

Table 13. Infant mortality rates and international rankings: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries, selected years 1960–2012

Updated data when available, Excel, PDF, and more data years: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2015.htm#013>.

[Data are based on reporting by OECD countries]

Country ²	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2011	2012	International rankings ¹	
									1960	2012
Infant ³ deaths per 1,000 live births										
Australia	20.2	17.9	10.7	8.2	5.2	4.1	3.8	3.3	5	11
Austria	37.5	25.9	14.3	7.8	4.8	3.9	3.6	3.2	19	10
Belgium	31.4	21.1	12.1	8.0	4.8	3.6	3.4	3.8	17	20
Canada	27.3	18.8	10.4	6.8	5.3	5.0	4.8	---	12	---
Chile	120.3	79.3	33.0	16.0	8.9	7.4	7.7	7.4	27	26
Czech Republic ⁴	20.0	20.2	16.9	10.8	4.1	2.7	2.7	2.6	4	4
Denmark	21.5	14.2	8.4	7.5	5.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	8	13
Finland	21.0	13.2	7.6	5.6	3.8	2.3	2.4	2.4	6	2
France	27.7	18.2	10.0	7.3	4.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	13	15
Germany ⁵	35.0	22.5	12.4	7.0	4.4	3.4	3.6	3.3	18	11
Greece	40.1	29.6	17.9	9.7	5.9	3.8	3.4	2.9	20	6
Hungary	47.6	35.9	23.2	14.8	9.2	5.3	4.9	4.9	23	23
Ireland	29.3	19.5	11.1	8.2	6.2	3.6	3.5	3.5	15	15
Israel ⁶	---	24.2	15.6	9.9	5.5	3.7	3.5	3.6	---	17
Italy	43.9	29.6	14.6	8.1	4.3	3.2	2.9	2.9	22	6
Japan	30.7	13.1	7.5	4.6	3.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	16	1
Korea	---	45.0	---	---	---	3.2	3.0	2.9	---	6
Mexico	92.3	---	52.6	32.5	20.8	14.1	13.7	13.3	26	28
Netherlands	16.5	12.7	8.6	7.1	5.1	3.8	3.6	3.7	2	19
New Zealand	22.6	16.7	13.0	8.4	6.3	5.5	5.2	---	10	---
Norway	16.0	11.3	8.1	6.9	3.8	2.8	2.4	2.5	1	3
Poland	56.1	36.4	25.4	19.4	8.1	5.0	4.7	4.6	24	22
Portugal	77.5	55.5	24.3	10.9	5.5	2.5	3.1	3.4	25	13
Slovak Republic ⁴	28.6	25.7	20.9	12.0	8.6	5.7	4.9	5.8	14	24
Spain	43.7	28.1	12.3	7.6	4.4	3.2	3.1	3.1	21	9
Sweden	16.6	11.0	6.9	6.0	3.4	2.5	2.1	2.6	3	4
Switzerland	21.1	15.1	9.1	6.8	4.9	3.8	3.8	3.6	7	17
Turkey	---	---	---	---	28.9	12.2	11.7	11.6	---	27
United Kingdom	22.5	18.5	12.1	7.9	5.6	4.2	4.2	4.1	9	21
United States	26.0	20.0	12.6	9.2	6.9	6.1	6.1	6.0	11	25

--- Data not available.

¹Break in series. See OECD website for additional information. Available from: <http://www.oecd.org/>.

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 2012 data because that is the most current data year for which most countries have reported their final data to OECD. Countries without an estimate in the OECD database are omitted from this table. Relative rankings for individual countries may be affected if not all countries have reported data to OECD.

²Refers to countries, territories, cities, or geographic areas with at least 2.5 million population in 2000 (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Population Division 172 World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision, Volume 1: Comprehensive Tables. Available from: http://esa.un.org/wpp/Documentation/pdf/WPP2012_Volume-I_Comprehensive-Tables.pdf) and with complete counts of live births and infant deaths according to the United Nations Demographic Yearbook.

³The infant mortality rate is defined as the number of deaths of children under one year of age, expressed per 1,000 live births. Some of the international variation in infant mortality rates is due to variations among countries in registering practices for premature infants. See OECD website for additional information. Available at: <http://www.oecd.org/>.

⁴In 1993, Czechoslovakia was divided into two nations, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Data for years prior to 1993 are from the Czech and Slovak regions of Czechoslovakia.

⁵Until 1990, estimates refer to the Federal Republic of Germany; from 1995 onward data refer to Germany after reunification.

⁶Statistical 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.

NOTE: Some rates for selected countries and selected years were revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*.

SOURCE: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Health Data 2015, incorporating revisions to the annual update. Available from: <http://www.oecd.org/>. See Appendix I, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Health Data.