

The total births registered for the fifteen urban areas amounted to 1,074, as against 1,071 in September—an increase of 3. The deaths in October were 493, a decrease of 50 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 262, females 231. Sixty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 13.79 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty of these were under one year of age.

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

Urban Area.	Birth Rate.		Death Rate.	
	October, 1921.	October, 1922.	October, 1921.	October, 1922.
Auckland	1.80	1.65	0.81	0.90
Wellington	1.82	1.67	0.78	0.72
Christchurch	1.72	1.87	0.81	0.61
Dunedin	1.51	1.39	0.65	0.99
Hamilton	*	1.87	*	0.87
Gisborne	2.21	1.88	0.48	0.60
Napier	1.86	1.64	0.47	0.79
Hastings	*	1.63	*	0.22
New Plymouth	2.29	1.48	0.63	0.96
Wanganui	2.30	1.90	0.72	0.46
Palmerston North	2.43	1.77	0.89	0.91
Nelson	2.63	2.11	1.60	1.19
Grey Valley boroughs	2.03	1.67	0.48	0.71
Timaru	1.48	1.50	0.71	1.00
Invercargill	1.87	2.30	1.25	0.51
Totals for all areas	1.83†	1.70	0.78†	0.87

* 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 October, 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 ..	13	2	8	7	4	2	2	3	15	12	42	26
5 and under 10 years ..	1	1	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	4	4
10 " " 15 " " ..	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	3
15 " " 20 " " ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
20 " " 25 " " ..	4	2	..	1	..	2	1	2	..	..	5	7
25 " " 30 " " ..	2	4	2	4	2	1	..	2	1	3	7	14
30 " " 35 " " ..	7	1	1	..	2	2	..	1	1	..	11	4
35 " " 40 " " ..	3	1	..	1	1	5	..	1	1	2	5	* 10
40 " " 45 " " ..	5	3	5	2	..	1	3	2	4	3	17	11
45 " " 50 " " ..	7	7	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	2	14	17
50 " " 55 " " ..	5	2	2	1	3	2	4	5	3	4	17	14
55 " " 60 " " ..	2	2	2	1	4	..	1	1	5	1	14	5
60 " " 65 " " ..	8	2	1	4	1	1	2	3	6	4	18	14
65 years and over ..	21	41	13	15	15	12	18	15	36	19	103	102
Totals ..	79	69	40	40	35	33	34	39	74	50	262	231

The deaths of 205 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the fifteen urban areas during the month of October, 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	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	4	4
66	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	1
67	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	4	4
68	1	3	2	2	2	1	..	..	4	2	9	8
69	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	4	2
70	2	2	1	..	2	2	1	1	..	..	6	5
71	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	2	4	5
72	3	..	..	2	3	..	2	1	..	1	8	4
73	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	4	2
74	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	4	1
75	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	1	4	4
76	..	1	2	1	1	..	2	2	1	..	6	4
77	1	3	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	2	6
78	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	7	5
79	..	4	1	..	1	..	1	2	1	1	4	7
80	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	5	..
81	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	2	3	9
82	1	3	1	1	..	1	1	1	2	..	5	6
83	1	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	3	1	4	6
84	1	2	..	1	1	1	4	..	1	2	7	6
85	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2
86	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
87	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
88	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1
89	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
90	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	2
91	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
93	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
95	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
96	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total ..	21	41	13	15	15	12	18	15	36	19	103	102