09	23·98	133	191	82·2	11·00	
Negombo ..	27,639	28,934	9	4	13	29	21	60	1	1	2	12	1	1	2	31·96	36·57	25·23	10	132	111	8·93	
Moratuwa ..	41,858	44,604	17	17	57	40	97	31	25	56	5	5	3	2	26·52	36·27	15·30	16	165	144	—		
Kalutara ..	13,596	13,981	11	11	23	22	45	28	13	41	2	2	4	11	39·16	37·28	35·68	6	133	131	5·96		
Panadure ..	10,747	11,572	5	—	5	7	12	19	17	12	—	1	1	6	19·98	33·98	30·49	1	53	32	—		
Kandy ..	32,562	34,334	4	10	58	54	112	54	38	92	6	7	13	31	39·69	34·03	32·60	18	161	165	79·4		
Gampola ..	6,202	6,672	—	—	15	9	24	14	9	22	—	1	1	1	11	43·76	36·25	40·12	7	358	358	—	
Naوالاباٽiya ..	3,221	3,750	1	—	1	10	8	18	9	4	13	1	—	1	9	58·40	38·18	42·18	1	75	75	—	
Hatton Dikoya ..	2,940	2,993	1	—	3	5	8	4	5	9	—	—	—	10	21·58	32·26	36·69	—	125	68	—		
Matale ..	7,865	9,023	1	1	2	5	11	16	9	14	23	—	3	3	32·42	34·21	25·05	3	136	117	59·4		
Nuwara Eliya ..	7,525	8,257	—	—	8	14	22	12	5	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4·08		
Galle ..	39,073	39,628	6	2	8	65	64	129	42	50	92	4	5	9	20	39·61	32·47	28·25	21	163	174	82·0	
Arabalangoda ..	3,347	3,983	2	—	2	5	2	7	2	4	—	1	1	1	—	21·38	25·47	12·22	3	428	338	—	
Matale ..	16,779	17,108	11	1	12	28	16	45	18	6	24	2	2	4	7	32·00	33·12	17·07	3	67	59	—	
Welligama ..	9,386	9,386	3	1	4	16	13	29	7	6	13	2	1	3	—	37·59	31·73	16·85	3	103	99	—	
Hambantota ..	2,848	2,999	—	—	1	1	6	3	9	3	2	5	1	1	1	36·51	39·58	20·28	1	111	90	82·2	
Tangalla ..	4,896	5,005	—	—	6	4	10	5	4	9	1	1	1	3	24·31	31·65	21·88	2	200	121	—		
Northern.																35·33	31·20	25·59	24	189	197	84·6	
Jaffna ..	42,436	43,740	14	11	25	64	63	127	46	46	92	1	1	2	—	38·93	34·45	74·62	4	333	310	84·6	
Mannar ..	3,705	3,750	1	—	6	6	6	12	14	9	23	1	1	2	1	50·66	39·20	65·14	2	286	266	553	
Mullaitivu ..	1,563	1,681	—	—	6	1	7	5	4	9	—	—	—	1	35·55	16·63	35·55	—	—	—	1·77		
Vavuniya ..	936	1,027	—	—	1	—	1	2	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Batticaloa ..	10,564	10,818	5	—	5	20	13	33	24	21	45	2	1	3	7	37·12	36·29	50·61	13	394	395	83·4	
Kalmunai ..	2,586	2,616	—	—	4	1	5	5	2	7	—	3	3	2	23·25	40·63	32·56	2	400	210	84·6		
Trincomalee ..	9,414	9,796	1	—	1	10	13	23	17	15	32	—	3	2	28·57	25·80	39·75	6	261	270	84·8		
Kurunegala ..	10,187	11,378	3	1	4	16	10	26	30	16	46	—	2	2	19	27·80	32·44	49·19	11	423	344	83·0	
Pittalam ..	6,905	7,550	—	9	9	14	14	28	11	16	27	1	1	6	45·12	40·71	43·51	6	214	304	82·3		
Kalpitiya ..	1,608	1,619	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	1	1	—	15·04	33·18	15·04	—	—	—	3·20	
Chilaw ..	6,642	7,520	1	—	1	9	4	13	7	7	14	—	1	1	7	21·03	30·66	22·65	3	231	143	—	
North-Central.																7	24·75	22·37	27·22	2	100	109	82·6
Anuradhapura ..	7,781	9,834	2	—	2	12	8	20	12	10	22	—	—	—	7	24·75	22·37	27·22	2	100	109	8·84	
Uva.	8,126	9,061	2	—	2	10	8	18	16	6	22	2	2	4	7	24·17	30·62	29·54	5	278	199	74·6	
Badulla ..	526	533	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	2	3	5	—	—	5	22·83	23·66	114·12	—	—	—	6·22	
Lunugala ..	7,014	7,651	2	—	2	18	13	31	18	26	44	1	2	3	24	49·30	37·56	69·96	5	208	83·0	10·48	
Sebaragamuwa.																7	25·37	29·08	31·72	1	125	74	5·50
Kegalla ..	3,598	3,836	2	—	2	5	3	8	8	2	10	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		

* Blanks indicate that there are no observatories or rain-gauges.

Table II.—Births, Deaths, and Infant Mortality of Residents with their Corresponding Rates for April, 1927.

Provinces and Towns.	Births.*			Birth Rate. April, 1927.	Deaths.			Death Rate (Standardized).		Infant Mortality.†	
	Males.	Females.	Persons.		Males.	Females.	Persons.	April, 1927.	Average for April, 1917-1926.	Number registered during April, 1927.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered during April, 1927.
All 88 Towns	818	714	1,532	29·29	578	506	1,084	22·41	27·02	296	193
<i>Western.</i>											
Colombo	312	268	580	26·96	221	192	413	22·10	25·75	123	212
Negombo	24	39	63	26·49	21	25	46	19·80	26·54	9	143
Moratuwa	57	35	92	25·15	30	23	53	14·76	28·92	16	174
Kalutara	20	19	39	33·94	20	10	30	25·97	21·96	5	128
Panadure	6	12	18	18·93	13	10	23	25·73	16·35	1	56
<i>Central.</i>											
Kandy	55	49	104	36·85	38	23	61	23·67	26·64	16	154
Gampola	14	8	22	40·12	6	5	11	20·73	23·54	6	273
Nawalapitiya	9	6	15	48·67	4	—	4	14·09	39·19	1	67
Hatton-Dikoya	3	5	8	32·52	3	4	7	33·47	33·83	—	—
Matale	5	9	14	18·88	4	9	13	18·72	33·02	1	71
Nuwara Eliya	8	14	22	32·42	10	4	14	22·78	16·22	3	136
<i>Southern.</i>											
Galle	62	60	122	37·46	32	40	72	21·63	24·88	19	156
Ambalangoda	5	2	7	21·38	2	2	4	12·15	—‡	3	428
Matara	27	16	43	30·58	13	4	17	11·86	25·28	3	70
Weligama	16	13	29	37·59	7	6	13	15·60	17·76	3	103
Hambantota	6	3	9	36·51	2	2	4	16·13	29·11	1	111
Tangalla	6	4	10	24·31	3	3	6	14·48	23·48	2	200
<i>Northern.</i>											
Jaffna	63	61	124	34·50	43	45	88	25·36	31·01	24	194
Mannar	6	6	12	38·93	8	6	14	46·32	37·95	4	333
Mullaittivu	6	1	7	50·66	5	3	8	60·26	57·84	2	286
Vavuniya	—	2	2	23·70	—	2	2	27·73	42·99	—	—
<i>Eastern.</i>											
Batticaloa	20	13	33	37·12	18	20	38	44·56	41·60	13	394
Kalmunai	3	1	4	18·60	3	1	4	18·74	—‡	2	500
Trincomalee	10	13	23	28·57	14	15	29	37·68	48·52	6	261
<i>North-Western.</i>											
Kurunegala	14	10	24	25·66	17	10	27	33·55	24·61	11	458
Puttalam	14	14	28	45·12	7	14	21	36·70	42·98	6	214
Kalpitiya	2	—	2	15·04	2	—	2	17·27	—‡	—	—
Ohilaw	7	4	11	17·80	5	2	7	13·05	29·29	3	273
<i>North-Central.</i>											
Anuradhapura	10	7	17	21·03	7	8	15	22·21	49·09	2	118
<i>Uva.</i>											
Badulla	10	8	18	24·17	11	4	15	20·55	33·38	5	278
Lunugala	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—‡	—	—
<i>Sabaragamuwa.</i>											
Ratnapura	15	10	25	39·76	7	13	20	34·68	26·24	5	200
Kegalla	3	2	5	15·86	2	1	3	10·65	13·47	1	200

* Births of infants whose mothers were residents of the towns.

† Deaths of children under 1 year whose mothers were residents of the towns.

‡ Not available.

Table III.—Causes of deaths by Sex registered during April, 1927, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Death	Western Province.												Central Province.												Southern Provinces.																	
	All 33 Towns.												Matale.												Galle.																	
	M	F	Total.	M	F	M	E	M	F	M	F	M	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F						
All Causes	772	656	1,428	270	246	29	31	25	28	13	17	12	54	38	14	8	9	4	4	5	9	14	12	5	42	50	2	2	18	6	7	6	3	2	5*	4						
I.—Infantile Mortality	180	134	314	76	57	2	8	9	7	5	1	—	1	12	6	4	3	1	—	1	1	2	1	3	—	—	3	1	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—						
A.—One Week and under.																																										
1. Prematurity	13	7	20	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	
2. Debility	34	17	51	—	12	—	9	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	
3. Convulsions	11	11	22	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4.a Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	3*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other causes	—	—	2†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																										
1. Prematurity	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	36	31	67	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions	25	21	46	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	3	6	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4.a Enteritis	11	8	14	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	16	15	31	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	—	22†	13§	35	12	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Besides 2 deaths mentioned in Table V., footnote, * 1 death from Cerebral Haemorrhage (in Ratnapura).

† One death each from Crebral Haemorrhage and under development (in Colombo).

‡ Besides 12 deaths mentioned in Table V., footnote ‡, 3 deaths from Vermes (1 each in Kandy and Kurunegala), 1 each from Osteomyelitis (in Nuwara Eliya), Ulceration of Umbilicus (in Jaffna), Malaria Cachexia (in Kurunegala), and Asphyxia (in Galle).

§ Besides 7 deaths mentioned in Table V., footnote §, 1 death each from Spina Bifida and Haemorrhage (in Negombo), Congenital Syphilis (in Matale), Intestinal Obstruction (in Galle), Septicaemia (in Batticaloa), and Erysipelas (in Kurunegala).

Table III.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during April, 1927, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—*continued*.

Causes of Death.	Northern Province.		North-Western Province.		North-Central Province.		Province of Uva.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
All Causes	46	14	9	5	4	1	2	24	21	5	2	17	15
1. Infantile Mortality	14	10	3	1	2	—	—	8	5	1	1	3	3
A.—One Week and under.													
1. Prematurity	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	4	2	2	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tétanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.													
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tétanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(5)

A.—One Week and under.

1. Prematurity

2. Debility

3. Convulsions

4. Diarrhoea

4a. Enteritis

5. Tétanus

6. Bronchitis

7. Pneumonia

8. Other Causes

B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.

1. Prematurity

2. Debility

3. Convulsions

4. Diarrhoea

4a. Enteritis

5. Tétanus

6. Bronchitis

7. Pneumonia

8. Other Causes

Table III.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during April, 1927, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

Causes of Death.		All 38 Towns.		Western Province.		Central Province.		Southern Province.	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	592	522	1,114	194	189	22	18	23	12
1. Plague	4	1	5	4	1	11	11	10	5
2. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	32	1	4	4
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	7	8	15	6	8	3	2	1	1
5. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Pyrexia or Fever	4	4	8	2	1	1	1	1	1
7. Enteric Fever	17	11	23	6	4	2	1	1	1
8. Malaria	22	20	42	1	2	1	1	1	1
9. Malarial Cachexia	11	4	15	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Colera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea	24	24	48	10	5	1	1	1	1
11a. Enteritis	15	19	34	5	6	1	1	1	1
12. Dysentery	27	14	41	8	5	—	—	—	—
13. Ankylostomiasis or Dochmiasis	16	25	41	2	5	1	2	2	1
14. Duodenitis	4	5	9	3	2	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer	38	40	78	17	20	1	1	1	1
15. Phthisis	—	—	—	2	1	2	1	1	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	3	1	4	2	1	—	—	—	—
17. Anaemia	4	2	6	2	1	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus	7	1	8	2	—	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions	17	18	35	4	5	1	2	1	1
20. Tetanus	6	5	11	1	3	1	2	1	1
21. Bronchitis	12	10	22	7	4	1	1	1	1
22. Pneumonia	—	99	72	171	26	27	2	2	3
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	3	1	4	5	3
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	4	7	11	3	4	2	1	1	2
25. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	9	9	—	1	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicaemia	—	26	26	—	10	—	—	—	2
27. Miscarriage	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	—	1
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth	—	7	7	—	4	—	—	—	1
29. Starvation	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence	33	6	39	13	1	3	2	—	2
31. Homicide	3	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	1
32. Suicide	5	1	6	—	—	—	1	—	1
33. Execution	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes	186*	158†	344	66	65	10	10	7	4
						11	2	1	4
						5	7	5	2
						1	—	3	1
						5	4	2	1
						3	—	3	1
						1	—	—	2

* Here are included 38 deaths from Senility, 17 from Heart Disease, 12 from Debility, 8 from Paralysis, and 2 from Cerebral Haemorrhage.

† Here are included 50 deaths from Senility, 15 from Heart Disease, 13 each from Debility and Worms, 11 from Paralysis, 2 from Cerebral Haemorrhage, and 1 from Appendicitis.

Table III.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during April, 1927, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

Table IV.—Number of Births, Deaths, and Stillbirths registered during the Month of April, 1927, 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 1922–1926, in each Sanitary Ward of the City of Colombo.

Wards.	Population (exclusive of the Military and Shipping) at the Census of March 18, 1921.	Population estimated to the middle of 1927 by Intercessional Increase.	Birth.												Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.												Mortality of Children under one year.	
			Stillbirths.				Births.				Deaths of Residents.				Deaths of Non-residents in Town, Towns, Hospitals and Jails.				Per mille.				Per mille per annum.					
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Average for April, 1922–26.	April, 1927.	Death Rate.	Birth Rate.	Average for April, 1922–26.	April, 1927.	Standardized Death Rate, April, 1927.*	Its proportion to the average for April, 1927.	Number registered during April, 1927.	Its proportion to 1,000 births registered during April, 1927.	Year ended last day of April, 1927.	
City of Colombo ..	244,163	281,793	373	319	692	30	19	49	270	246	516	100	413	32	16†	27	54	19.19†	28.84	22.10	133	192	191	—	—	—		
Fort and Galle Face	2,690	2,885	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Pettah ..	7,601	8,150	1	2	3	—	—	—	2	1	3	—	—	3	4.48	3.39	4.48	3.39	4.48	3.31	—	—	2	667	—	—		
St. Paul's ..	23,395	25,084	29	14	43	2	—	2	18	6	24	—	—	23	20.86	16.87	11.16	21.31	—	—	11	256	257	257	257	257	257	
San Sebastian ..	11,492	12,322	8	10	18	1	1	2	9	10	19	—	—	19	17.77	16.72	18.76	21.71	—	—	7	389	312	312	312	312	312	
Kotahena North ..	18,683	20,034	23	18	41	—	—	2	9	11	20	—	—	20	24.90	19.35	12.15	19.51	—	—	6	146	151	151	151	151	151	
Kotahena South ..	27,488	29,473	31	24	55	—	—	—	—	23	22	45	—	—	45	22.70	23.18	18.58	21.81	—	—	13	236	226	226	226	226	226
New Bazaar ..	23,341	25,027	21	30	51	2	—	2	18	31	49	—	—	48	24.79	20.92	23.34	21.34	—	—	16	314	280	280	280	280	280	
Maradana Hospitals ..	—	—	130	113	243	18	11	29	114	90	204	96	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Maradana North ..	30,404	32,593	35	34	69	1	—	1	20	17	37	—	—	37	25.76	22.93	13.81	20.09	—	—	12	174	179	179	179	179	179	
Maradana East ..	8,593	9,214	5	10	15	2	—	2	9	5	14	4	10	19.81	24.86	13.21	21.58	—	—	5	333	249	249	249	249	249		
Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals)	18,531	19,870	14	7	21	—	—	—	13	10	23	—	—	23	12.86	16.76	14.08	15.23	—	—	9	429	322	322	322	322	322	
Slave Island ..	21,564	23,121	34	20	54	2	1	3	14	21	35	—	—	34	28.42	21.00	17.89	17.75	—	—	11	204	216	216	216	216	216	
Kollupitiya ..	23,752	25,468	16	11	27	2	1	3	9	9	18	—	—	18	12.90	12.98	8.60	11.60	—	—	6	185	184	184	184	184	184	
Wellawatta North ..	15,816	16,958	17	17	34	—	2	2	5	5	10	—	—	10	24.39	22.39	7.17	15.72	—	—	3	88	84	84	84	84	84	
Wellawatta South ..	10,813	11,594	9	9	18	—	1	1	6	8	14	—	—	14	18.89	24.30	14.69	14.52	—	—	6	333	245	245	245	245	245	

* Standardized death rates for the wards of the city are not available.

† The city rate is worked differently from the ward rates, and takes into account events in hospitals, &c., of residents not assigned to wards.

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of April, 1927, in each Ward and of
*each Race in the City of Colombo.

Causes of Death.	City of Colombo.			Wards.															
				Fort and Galle Face.				Pettah.				St. Paul's.				San Sebastian.		Kotahena North.	
	M	F	Total.	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes	270	246	516	1	—	2	1	18	6	9	10	9	11	23	22				
I.—Infantile Mortality	76	57	133	—	—	1	1	7	4	3	4	3	3	8	5				
A.—One Week and under.																			
1. Prematurity			1																
2. Debility	12	9	21																
3. Convulsions	3	2	5																
4. Diarrhoea																			
4a. Enteritis																			
5. Tetanus																			
6. Bronchitis																			
7. Pneumonia																			
8. Other Causes	2*	2†	4																
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																			
1. Prematurity			1																
2. Debility	19	15	34																
3. Convulsions	7	7	14																
4. Diarrhoea	1	1	2																
4a. Enteritis	8	1	9																
5. Tetanus	2	—	2																
6. Bronchitis	1	2	3																
7. Pneumonia	9	10	19																
8. Other Causes	12‡	7§	19																
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	194	189	383	1	—	1	—	11	2	6	6	6	6	8	15	17			
1. Plague		4	1	5													1		
2. Smallpox		—	—	—													3	1	1
3. Chickenpox		—	—	—													1	1	1
4. Measles		—	—	—													1	1	1
5. Influenza		6	8	14													1	1	1
6. Pyrexia or Fever		2	3	5													1	1	1
7. Enteric Fever		6	4	10													1	1	1
8. Malaria		1	2	3													1	1	1
9. Malarial Cachexia		—	—	—													1	1	1
10. Cholera		—	—	—													1	1	1
11. Diarrhoea		10	5	15													2	2	3
11a. Enteritis		5	6	11													1	1	1
12. Dysentery		8	5	13													2	1	1
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmias Duo-denalis		2	5	7													1	1	1
14. Cancer		3	2	5													1	1	3
15. Phthisis		17	20	37													1	1	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases		2	1	3													1	1	1
17. Anaemia		2	1	3													1	1	1
18. Diabetes Mellitus		2	—	2													1	1	1
19. Convulsions		4	5	9													2	2	2
20. Tetanus		1	3	4													1	1	1
21. Bronchitis		7	4	11													1	1	1
22. Pneumonia		26	27	53	1	—											2	2	2
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System		3	1	4													1	1	1
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis		3	4	7													1	1	1
25. Puerperal Eclampsia		—	1	1													1	1	1
26. Puerperal Septicaemia		10	10														1	1	1
27. Miscarriage		—	1	1													1	1	1
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth		—	4	4													1	1	1
29. Starvation		—	—	—													1	1	1
30. Accidents and Negligence		13	1	14													1	1	1
31. Homicide		—	—	—													1	1	1
32. Suicide		—	—	—													1	1	1
33. Execution		—	1	—													2	1	4
34. All Other Causes		66	65¶	131													2	1	4

* From Cerebral Haemorrhage.

† One death each from Cerebral Haemorrhage and Underdevelopment.

‡ Five deaths from Influenza, and 1 each from Intestinal obstruction, Worms, Toxaemia, Syphilis, Maldevelopment, Dysentery, and Parasitic Stomatitis.

§ Two deaths each from Influenza and Syphilis, and 1 each from Thrush, Meningitis, and Rickets.

|| Here are included 13 deaths from Senility, and 10 from Heart Disease,

¶ Here are included 20 deaths from Senility, 6 from Heart Disease, and 5 each from Debility and Worms.

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of April, 1927, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo—continued.

Causes of Death.	Wards.																Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals).		Slave Island.		Kollupitiya.		Wellawatta North.	
	New Bazaar.				Maradana Hos- pitals.				Meredana 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	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes	18	31	114	90	20	17	9	5	13	10	14	21	9	9	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
I.—Infantile Mortality	10	6	18	14	7	5	3	2	6	3	5	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
A.—One Week and under.																								
1. Prematurity																								
2. Debility																								
3. Convulsions																								
4. Diarrhoea																								
4a. Enteritis																								
5. Tetanus																								
6. Bronchitis																								
7. Pneumonia																								
8. Other Causes																								
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																								
1. Prematurity																								
2. Debility																								
3. Convulsions																								
4. Diarrhoea																								
4a. Enteritis																								
5. Tetanus																								
6. Bronchitis																								
7. Pneumonia																								
8. Other Causes																								
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	8	25	101	76	13	12	6	3	7	7	7	9	15	6	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	
1. Plague																								
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 Duodenitis																								
14. Cancer																								
15. Phthisis																								
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases																								
17. Anaemia																								
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 Septicaemia																								
27. Miscarriage																								
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth																								
29. Starvation																								
30. Accidents and Negligence																								
31. Homicide																								
32. Suicide																								
33. Execution																								
34. All Other Causes	1	11	36	24	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	5	3	4	1							

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of April, 1927, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo—*continued.*

Causes of Death.	Wards.		Death among all Races.																		Others.			
	Wellawatta South.		Europeans.				Burgers.				Sinhalese.				Tamil.				Moors.				Malays.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes ..	6	8	3	1	12	12	135	147	50	34	47	39	10	9	13	4								
I.—Infantile Mortality ..	4	2	—	—	4	2	36	33	14	11	14	8	6	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																								
1. Prematurity ..			1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other Causes ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																								
1. Prematurity ..			1	2	—	—	—	—	2	1	8	6	3	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2. Debility ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other Causes ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over) ..	2	6	3	1	8	10	99	114	86	23	33	31	4	8	11	2								
1. Plague ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Smallpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	2	1	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Chickenpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Influenza ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Pyrexia or Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Enteric Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Malaria ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
9. Malarial Cachexia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
10. Cholera ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
11. Diarrhoea ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
11a. Enteritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
12. Dysentery ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmias Duo-denalis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
14. Cancer ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
15. Phthisis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	13	3	2	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
17. Anaemia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
18. Diabetes Mellitus ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
19. Convulsions ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
20. Tetanus ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
21. Bronchitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
22. Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	17	3	4	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
25. Puerperal Eclampsia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	
26. Puerperal Septicaemia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
27. Miscarriage ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
29. Starvation ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
30. Accidents and Negligence ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	
31. Homicide ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
32. Suicide ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
33. Execution ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
34. All Other Causes ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	1	5	5	32	37	12	6	12	14	1	2	2	