

Table 33—Maori Puerperal Deaths and Death-rates for the Ten Years 1939 to 1948 Inclusive

Cause of Death.	1939.		1940.		1941.		1942.		1943.	
	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.
Puerperal sepsis following childbirth	3	0·73	6	1·41	3	0·73	3	0·70	..	..
Accidents of labour (hæmorrhage, thrombosis, phlegmasia, embolism, and following childbirth, not otherwise defined)	12	2·92	7	1·64	9	2·18	7	1·62	6	1·35
Toxæmia, albuminuria, and eclampsia	2	0·49	1	0·23	1	0·24	4	0·93	3	0·68
Accidents of pregnancy .. .. .	..	..	3	0·70	1	0·24	1	0·25	..	..
Total maternal causes (excluding septic abortion) ..	17	4·13	17	3·99	14	3·39	15	3·48	9	2·03
Septic abortion	2	0·49	3	0·70	2	0·48	5	1·16	1	0·23
Total (including septic abortion) .. .. .	..	4·62	..	4·69	..	3·87	..	4·64	..	2·26

Cause of Death.	1944.		1945.		1946.		1947.		1948.	
	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.
Puerperal sepsis following childbirth	3	0·67	4	0·86	1	0·17	..	..	2	0·40
Accidents of labour (hæmorrhage, thrombosis, phlegmasia, embolism following childbirth, not otherwise defined)	6	1·33	3	0·65	15	2·60	8	1·61	7	1·41
Toxæmia, albuminuria, and eclampsia	2	0·44	..	..	3	0·52	1	0·20	..	..
Accidents of pregnancy	2	0·44	2	0·43	3	0·52	2	0·40	..	..
Total maternal causes (excluding septic abortion) ..	13	2·88	9	1·94	22	3·81	11	2·21	9	1·82
Septic abortion	2	0·44	..	..	1	0·17	..	..	..	..
Total (including septic abortion) .. .. .	..	3·32	..	1·94	..	3·98	..	2·21	..	1·82

Table 34—Maternity Hospital Statistics, 1948

	Private Hospitals.	Public Hospitals.	St. Helens Hospitals.	Alexandra Home, Wellington.	Totals.
Number of hospitals	112	126	4	1	243
Number of beds	774	1,428	106	19	2,327
Admissions for ante-natal treatment	660	2,461	139	4	3,264
Admissions for delivery	15,982	28,247	2,264	414	46,907
Confined at full term	15,362	26,595	2,125	401	44,483
Confined between seventh month and full term	620	1,266	102	10	1,998
Total confinements	15,982	27,861	2,227	411	46,481
Abortion	23	105	2	..	130
Instrumental delivery	2,201	2,857	126	96	5,280
Induction—					
Medical	988	2,253	147	8	3,396
Surgical	816	1,282	59	42	2,199
Combined	293	608	97	18	1,016
Manual removal of placenta	97	* 234	27	1	359
Hæmorrhages—					
Accidental	42	170	6	3	221
Unavoidable (placenta prævia)	32	174	8	1	215
Post-partum	145	467	53	6	671
Eclampsia	28	61	6	..	95
Deaths of infants born alive	134	360	24	3	521
Still-births	251	506	29	4	790
Morbidity—					
Not notifiable (mild)	233	1,132	76	3	1,444
Notifiable (puerperal pyrexia)	79	808	88	10	985
Maternal deaths—					
Non-puerperal	2	2	..	..	4
Puerperal	11	21	1	..	33
Total	13	23	1	..	37