

VITAL STATISTICS OF PUERTO RICO

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VIOLENT DEATHS: A total of 263 deaths from external causes has been registered during the first quarter of the year 1932, in comparison with 247 deaths from such causes during the same period of the year 1931. To this total, accidents have contributed with 127 deaths in 1932 and 130 deaths in 1931, suicides with 87 deaths in 1932, and 86 deaths in 1931, and homicides with 49 deaths in 1932 and 31 deaths in 1931.

TABLE I

SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTAL DEATHS IN PUERTO RICO FOR THE
MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1932

Type of Accident	Age of the deceased				
	All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-64	65 & Over
GRAND TOTAL.....	127	22	25	73	7
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS (TOTAL).....	18			16	2
Agriculture.....	4			2	2
Mining and Quarrying.....	1			1	
Manufacturing.....	2			2	
Construction.....	2			2	
Transportation & Public Utilities.....	6			6	
Professional Service.....	1			1	
Other Occupational Accidents.....	2			2	
HOME ACCIDENTS (TOTAL).....	38	16	9	10	3
Falls.....	1		1		
Burns, Scalds and Explosions.....	18	13	3	1	1
Asphyxiation and Suffocation.....	1	1			
Firearms.....	2		1	1	
Poisons.....	5	2	1	2	
Other Home Accidents.....	11		3	6	2
MOTOR-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS (TOTAL).....	31	3	7	20	1
Collision with Pedestrian.....	16	3	5	7	1
Collision with Other Motor Vehicle.....	6			6	
Collision with Fixed Object.....	1			1	
Non-Collision.....	6		1	5	
Not Stated.....	2		1	1	
PUBLIC ACCIDENTS, NOT MOTOR VEHICLE (TOTAL) ..	40	3	9	27	1
Railroad.....	5		1	4	
Other Vehicle.....	6		4	2	
Falls.....	7		1	6	
Drowning.....	16	1		14	1
Other Public Accidents.....	6	2	3	1	

SUICIDES: According to the age of the deceased and the means of injury, the suicides registered during the first three months of 1932 and 1931, are classified as follows:

TABLE II

DEATHS FROM SUICIDES OCCURRING IN PUERTO RICO DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1932 AND 1931

Suicides	All Ages		Age of the deceased					
			0-14		15-64		65 & Over	
	1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931
TOTAL.....	87	86	3	4	81	77	3	5
By Poisons.....	33	31	2	2	31	27	.....	2
By Hanging.....	24	28	1	2	22	24	1	2
By Drowning.....	2	2	.....	.....	2	1	.....	1
By Firearms.....	19	23	.....	.....	18	23	1	.....
By Cutting or Piercing Instruments.....	2	2	.....	.....	1	2	1	.....
By Jumping from High Places.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Other Suicides.....	5	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....

HOMICIDES: There has been an increase of 18 deaths in the homicides occurring during the first three months of 1932, in comparison with those occurring during the same period of 1931. The classification of these homicides by the age of the deceased and by means of injury, is as follows:

TABLE III

DEATHS FROM HOMICIDES OCCURRING IN PUERTO RICO DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1932 AND 1931

Homicides	All Ages		Age of the deceased					
			0-14		15-64		65 & Over	
	1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931
TOTAL.....	49	31	3	—	45	31	1	—
By Firearms.....	17	16	1	.....	16	16	.....	.....
By Cutting or Piercing Instruments.....	26	11	1	.....	24	11	1	.....
Other Homicides.....	6	4	1	.....	5	4	.....	.....

MORTALITY FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1932: During the second quarter of 1932, an increase of 601 deaths was registered in the general mortality of Puerto Rico, as compared with that recorded for the same period in 1931. Those caused by malaria (89) and influenza (75) being the most important in the group of transmissible diseases, in which there was a general decrease of 22 deaths. On the other hand, increases were recorded in the following causes: tuberculosis 120, syphilis 45, and measles, 17.

TABLE I

DEATHS FROM TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES IN PUERTO RICO DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 1932 AND 1931

Int'l List No.	Cause of deaths	April		May		June		Total	
		1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931
	All transmissible diseases . . .	728	733	803	754	683	749	2,214	2,236
1.....	Typhoid and paratyphoid . . .	9	4	9	10	8	9	26	23
7.....	Measles . . .	3	.....	9	1	7	1	19	2
9.....	Whooping cough . . .	12	9	14	14	8	20	34	43
10.....	Diphtheria . . .	3	2	5	4	.....	8	8	14
11-ab....	Influenza . . .	3	34	3	35	3	15	9	84
13-abc....	Dysentery (all forms) . . .	7	12	10	13	10	8	27	33
22.....	Tetanus . . .	33	38	35	38	35	34	103	110
23-32....	Tuberculosis (all forms) . . .	386	372	440	374	396	356	1,222	1,102
34.....	Syphilis . . .	33	25	46	18	27	18	106	61
36.....	Septicemia . . .	26	18	13	21	10	25	49	64
38.....	Malaria . . .	211	216	217	226	179	254	607	696
15.....	Erysipelas . . .	2	3	2	.....	.....	1	4	4

OTHER IMPORTANT CAUSES: Among the other important causes of death, the following show decreases: senility (39), pneumonia (25), cerebral hemorrhage (5), and the puerperal causes (3); while increases have been registered in diarrhea and enteritis—two years and over—(205), diarrhea and enteritis—under two years—(91), diseases of the heart (55), broncho-pneumonia (46), other diseases of early infancy (congenital debility excepted) (43), congenital debility (38), cancer (30) and bronchitis (22).

The number of deaths recorded from every one of these causes during the months of April, May and June, 1932 and 1931, is shown in the following table:

TABLE II

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN IMPORTANT CAUSES REGISTERED IN PUERTO RICO
DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1932 AND 1931

Int'l List No.	Cause of deaths	April		May		June		Total	
		1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931
	All these Causes.....	1,508	1,426	1,627	1,460	1,764	1,531	4,899	4,417
108-109..	Pneumonia.....	101	102	121	133	95	107	317	342
79-a.....	Simple meningitis.....	17	14	16	11	11	16	44	41
82-abcd..	Cerebral hemorrhage.....	35	35	25	35	31	26	91	96
130-132..	Nephritis (acute and chronic)...	170	214	178	143	176	157	524	514
140-150..	Puerperal causes.....	33	45	28	28	33	24	94	97
107-ab...	Broncho-pneumonia.....	163	143	179	146	176	183	518	472
119.....	Diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years).....	321	256	340	333	398	379	1,059	968
120.....	Diarrhea and enteritis (2 years and over).....	147	113	183	106	223	129	553	348
158.....	Congenital debility.....	128	132	145	137	157	123	430	392
159-161..	Other diseases peculiar to early infancy.....	44	22	40	25	29	23	113	70
40-44....	Uncinariasis and other diseases due to intestinal parasites...	22	36	47	43	64	43	133	122
90-95....	Diseases of the heart.....	139	128	129	134	165	116	433	378
106.....	Bronchitis.....	68	51	67	55	69	76	204	182
45-53....	Cancer.....	59	47	59	53	62	50	180	150
162.....	Senility.....	61	88	70	78	75	79	206	245

SUMMARY: The table below gives a summary of the precedent data, as well as that referring to the number of violent deaths and to deaths from causes not specified or ill-defined, which occurred during the months already mentioned. This table gives also the total number of deaths from all causes registered in each month and the total number for the quarter.

TABLE III

SUMMARY OF THE MORTALITY REGISTERED IN PUERTO RICO DURING THE
MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 1932 AND 1931

Int'l List No.	Cause of deaths	April		May		June		Total	
		1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931
	All causes.....	2,670	2,429	2,821	2,624	2,847	2,684	8,338	7,737
Table I...	All transmissible diseases.....	728	733	803	754	683	749	2,214	2,236
Table II..	Other important causes.....	1,508	1,426	1,627	1,460	1,764	1,531	4,899	4,417
163-194..	Violent deaths.....	89	70	99	86	103	85	291	241
199-200..	Ill-defined and not specified....	116	113	84	143	35	118	255	374
	All other causes.....	229	87	208	181	242	201	679	469