

Baltimore City Health Department
WEEKLY LETTER TO THE MAYOR

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In his WEEKLY LETTER TO THE MAYOR dated September 3, 1971, the Commissioner of Health wrote:

Dear Mayor:

According to a report recently released by the National Safety Council, Baltimore City's accidental death rate is third lowest of 14 cities with a population over 500,000. Only Chicago and New York have accidental death rates lower than Baltimore. The death rates are estimates of the rates for the year 1971 and are based on the number of deaths reported by the cities during 1971 to the Safety Council and on the previous experience of the particular city. The statistics are based on deaths which occurred within the boundaries of the cities. The ranks of the cities and those estimated 1971 death rates per 100,000 population are as follows:

1. Chicago, Ill.	- 15.5	8. Phoenix, Ariz.	- 40.3
2. New York, N.Y.	- 28.4	9. Washington, D.C.	- 41.5
3. Baltimore, Md.	- 32.5	10. Kansas City, Mo.	- 44.4
4. Dallas, Texas	- 33.3	11. San Francisco, Cal.	- 45.3
5. Detroit, Mich.	- 35.1	12. Seattle, Wash.	- 49.7
6. Indianapolis, Ind.	- 37.4	13. Cleveland, Ohio	- 58.5
7. Denver, Col.	- 38.2	14. New Orleans, La.	- 64.3

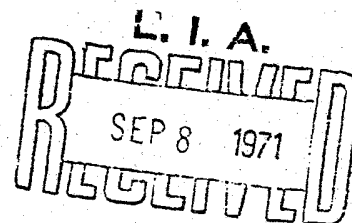
Miss Alice M. Sundberg, Director of the City Health Department's Bureau of Public Health Nursing and new Vice-President of the Home Safety Division of the Baltimore Safety Council, points out that through August 26, 1971, 220 deaths of Baltimore City residents were due to accidents. During the comparable period of 1970 there were 218 accidental deaths. Of the 220 accidental deaths recorded thus far in 1971, a total of 77 were home accidents and 90 were due to automobile accidents. When compared to a similar period in 1970, home accidents in 1971 show a slight decrease while automobile accidents show a slight increase. Other public accidents decreased from 42 in 1970 to 30 in 1971; industrial accidents increased from 7 in 1970 to 23 in 1971.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Robert E. Farber, M.D.

Commissioner of Health

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BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 1971

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WEEKLY SUMMARY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS
AND INFANT MORTALITY

	Week Ending September 2, 1971			Week Ending September 3, 1970		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NONWHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NONWHITE
BIRTHS	N U M B E R					
Total recorded	415	254	161	431	232	199
Residents only	295	134	161	295	110	185
DEATHS						
Total recorded	215	126	89	231	150	81
Residents only	190	105	85	194	116	78
INFANT DEATHS						
Total recorded	13	4	9	7	6	1
Residents only	10	1	9	6	5	1
BIRTHS	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR YEAR TO DATE					
Total recorded	14,921	8,386	6,535	15,684	9,124	6,560
Residents only	10,204	4,094	6,110	10,594	4,477	6,117
DEATHS						
Total recorded	8,489	5,654	2,835	8,965	6,047	2,918
Residents only	6,866	4,174	2,692	7,249	4,467	2,782
INFANT DEATHS						
Total recorded	359	159	200	397	202	195
Residents only	281	91	190	276	97	179
BIRTHS	RESIDENT RATES* FOR YEAR TO DATE					
	16.8	12.8	21.4	17.4	13.6	21.7
DEATHS	11.3	13.0	9.4	11.9	13.6	9.9
INFANT MORTALITY	27.5	22.2	31.1	26.1	21.7	29.3

* BIRTH AND DEATH RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION; INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS;
ALL RATES COMPUTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

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WEEKLY STATISTICAL REPORT
CASES OF REPORTABLE DISEASES, NON-RESIDENTS EXCLUDED

WEEK ENDING September 2, 1971

DISEASE	CASES			YEAR TO DATE CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF CASES	
	CURRENT WEEK	7 YEAR RANGE*		1971	1970
		HIGH	LOW		
Tuberculosis, active.....	2	22	12	292	338
Syphilis, primary and secondary....	9	8	2	231	186
Gonococcal infections.....	106	233	74	7,181	7,533
Infectious hepatitis.....	7	12	0	211	191
Meningococcal infections.....	1	3	0	14	11
Meningitis, other.....	2	9	0	41	83
Encephalitis, infectious.....	0	33	0	1	2
Measles.....	0	7	0	15	722
German measles.....	0	2	0	45	191
Mumps.....	1	9	0	286	553
Chickenpox.....	2	2	0	269	421
Diphtheria.....	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping cough.....	0	2	0	7	9
Streptococcal infections.....	5	5	0	187	84
Poliomyelitis (paralytic cases)....	0	0	0	0	0
Typhoid fever.....	0	0	0	0	1
Salmonellosis.....	12	8	0	326	237
Dysentery.....	13	12	0	428	70
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	1	1	0	6	8
Lead poisoning.....	0	3	0	9	18
Influenza.....	0	0	0	2	5
Other reportable diseases.....	17	-	-	334	326

MORTALITY BY MAJOR CAUSES, NON-RESIDENTS EXCLUDED

CAUSE OF DEATH	CURRENT WEEK	7 YEAR RANGE*		YEAR TO DATE CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF DEATHS	
		HIGH	LOW	1971	1970
	TOTAL				
All Causes.....	190	209	163	6,866	7,249
Diseases of the heart.....	64	81	51	2,548	2,839
Cancer, all forms.....	40	50	35	1,262	1,320
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	10	23	9	476	479
Diseases of the arteries and veins.	3	12	2	200	227
Influenza and pneumonia.....	4	5	2	145	169
Diabetes.....	7	7	2	206	244
Cirrhosis of liver.....	11	9	3	224	220
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	3	2	0	53	59
Nephritis.....	2	3	0	30	36
Puerperal causes.....	0	1	0	3	4
Malformations and diseases of early infancy.....	6	8	3	220	205
Suicides.....	2	3	0	54	63
Homicides.....	6	7	2	197	153
Accidents					
Home.....	2	4	0	79	95
Industrial.....	0	1	0	23	8
Automobile.....	1	3	0	91	81
Other public.....	2	3	0	32	44
Other external causes.....	0	-	-	34	25
Other specified causes.....	27	-	-	989	978

* THE HIGH AND LOW FIGURES SHOWN ARE DERIVED FROM THE NUMBER OF CASES AND DEATHS FOR THE COMPARABLE WEEK FOR THE PERIOD 1964-1970

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