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DEATHS FROM EXTERNAL VIOLENCE, 1940.

According to a report issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the number of deaths in Canada from external violence during the year 1940 was 7,368 (preliminary figures), as compared with 7,173 in 1939 and 7,205 in 1938. The rate per 100,000 population was 65 in 1940 as against 63 in 1939 and 64 in 1938. Over the period 1926-40 the highest death rate recorded from external violence was 73 in 1930.

Suicides numbered 944 in 1940 as compared with 978 in 1939 and 948 in 1938. The death rate from suicide was 8.3 in 1940 as against 8.7 in 1939 and 8.5 in 1938. The highest death rate for suicides recorded during the whole period was 9.9 in 1930.

There were 147 homicides in 1940, giving a rate of 1.3 per 100,000 population. These figures compared with 124 deaths and a rate of 1.1 in 1939, and 127 deaths and a rate of 1.1 in 1938. The highest homicide rate during the period 1926-40 was 2.1 in 1930.

The number of violent deaths other than suicides and homicides in 1940 was 6,277 and the rate was 55 per 100,000 as compared with 6,071 deaths and a rate of 54 in 1939 and 6,130 deaths with a rate of 55 in 1938. The rate from these causes attained its highest level, 61 per 100,000 in the three years 1928-30.

Drownings in 1940 exclusive of those occurring in mines and in land or air transportation, numbered 787 or 13 per cent of the total fatal accidents. Land transportation accounted for 2,066 deaths or 33 per cent of the total. Of these, deaths in automobile accidents numbered 1,709 or 27 per cent of all accidental deaths. Excluding those cases where an automobile was involved there were 204 deaths in railway accidents and 28 in street-car accidents. Accidents in Mines and quarries accounted for 124 deaths. There were 78 persons killed during the year in accidents of air transportation.

Deaths from external violence in Canada (1), by provinces, 1940.

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
P.E.I.	49	51.0	5	5.2	1	1.0	43	44.8
N.S.	399	71.3	28	5.0	5	0.9	366	65.4
N.B.	284	62.1	28	6.1	-	-	256	56.0
Que.	1,637	50.3	156	4.8	24	0.7	1,457	44.8
Ont.	2,890	76.5	336	8.9	55	1.5	2,499	66.2
Man.	404	55.1	61	8.3	10	1.4	333	45.4
Sask.	443	46.3	94	9.8	16	1.7	333	34.8
Alta.	509	63.9	96	12.1	20	2.5	393	49.4
B.C.	753	96.8	140	18.0	16	2.1	597	76.7
Canada 1940	7,368	64.6	944	8.3	147	1.3	6,277	55.0
1939	7,173	63.5	978	8.7	124	1.1	6,071	53.7
1938	7,205	64.4	948	8.5	127	1.1	6,130	54.8
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.



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Year	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
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