

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

WASHINGTON

November 6, 1931.

Mr. Louis Koch,
Koch Cancer Foundation,
7835 East Jefferson Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Koch:

As requested in your letter of October 28, I submit below a table showing the death rate from cancer in the five largest cities in the United States in 1920 and 1930.

Five largest cities 1930	Death rate : from cancer : 1929	Five largest cities 1920	Death rate : from cancer : 1920
New York City	115.4	New York City	107.9
Chicago	107.0	Chicago	104.9
Philadelphia	135.8	Philadelphia	103.9
Detroit	74.5	Detroit	96.7
Los Angeles ^{1/}	128.1	Cleveland ^{2/}	93.8

^{1/} In 1920 the rate was 96.8.

^{2/} In 1929 the rate was 104.2.

Very truly yours,

T. F. Murphy

T. F. Murphy, M. D.,
Chief Statistician for Vital Statistics.

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1920 & 1929 Cancer Death Rates For following Cities

City of:	1920	1929	Percent change
New York City	107.9	115.4	+ 7% ↑
Chicago	104.9	107.0	+ 2% ↑
Philadelphia	103.9	135.8	+ 31% ↑
Detroit	96.7	74.5	- 23% ↓
Los Angeles	96.8	128.1	+ 32% ↑
Cleveland	93.8	104.2	+ 11% ↑