

Minister of Trade and Commerce

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS - CANADA
VITAL STATISTICS BRANCHDEATHS FROM EXTERNAL VIOLENCE, 1938.

According to a report issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the number of deaths in Canada from external violence during the year 1938 was 7,196 (preliminary figures), as compared with 7,358 in 1937 and 7,463 in 1936. The rate per 100,000 population was 64 in 1938 as against 66 in 1937 and 68 in 1936. Over the period 1926-38, the highest death rate recorded from external violence was 73 in 1930.

Suicides numbered 946 in 1938 as compared with 978 in 1937 and 928 in 1936. The death rate from suicide was 8.5 in 1938 as against 8.8 in 1937 and 8.4 in 1936. The highest death rate for suicides recorded during the whole period was 9.9 in 1930.

There were 127 homicides in 1938, giving a rate of 1.1 per 100,000 population. These figures compared with 138 deaths and a rate of 1.2 in 1937, and 137 deaths with the same rate in 1936. The highest homicide rate during the period 1926-38 was 2.1 in 1930.

The number of violent deaths other than suicides and homicides in 1938 was 6,123 and the rate 55 per 100,000, as compared with 6,242 deaths and a rate of 56 in 1937 and 6,398 deaths with a rate of 58 in 1936. The rate from these causes attained its highest level, 61 per 100,000 in the three years 1928-30.

Drownings in 1938 exclusive of those occurring in mines and in land or air transportation, numbered 873 or 14 per cent of the total of fatal accidents. Land transportation accounted for 1,905 deaths or 31 per cent of the total. Of these, deaths in automobile accidents numbered, 1,545 or 25 per cent of all accidental deaths. Excluding those cases where an automobile was involved, there were 197 deaths in railway accidents, and 29 in street-car accidents. Accidents in mines and quarries accounted for 193 deaths. There were 23 persons killed during the year in accidents of air transportation.

Deaths from external violence in Canada (1) by provinces, 1938.

Province	Total external violence		Suicide		Homicide		Other violent deaths		
	Number	Rate per 100,000 Population	Number	Rate per 100,000 Population	Number	Rate per 100,000 Population	Number	Rate per 100,000 Population	
Prince Edward Island	36	38.3	3	3.2	-	-	33	35.1	
Nova Scotia	373	68.1	42	7.7	2	0.4	329	60.0	
New Brunswick	255	57.3	20	4.5	4	0.9	231	51.9	
Quebec	1,759	55.5	135	4.3	26	0.8	1,598	50.4	
Ontario	2,750	73.7	359	9.6	44	1.2	2,347	62.9	
Manitoba	444	61.7	91	12.6	7	1.0	346	48.1	
Saskatchewan	401	42.6	78	8.3	14	1.5	309	32.8	
Alberta	456	58.2	99	12.6	15	1.9	342	43.7	
British Columbia	722	94.9	119	15.6	15	2.0	588	77.3	
Canada	1938	7,196	64.3	946	8.5	127	1.1	6,123	54.7
	1937	7,358	66.3	978	8.8	138	1.2	6,242	56.2
	1936	7,463	67.8	928	8.4	137	1.2	6,398	58.1
	1935	6,898	63.2	905	8.3	153	1.4	5,840	53.5
	1934	6,469	59.8	927	8.6	142	1.3	5,400	50.0
	1933	6,216	58.3	922	8.6	147	1.4	5,147	48.3
	1932	6,645	63.3	1,024	9.8	158	1.5	5,463	52.1
	1931	7,172	69.2	1,004	9.7	172	1.7	5,996	57.9
	1930	7,478	73.3	1,010	9.9	214	2.1	6,254	61.3
	1929	7,151	71.4	835	8.3	182	1.8	6,134	61.2
	1928	6,925	70.5	751	7.6	150	1.5	6,024	61.3
	1927	6,268	65.1	759	7.9	124	1.3	5,385	56.0
	1926	5,869	62.2	680	7.2	126	1.3	5,063	53.6

(1) Not including Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

