

Table 20. Infant mortality rates and international rankings: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries, selected years 1960–2008

Updated data when available, Excel, PDF, and more data years: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2011.htm#020>.

[Data are based on reporting by OECD countries]

Country ²	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2006	2007	2008	International rankings ¹	
									1960	2008
Infant ³ deaths per 1,000 live births										
Australia	20.2	17.9	10.7	8.2	5.2	4.7	4.2	4.1	6	21
Austria	37.5	25.9	14.3	7.8	4.8	3.6	3.7	3.7	20	13
Belgium	31.4	21.1	12.1	8.0	4.8	4.0	3.9	3.7	18	13
Canada	27.3	18.8	10.4	6.8	5.3	5.0	5.1	---	13	---
Chile	120.3	79.3	33.0	16.0	8.9	7.6	8.3	7.8	28	28
Czech Republic	20.0	20.2	16.9	10.8	4.1	3.3	3.1	2.8	5	7
Denmark	21.5	14.2	8.4	7.5	5.3	3.5	4.0	4.0	9	19
Finland	21.0	13.2	7.6	5.6	3.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	7	3
France	27.7	18.2	10.0	7.3	4.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	14	15
Germany	35.0	22.5	12.4	7.0	4.4	3.8	3.9	3.5	19	11
Greece	40.1	29.6	17.9	9.7	5.9	3.7	3.5	2.7	21	5
Hungary	47.6	35.9	23.2	14.8	9.2	5.7	5.9	5.6	24	24
Iceland	13.0	13.2	7.7	5.9	3.0	1.4	2.0	2.5	1	1
Ireland	29.3	19.5	11.1	8.2	6.2	3.6	3.1	3.8	16	15
Israel ⁴	---	22.7	15.6	9.9	5.5	4.0	3.9	3.8	---	15
Italy	43.9	29.6	14.6	8.1	4.3	3.6	3.5	3.3	23	8
Japan	30.7	13.1	7.5	4.6	3.2	2.6	2.6	2.6	17	3
Mexico	92.3	80.9	52.6	39.2	19.4	16.2	15.7	15.2	27	30
Netherlands	16.5	12.7	8.6	7.1	5.1	4.4	4.1	3.8	3	15
New Zealand	22.6	16.7	13.0	8.4	6.3	5.1	4.8	5.0	11	23
Norway	16.0	11.3	8.1	6.9	3.8	3.2	3.1	2.7	2	5
Poland	54.8	36.7	25.5	19.3	8.1	6.0	6.0	5.6	25	24
Portugal	77.5	55.5	24.3	10.9	5.5	3.3	3.4	3.3	26	8
Republic of Korea	---	45.0	---	---	---	4.1	3.6	3.5	---	11
Slovak Republic	28.6	25.7	20.9	12.0	8.6	6.6	6.1	5.9	15	26
Spain	43.7	28.1	12.3	7.6	4.4	3.5	3.5	3.3	22	8
Sweden	16.6	11.0	6.9	6.0	3.4	2.8	2.5	2.5	4	1
Switzerland	21.1	15.1	9.1	6.8	4.9	4.4	3.9	4.0	8	19
Turkey	189.5	145.0	117.5	†51.5	31.6	16.9	15.9	14.9	29	29
United Kingdom	22.5	18.5	12.1	7.9	5.6	5.0	4.8	4.7	10	22
United States	26.0	20.0	12.6	9.2	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.6	12	27

--- Data not available.

†Break in series. See OECD website for updated data and additional information. Available at: <http://www.oecd.org/home/>.

††Data are estimated (shown in spreadsheet version). See OECD website for updated data and additional information. Available at: <http://www.oecd.org/home/>.

¹Rankings are from lowest to highest infant mortality rates (IMR). Countries with the same IMR receive the same rank. The country with the next highest IMR is assigned the rank it would have received had the lower-ranked countries not been tied, i.e., skip a rank. The latest year's international rankings are based on 2008 data because that is the most current data year for which most OECD countries have reported their final data.

²Refers to countries, territories, cities, or geographic areas with at least 2.5 million population and with complete counts of live births and infant deaths according to the United Nations Demographic Yearbook.

³Under 1 year of age.

⁴The statistical data for Israel are supplied by and under the responsibility of the relevant Israeli authorities. The use of such data by the OECD is without prejudice to the status of the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem, and Israeli settlements in the West Bank under the terms of international law.

NOTES: Some rates for selected countries and selected years were revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*. Data for additional years are available. See [Appendix III](#).

SOURCE: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Health Data 2011, incorporating revisions to the annual update. Available from: <http://www.oecd.org/home/>. See [Appendix I, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\) Health Data](#).