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W E E K L Y H E A L T H I N D E X

Washington, D. C., October 1, 1918.--As a health index the Bureau of the Census is publishing each week mortality reports from the largest cities in the United States.

There are given for each city the total number of deaths reported (stillbirths excluded), the death rate, the number of deaths under one year of age, and the proportion of infant deaths to total deaths.

Where the data are obtainable for the previous five years, averages for the corresponding weeks are given for each city.

As weekly figures always fluctuate widely, caution must be used in their interpretation. However, these totals, rates, and percentages permit valuable comparisons and serve as a ready health index for health officers and others.

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I N F L U E N Z A E P I D E M I C

	Boston	Cambridge	Lowell	Washington, D.C.
Deaths from influenza	600	82	16	12
Deaths from pneumonia (all forms)	175	23	16	17

Influenza deaths in Boston for week ending Sept. 21 numbered 172 and for week ending Sept. 14 only 19.
Pneumonia (all forms) in Boston for week ending Sept. 21 numbered 93 and for week ending Sept. 7 only 8.

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Deaths (stillbirths excluded) reported during the week ending September 28, 1918, with death rates, in large cities of the United States.

C I T Y	Estimated population July 1, 1917. ^a	Week ending September 28, 1918.				Average of corresponding weeks 1912 - 1916			
		Total deaths	Death rate ^b	Deaths under 1 year	Deaths under 1 year per cent of total	Total deaths	Death rate ^b	Deaths under 1 year	Deaths under 1 year per cent of total
Total for all cities	22,771,190	6,743	15.4	976	14.5	c	c	c	c
Albany ^d	106,632	29	14.2	3	10.3	c	c	c	c
Atlanta	196,144	40	10.6	3	7.5	c	c	c	c
Baltimore ^e	594,637	194	17.0	38	19.6	172	15.5	45	25.9
Birmingham	189,716	41	11.3	5	12.2	49	15.3	7	13.9
Boston	767,813	1992	167.4	68	6.9	202	14.4	47	23.5
Buffalo	475,781	145	15.9	43	29.7	108	12.4	34	31.1
Cambridge	114,293	140	163.9	10	7.1	23	11.0	7	30.2
Chicago	2,547,201	623	12.8	109	17.5	585	12.8	132	22.5
Cincinnati	414,248	104	13.1	14	13.5	c	c	c	c
Cleveland	691,251	156	11.8	39	25.0	c	c	c	c
Columbus	220,035	62	14.7	13	21.0	c	c	c	c
Dayton	128,939	33	13.3	2	6.1	25	10.5	4	17.6
Denver	268,439	78	15.2	5	6.4	57	12.2	c	c
Fall River ^d	129,828	60	24.1	14	23.3	c	c	c	c
Grand Rapids	132,861	38	14.9	9	23.7	c	c	c	c
Indianapolis	283,119	55	10.1	6	10.9	c	c	c	c
Jersey City	312,557	98	16.3	12	12.2	c	c	c	c
Kansas City, Mo.	305,816	76	13.0	8	10.5	c	c	c	c
Los Angeles	535,485	111	10.8	7	6.3	98	11.6	10	10.4
Los Angeles	240,808	72	15.6	10	13.9	c	c	c	c
Louisville	114,366	160	127.4	9	15.0	33	15.7	11	31.7
Lowell	151,877	58	19.9	5	8.6	c	c	c	c
Memphis	445,068	107	12.5	34	31.8	94	11.7	23	24.0
Milwaukee	373,448	88	12.3	19	21.6	c	c	c	c
Minneapolis	118,136	41	18.1	4	9.8	c	c	c	c
Nashville	418,789	92	11.5	14	15.2	91	12.2	c	c
Newark	152,275	46	15.8	6	13.0	c	c	c	c
New Haven	377,010	129	16.6	8	6.7	118	17.1	12	10.5
New Orleans	5,737,492	1209	11.0	191	15.8	1254	12.3	280	22.3
New York	177,777	27	7.9	3	11.1	c	c	c	c
Omaha	1,735,514	587	17.6	96	16.4	438	13.5	94	21.4
Philadelphia ^e	586,196	201	17.9	45	22.4	c	c	c	c
Pittsburgh	308,399	47	7.9	8	17.0	c	c	c	c
Portland, Oreg.	259,395	91	18.3	14	15.4	c	c	c	c
Providence	158,702	45	14.8	6	13.3	c	c	c	c
Richmond	264,714	68	13.4	10	14.7	c	c	c	c
Rochester	768,630	175	11.9	19	10.9	c	c	c	c
St. Louis	252,465	44	9.1	1	2.3	c	c	c	c
St. Paul	471,023	116	12.8	10	8.6	c	c	c	c
San Francisco	366,445	66	9.4	9	13.6	42	7.1	6	14.6
Seattle	157,656	19	6.3	1	5.3	c	c	c	c
Spokane	158,514	76	25.0	8	10.5	c	c	c	c
Syracuse	202,010	71	18.3	16	22.5	58	16.3	12	21.5
Toledo	369,282	142	120.1	22	15.5	105	15.5	15	14.3
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- a Populations have been estimated by the arithmetical method. Owing to recent unusual migrations of the population and to the fact that 1917 is far away from the last census year, the estimates are probably too high in some cases and too low in others.
- b These rates represent annual rates per 1,000 estimated population.
- c Not available.
- d Deaths for week ending Friday, September 27, 1918.
- e The figures for average deaths were based on statistics of 1915 and 1916.
- f Influenza epidemic (see page 1.)