

## Vital Statistics.

GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Four Metropolitan Areas and of the nine Suburban Areas of the Dominion for the Month of February, 1917:—

	Population, Census, 1916.	Total Births registered.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1917.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 1917.
				Males.			Females.					
				Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.			
Auckland City .. .. .	68,889	120	1.74	4	..	22	4	2	27	59	0.86	
Remainder of Metropolitan Area ..	65,210	135	2.07	5	2	18	1	..	22	48	0.74	
Total for Auckland Metropolitan Area ..	134,099	255	1.90	9	2	40	5	2	49	107	0.80	
Wellington City .. .. .	73,285	166	2.27	12	2	24	7	..	17	62	0.85	
Remainder of Metropolitan Area ..	21,923	49	2.24	..	..	4	..	..	1	5	0.23	
Total for Wellington Metropolitan Area ..	95,208	215	2.26	12	2	28	7	..	18	67	0.70	
Christchurch City .. .. .	55,389	102	1.84	2	1	17	4	3	17	44	0.79	
Remainder of Metropolitan Area ..	37,024	73	1.97	3	2	12	2	..	9	28	0.76	
Total for Christchurch Metropolitan Area ..	92,413	175	1.89	5	3	29	6	3	26	72	0.78	
Dunedin City .. .. .	55,204	124	2.25	7	1	23	4	..	17	52	0.94	
Remainder of Metropolitan Area ..	13,525	38	2.81	..	..	8	..	1	4	13	0.96	
Total for Dunedin Metropolitan Area ..	68,729	162	2.36	7	1	31	4	1	21	65	0.95	
Gisborne Borough .. .. .	9,178	21	2.29	..	..	4	..	..	6	10	1.09	
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	3,486	14	4.02	..	..	1	1	1	..	3	0.86	
Total for Gisborne Suburban Area ..	12,664	35	2.76	..	..	5	1	1	6	13	1.03	
Napier Borough .. .. .	12,699	21	1.65	1	..	4	1	..	2	8	0.63	
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	2,044	6	2.94	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	0.98	
Total for Napier Suburban Area ..	14,743	27	1.83	1	..	5	1	..	3	10	0.68	
New Plymouth Borough .. .. .	8,704	22	2.53	3	..	3	..	..	1	7	0.80	
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	1,091	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total for New Plymouth Suburban Area ..	9,795	22	2.25	3	..	3	..	..	1	7	0.71	
Wanganui Borough .. .. .	14,380	34	2.36	1	..	1	..	..	4	6	0.42	
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	5,166	12	2.32	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	0.39	
Total for Wanganui Suburban Area ..	19,546	46	2.35	1	..	3	..	..	4	8	0.41	
Palmerston North Borough .. .. .	12,827	25	1.95	..	1	4	..	..	4	9	0.70	
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	1,176	3	2.55	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.85	
Total for Palmerston North Suburban Area ..	14,003	28	2.00	..	1	4	..	..	5	10	0.71	
Nelson City .. .. .	8,752	17	1.94	2	1	6	2	..	3	14	1.60	
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	1,138	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total for Nelson Suburban Area ..	9,890	17	1.72	2	1	6	2	..	3	14	1.42	
Greymouth Borough .. .. .	4,860	8	1.65	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	0.62	
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	3,496	6	1.72	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	0.86	
Total for Grey Valley Boroughs Suburban Area ..	8,356	14	1.68	1	..	5	..	..	..	6	0.72	
Timaru Borough .. .. .	12,236	26	2.12	..	..	3	..	..	2	5	0.41	
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	1,703	4	2.35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total for Timaru Suburban Area ..	13,939	30	2.15	..	..	3	..	..	2	5	0.36	
Invercargill Borough .. .. .	14,172	25	1.76	..	..	4	1	..	2	7	0.49	
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	3,698	3	0.81	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.27	
Total for Invercargill Suburban Area ..	17,870	28	1.57	..	..	5	1	..	2	8	0.45	
Grand Totals .. .. .	511,255	1,054	2.06	41	10	167	27	7	140	392	0.77	

The Census figures quoted above are provisional statements only, being based on the preliminary calculations of the various Enumerators.