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## VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1942

# Population and Housing etc.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for mid-year 1942 was 62,650 compared with 65,770 in the previous year.

The estimated number of inhabited houses at the end of 1941 was 15,593, 20 less than the previous year.

The rateable value stands at £473,109, showing an increase of £2343 and the sum represented by a penny rate is £1920, an increase of £45.

## Births

The total number of live births was 1102. This figure is arrived at after correction as far as possible for abnormal conditions and it gives a birth rate of 17.59 compared with 14.9 for 1941. The total number of births occurring in the Borough was 1917 compared with 1862 for 1941. Sunnyside Maternity Home contributed 646 of this number.

## Deaths

The number of deaths was 831 compared with 878 for the previous year. This gives a crude death rate of 13.2, the lowest for over 30 years. The Registrar General was again unable to provide a comparability factor. Taking the one given previously - .82 - a corrected figure of 10.87 is arrived at compared with 11.6 for England and Wales.

There were only three deaths from Influenza, compared with 17 for 1941. Deaths from Tuberculosis numbered 38 compared with 36 for 1941.

Deaths ascribed to road traffic accidents were 14 compared with 7 for 1941. Suicides again numbered 4, the same as last year. These figures are the lowest since the last war.

# Infant and Maternal Mortality

Deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 46, giving a rate of 41.74 per thousand live births. This figure compares with 49.1 for last year and with 49 for England and Wales.

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