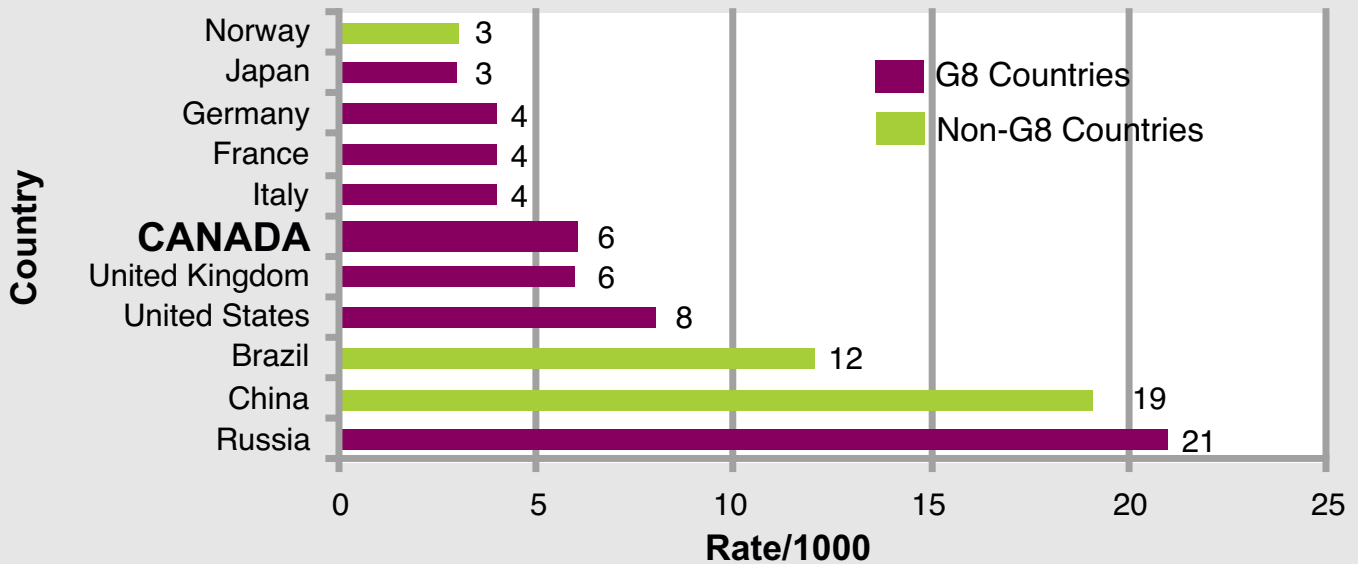




5.3.7 Deaths

Fig. 5.3.7 Death rates, children under 5 years of age*, G8[†] and selected countries, 2009



*Probability of dying between birth and exactly age 5, expressed per 1,000 live births.

[†]G8 (Group of Eight) refers to the forum of governmental leaders of eight large, industrialized nations: the United States, Japan, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Canada, and Russia.

UNDP, *International Human Development Indicators*, as of May 15, 2011. Available at: <http://hdrstats.undp.org/en/indicators/57506.html>. Accessed on June 29, 2012.

Among the G8 countries, Canada's death rate for children less than five years ranks 5th behind Japan, Germany, France, and Italy. The rate is lower than that of the United States and significantly lower than Russia's death rate for this age group.

Implications

In Canada, many children under five lead healthy and happy lives. However, barriers to access and social and economic deprivation for some populations in Canada make providing a good start to life a daunting task.

