

## THE RECENT TREND OF MORTALITY IN ENGLAND AND WALES

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IN continuation of the tables given in *J.I.A.* Vol. LXXI, pp. 411-12, the central death rates in age groups for males and females separately in the year 1940 are shown in Table 1, and the ratios of these death rates to the corresponding rates for the years 1930-31-32 are shown in Table 2. Both the deaths and the populations from which the death rates have been derived are limited to civilians, but civilian deaths due to the war are included. The exclusion of men and women in the armed forces should be borne in mind when studying the trend of mortality in the younger adult age groups; it has also had a disturbing effect (in the case of men) on the rates for the broader age groups at the foot of the tables and on the crude rate for all ages combined.

*Table 1. England and Wales*

Death rates for age groups in the year 1940

Age group	Males	Females
0-4	·01752	·01363
5-9	·00212	·00180
10-14	·00148	·00131
15-19	·00276	·00232
20-24	·00480	·00286
25-29	·00404	·00287
30-34	·00412	·00301
35-39	·00509	·00364
40-44	·00671	·00467
45-49	·00983	·00662
50-54	·01528	·00957
55-59	·02318	·01387
60-64	·03421	·02201
65-69	·05028	·03529
70-74	·07762	·05837
75-79	·13051	·09781
80-84	·20208	·15381
85 & over	·30320	·26743
Under 1	·06631	·05000
1-19	·00276	·00236
20-44	·00494	·00339
45-64	·01975	·01240
65 & over	·08788	·07312
All ages (Crude rate)	·01613	·01286

Table 2. England and Wales

Ratios of death rates in the year 1940 to the rates for 1930-31-32

Age group	Males	Females
0-4	·816	·809
5-9	·926	·887
10-14	·987	·910
15-19	1·082	1·009
20-24	1·463	1·018
25-29	1·224	·938
30-34	1·132	·901
35-39	1·067	·924
40-44	1·040	·953
45-49	1·056	·985
50-54	1·168	1·009
55-59	1·212	·998
60-64	1·172	1·031
65-69	1·080	1·045
70-74	1·043	1·051
75-79	1·108	1·051
80-84	1·124	1·041
85 & over	1·075	1·079
Under 1	·867	·876
1-19	·868	·822
20-44	1·190	·955
45-64	1·195	1·036
65 & over	1·090	1·069
All ages (Crude rate)	1·269	1·144