

The total births registered for the fifteen urban areas amounted to 1,071, as against 1,048 in August—an increase of 23. The deaths in September were 543—a decrease of 75 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 293, females 250. Eighty-one of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14.9 per cent. of the whole number. Sixty-nine of these were under one year of age.

The rates per 1,000 of mean population in September, 1921 and 1922, were as follows:—

Urban Area.	Birth Rate.		Death Rate.	
	Sept., 1921.	Sept., 1922.	Sept., 1921.	Sept., 1922.
Auckland .. .. .	1.57	1.68	0.85	0.85
Wellington .. .. .	1.77	1.66	0.90	0.81
Christchurch .. .. .	1.69	1.62	0.91	1.03
Dunedin .. .. .	1.85	1.42	0.82	0.95
Hamilton .. .. .	*	2.14	*	0.87
Gisborne .. .. .	2.15	2.75	0.55	0.74
Napier .. .. .	1.40	1.81	0.87	0.45
Hastings .. .. .	*	2.44	*	0.81
New Plymouth .. .. .	2.69	2.66	1.34	0.96
Wanganui .. .. .	2.17	1.49	0.77	0.70
Palmerston North .. .. .	1.78	1.88	0.59	0.51
Nelson .. .. .	1.41	1.01	1.41	0.74
Grey Valley boroughs .. .. .	2.03	2.02	1.20	1.31
Timaru .. .. .	1.68	1.68	0.97	0.94
Invercargill .. .. .	1.87	1.48	0.68	0.71
Totals for all areas .. .. .	1.74†	1.70	0.87†	0.86

\* Not available.

† Exclusive of Hamilton and Hastings urban areas.

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the fifteen urban areas during the month of September, 1922:—

Age-group.	URBAN AREAS.										Total.	
	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Others.		Males.	Females.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
Under 5 years .. .. .	10	8	10	6	10	5	3	5	17	7	50	31
5 and under 10 years..	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	5	2
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	3	1	..	..	3	1	..	2	1	4	7
15 " 20 " .. .. .	3	2	1	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	5	6
20 " 25 " .. .. .	5	2	..	..	2	1	..	1	1	4	8	8
25 " 30 " .. .. .	1	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	2	3	5	7
30 " 35 " .. .. .	4	..	1	4	1	2	1	..	..	2	7	8
35 " 40 " .. .. .	1	2	2	..	5	4	..	1	3	4	11	11
40 " 45 " .. .. .	8	1	2	4	1	1	2	3	1	3	14	12
45 " 50 " .. .. .	2	4	2	3	1	3	2	..	2	3	9	13
50 " 55 " .. .. .	8	..	5	3	3	4	2	4	3	4	21	15
55 " 60 " .. .. .	1	..	3	2	3	2	..	2	3	1	10	7
60 " 65 " .. .. .	1	3	2	..	3	3	4	3	7	3	17	12
65 years and over .. .. .	38	29	15	20	29	21	16	19	29	22	127	111
Totals .. .. .	84	56	46	44	59	54	32	38	72	58	293	250

The deaths of 238 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the fifteen urban areas during the month of September, 1922. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	URBAN AREAS.										Total	
	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Others.		Males.	Females.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
65	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	4	2	9
66	3	1	2	1	1	2	..	3	1	..	7	7
67	3	..	2	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	6	4
68	2	..	1	1	2	..	1	..	3	..	9	1
69	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
70	2	3	2	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	6	7
71	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2
72	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	2	..	5	3
73	1	..	..	1	2	2	..	..	1	1	4	4
74	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	..	7	6
75	1	3	..	1	2	2	..	1	..	3	3	10
76	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	1	1	3	3
77	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	1	2	3	6	5
78	3	3	1	..	3	..	..	1	2	..	9	4
79	..	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	2	1	7	1
80	4	2	1	2	1	1	..	1	2	..	8	6
81	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	4	4
82	..	1	..	..	2	..	3	1	1	1	6	3
83	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	3	1	6	2
84	3	2	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	5	6
85	2	3	..	1	3	2	1	..	1	1	7	7
86	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	4	3
87	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	3	4
88	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	2
89	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	4
90	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
95	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
96	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
98	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total .. .. .	38	29	15	20	29	21	16	19	29	22	127	111