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## BIRTHS FOR FEBRUARY, 1912.

Total births, 4,053 (stillbirths excluded). State rate, 18.7.  
 Males, 2,121; females, 1,932.  
 White males, 2,083; white females, 1,892.  
 Colored births, 78: males, 38; females, 40.  
 Stillbirths: White, 120; colored, 1.  
 Northern Sanitary Section, population 927,229; rate, 18.1.  
 Central Sanitary Section, population 1,114,087; rate, 16.9.  
 Southern Sanitary Section, population 659,560; rate, 22.6.  
 Highest rate, Daviess County, 35.4.  
 Lowest rate, Parke County, 5.1.

## ABSTRACT OF MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY, 1912.

Total number of deaths, 2,985; rate, 13.7. In the same month last year, 2,909; rate, 14. In the preceding month, 3,186; rate, 13.7. Deaths by important ages were: Under 1 year, 295, or 9.8 per cent. of the total; 1 to 4, 132; 5 to 9, 48; 10 to 14, 42; 15 to 19, 62; 65 and over, 1,042, or 34.9 per cent. of the total.

**SANITARY SECTIONS:** The Northern Sanitary Section, population 939,532, reports 955 deaths; rate, 12.8. In the same month last year, 944 deaths; rate, 13.2. In the preceding month, 1,091 deaths; rate, 13.7.

**THE CENTRAL SANITARY SECTION,** population 1,127,217, reports 1,289 deaths; rate, 14.4. In the same month last year, 1,221 deaths; rate, 14.2. In the preceding month, 1,379 deaths; rate, 14.4.

**THE SOUTHERN SANITARY SECTION,** population 663,757, reports 741 deaths; rate, 14. In the same month last year, 740 deaths; rate, 14.

**REVIEW OF SECTIONS:** The Northern Section presents the lowest death rate. It also shows the lowest death rate for tuberculosis. The Central Section shows the lowest death rate for typhoid. The Southern Section the lowest death rate for diphtheria. The highest death rate for cancer appears in the Southern Section, also for influenza.

**RURAL:** Population 1,566,212, reports 1,567 deaths; rate, 12.6. It is 1.1 lower than the rate for the whole State. In the same month last year, 1,540 deaths; rate, 12.5.

**CITIES:** Total population 1,644,294, report 1,418 deaths; rate, 15.3. In the same month last year, 1,359 deaths; rate, 15. In the preceding month, 1,565 deaths; rate, 15.8. The cities named present the following death rates: Indianapolis, 16.6; Evansville, 16.1; Fort Wayne, 12.9; Terre Haute, 14.2; South Bend, 14.4; Muncie, 9.8; Richmond, 12.2; Anderson, 8.8; Hammond, 17.9; New Albany, 15.8; Lafayette, 19.9.

## SUMMARY OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY FOR FEBRUARY, 1912.

The most prevalent disease was influenza. Bronchitis, which for three months has been the most prevalent, fell to second place. The order of disease prevalence was as follows: Influenza, bronchitis, tonsillitis, scarlet fever, rheumatism, pneumonia, pulmonary tuberculosis, typhoid fever, diphtheria and membranous croup, chicken pox, measles, diarrhea, smallpox, tuberculosis, other forms; erysipelas, whooping-cough, puerperal fever, malaria fever, cholera morbus, intermittent and remittent fever, rabies in animals, inflammation of the bowels, cholera infantum, rabies in human, cerebro spinal fever, poliomyelitis, dysentery.

**POLIOMYELITIS:** Number of cases reported, 6. There were no deaths from this disease during the month. The cases reported were in the following counties: Laporte County, 4; Lawrence, 1; Marion, 1.