

## Vital Statistics.

REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Four Metropolitan Areas and of the Nine Suburban Areas of the Dominion for the Month of September, 1920:—

	Estimated Population as at 1st January, 1920	Total Births registered, September, 1920.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1920.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, Sept., 1920
				Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.			
				Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.				
Auckland City .. .. .	73,852	147	1.99	4	2	42	2	1	42	93	1.26		
Remainder of Metropolitan Area ..	70,794	123	1.74	6	1	26	1	1	27	62	0.88		
Total for Auckland Metropolitan Area	144,646	270	1.87	10	3	68	3	2	69	155	1.07		
Wellington City .. .. .	81,301	153	1.88	12	6	33	8	4	28	91	1.12		
Remainder of Metropolitan Area ..	19,597	38	1.94	..	1	9	1	1	3	15	0.77		
Total for Wellington Metropolitan Area	100,898	191	1.89	12	7	42	9	5	31	106	1.05		
Christchurch City .. .. .	61,104	134	2.19	6	4	30	5	3	32	80	1.31		
Remainder of Metropolitan Area ..	40,643	89	2.19	2	4	15	2	3	13	39	0.96		
Total for Christchurch Metropolitan Area	101,747	223	2.19	8	8	45	7	6	45	119	1.17		
Dunedin City .. .. .	57,935	105	1.81	6	2	33	4	5	30	80	1.38		
Remainder of Metropolitan Area ..	14,113	24	1.70	1	2	2	1	1	5	12	0.85		
Total for Dunedin Metropolitan Area	72,048	129	1.79	7	4	35	5	6	35	92	1.28		
Gisborne Borough .. .. .	11,022	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	3,344	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total for Gisborne Suburban Area*	14,366	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Napier Borough .. .. .	13,785	34	2.47	1	2	3	..	2	3	11	0.80		
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	2,598	5	1.92	..	..	4	..	..	2	6	2.31		
Total for Napier Suburban Area	16,383	39	2.38	1	2	7	..	2	5	17	1.04		
New Plymouth Borough .. .. .	9,820	32	3.26	..	..	6	2	1	5	14	1.43		
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	1,231	1	0.81	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.81		
Total for New Plymouth Suburban Area	11,051	33	2.99	1	..	6	2	1	5	15	1.36		
Wanganui Borough .. .. .	15,363	39	2.54	3	..	5	..	..	10	18	1.17		
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	6,415	15	2.34	..	..	1	..	..	4	5	0.78		
Total for Wanganui Suburban Area	21,778	54	2.48	3	..	6	..	..	14	23	1.06		
Palmerston North Borough .. .. .	13,617	27	1.98	..	..	7	..	1	3	11	0.81		
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	1,249	3	2.40	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.80		
Total for Palmerston North Suburban Area	14,866	30	2.02	..	..	8	..	1	3	12	0.81		
Nelson City .. .. .	9,107	8	0.88	1	..	4	..	..	8	13	1.43		
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	1,233	4	3.24	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.81		
Total for Nelson Suburban Area	10,340	12	1.16	1	..	5	..	..	8	14	1.35		
Greymouth Borough .. .. .	4,960	10	2.02	..	..	7	1	..	1	9	1.81		
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	3,535	8	2.25	..	..	4	..	..	1	5	1.41		
Total for Grey Valley Boroughs Suburban Area	8,495	18	2.12	..	..	11	1	..	2	14	1.65		
Timaru Borough .. .. .	13,230	22	1.66	..	1	10	..	2	4	17	1.28		
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	1,598	1	0.63	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total for Timaru Suburban Area	14,823	23	1.55	..	1	10	..	2	4	17	1.15		
Invercargill Borough .. .. .	14,867	49	3.30	1	..	7	..	1	12	21	1.41		
Remainder of Suburban Area ..	3,859	6	1.55	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	0.78		
Total for Invercargill Suburban Area	18,726	55	2.94	1	..	8	..	1	14	24	1.28		
Grand totals .. .. .	550,172	1,077	1.96	44	25	251	27	26	235	608	1.11		

\* Returns not yet received