

# Epidemiology

## Births and Deaths in England and Wales in 1965

The infant mortality rate in England and Wales fell to a new low figure in 1965, being 19.0 per thousand live births, compared with 19.9 in 1964. The stillbirth rate at 15.7 per thousand total births was also a record low figure. The live birth rate was 18.1 per thousand population, which is much the same as in the previous two years. The death rate was 11.5 per thousand population and has not altered appreciably for ten years. These are provisional statistics issued by the Registrar-General.

## Infectious Diseases

Areas where numbers of notifications were high in the latest two weeks for which figures are available.

		Week Ending	
		22 Jan.	29 Jan.
<b>Influenza Deaths</b>			
Derbyshire	...	1	10
Lancashire	...	11	14
Staffordshire	...	6	16
Warwickshire	...	3	10
Yorkshire West Riding	...	1	14

## Food-poisoning

	22 Jan.	29 Jan.
Yorkshire West Riding	10	65
Halifax C.B.	0	10
Sheffield C.B.	2	42
Edinburgh	30	46
Fife county	0	34

## Influenza

Influenza is still epidemic in Great Britain and is in general mild. Of the 111 deaths from it in England and Wales in the week ending 29 January 57 (about 50%) were of persons aged 75 and over. The 58 deaths in the previous week were similarly distributed by age.

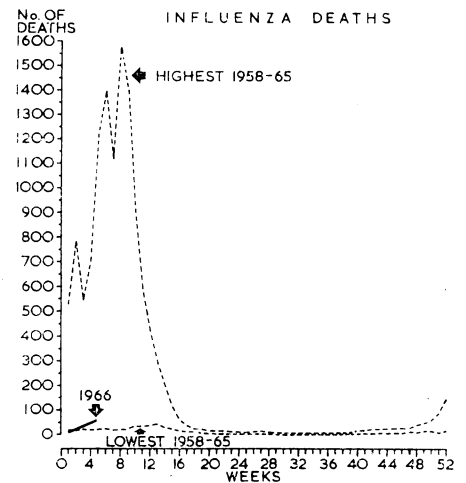
Virus B has been further isolated from different parts of the country, mainly in schoolchildren. Both A and B strains are thought to be infecting adults.

Deaths from pneumonia numbered 1,461 and from bronchitis 1,282 in England and Wales in the week ending 29 January. These were 602 and 545 (or about 70%) higher than in the corresponding week last year.

Weekly new claims for sickness benefit are about 30% higher than last year.

## Graphs of Infectious Diseases

The graph below shows the uncorrected numbers of deaths from influenza in England and Wales. Figures for 1966 are compared with the highest and lowest figures for each week in the previous years shown.



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending 22 January (No. 4) and corresponding week 1965.

Figures of cases are for the countries shown and for Greater London. Figures of deaths and births are for the whole of England and Wales (London included), Greater London, the 17 principal towns in Scotland, the 10 principal towns in Northern Ireland, and the 14 principal towns in Eire. A blank space denotes disease not notifiable or no return available. The table is based on information supplied by the Registrars-General of England and Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Eire, the Ministry of Health and Local Government of N. Ireland, and the Department of Health of Eire.

CASES	1966					1965					DEATHS					1966					1965				
	Eng. & Wales	Gtr. Lnd†	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lnd.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Gtr. Lnd†	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lnd.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lnd.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	2	2	1	0		0	2	0	2		Diphtheria ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dysentery ..	434	49	105	5	8	365	178	8	2		Dysentery ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis, acute ..	0	0		0		5			0		Encephalitis, acute ..				0										0
Enteric fever: Typhoid ..	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		Enteric fever ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid ..	5	0	0	0	0	3	1B	0	0		Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years	3	2	0	0	1	12	2	1	1					
Food-poisoning	131	32	46	0		90	2	0			Influenza ..	58	7	2	1	21	1	0	0	0					
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years				5	41				9	28	Measles ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles* ..	3,569	205	30	56	145	13,306	421	170	121		Meningococcal infection ..			0		1									
Meningococcal infection ..	9	0	5	0	2	9	4	4		Pneumonia ..	1,173	195	33		28	878	23	21	21						
Ophthalmia neonatorum ..	12	5	1	0		15	0	0		Poliomyelitis acute ..	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pneumonia† ..	245	34	147	3	9	223	134	3	2		Scarlet fever ..	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis, acute: Paralytic ..	0	0	1	0		2	0	0	0		Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	59	10	4	1	2	41	7	1	6					
Non-paralytic ..	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		Non-respiratory ..				0	0			0	0					
Puerperal fever§	90	31	4	0		121	8	0		Whooping-cough	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0					
Scarlet fever ..	518	59	36	25	10	575	31	19	9		Deaths 0 1 year	330	64	14	12	16	332	33	19	9					
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	257	38	41	10		281	40	14		Deaths (excluding stillbirths)	13,997	2219	704	181	216	11,987	723	155	267						
Non-respiratory ..	43	10	8	0		45	8	3		<b>LIVE BIRTHS</b>	16,277	2685	917	308	365	16,591	1017	246	460						
Whooping-cough	336	46	19	15	6	257	31	2	15	<b>STILLBIRTHS</b>	271	45	12			293	22								

\* Measles not notifiable in Scotland, whence returns are approximate. † Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia. § Includes puerperal pyrexia. ‡ Not comparable with London A.C.