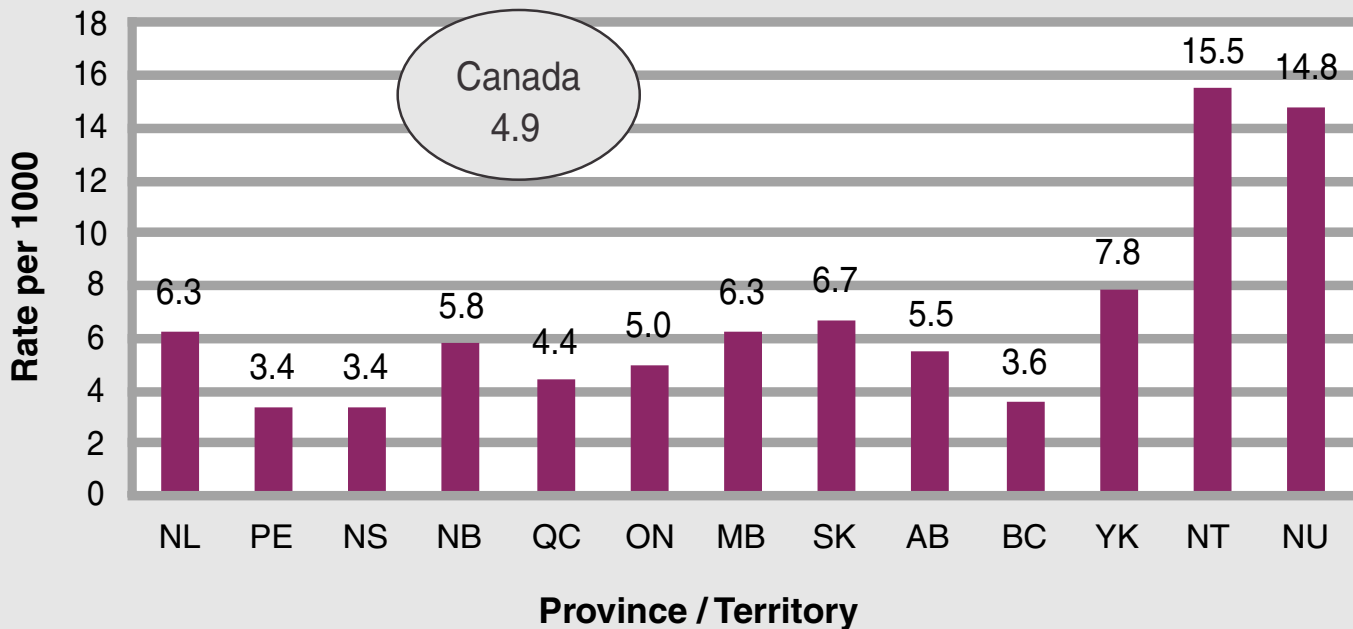




### 3.5.11 Infant Death

**Fig. 3.5.11 Infant death rates, for Canada, the provinces and territories, 2009**



Adapted from the Statistics Canada CANSIM database <http://cansim2.statcan.gc.ca>, table no. 102-0507. Accessed on July 10, 2012.

In 2009, 1,911 infants died in Canada, for a death rate of 4.9/1,000. The trend in infant death rates was relatively stable at 5.3/1,000 in 1999 compared with 4.9/1,000 in 2009.<sup>1</sup> In 2009, the highest infant death rates were reported in the Northwest Territories (15.5/1,000), Nunavut (14.8/1,000) and the Yukon (7.8/1,000). The lowest infant death rates were reported in Prince Edward Island (3.4/1,000), Nova Scotia (3.4/1,000) and British Columbia (3.6/100,000). In 2009, the overall infant death rate in Canada was 4.9/1,000.

<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada (2008), Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth and Death Databases and population estimates.

### Implications

Although the Public Health Agency of Canada considers Canada's overall infant mortality rate to be in line with other OECD countries,<sup>2</sup> some populations and certain communities experience much higher rates of infant death.

<sup>2</sup> Public Health Agency of Canada (2008). The Chief Public Health Officer's Report on The State of Public Health in Canada 2008. Accessed on May 29, 2012, at [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/cphorsphc-respcacsp/2008/fr-rc/cphorsphc-respcacsp06c-eng.php](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/cphorsphc-respcacsp/2008/fr-rc/cphorsphc-respcacsp06c-eng.php).

