

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,001, as against 949 in February—an increase of 52. The deaths in March were 414, an increase of 17 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 250, females 164. Fifty-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12·80 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-five of these were under one year of age.

The rates per 1,000 of mean population in March, 1922 and 1923, were as follows:—

Urban Area.	Birth Rate.		Death Rate.	
	March, 1922.	March, 1923.	March, 1922.	March, 1923.
Auckland .. .. .	1·81	1·53	0·70	0·66
Wellington .. .. .	2·05	1·58	0·77	0·64
Christchurch .. .. .	2·02	1·57	0·71	0·73
Dunedin .. .. .	1·62	1·12	0·91	0·76
Hamilton .. .. .	2·03	2·41	0·58	0·60
Gisborne .. .. .	2·63	1·88	0·42	0·60
Napier .. .. .	1·37	1·81	0·99	0·62
Hastings .. .. .	2·93	2·00	0·23	0·44
New Plymouth .. .. .	2·21	1·41	0·79	0·37
Wanganui .. .. .	2·26	2·07	0·55	0·70
Palmerston North .. .. .	1·95	2·51	0·83	0·80
Nelson .. .. .	1·98	2·30	0·85	1·01
Timaru .. .. .	1·41	1·50	0·84	0·44
Invercargill .. .. .	2·29	1·74	0·94	0·51
Totals for all areas .. .. .	1·92	1·61	0·73	0·67

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of March, 1923:—

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 .. .. .	9	5	9	1	6	7	..	2	14	2	38	17
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	1	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	4	6
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1
15 " 20 " .. .. .	2	1	..	..	2	2	..	1	1	1	5	5
20 " 25 " .. .. .	3	1	..	3	2	1	2	..	3	1	10	6
25 " 30 " .. .. .	2	1	..	..	1	1	2	1	3	..	8	3
30 " 35 " .. .. .	1	..	2	2	3	1	1	1	..	2	7	6
35 " 40 " .. .. .	1	1	1	2	..	1	3	..	2	1	7	5
40 " 45 " .. .. .	5	1	2	1	..	1	2	2	4	4	13	9
45 " 50 " .. .. .	2	5	3	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	13	12
50 " 55 " .. .. .	3	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	12	6
55 " 60 " .. .. .	9	2	1	4	4	2	..	1	5	3	19	12
60 " 65 " .. .. .	5	3	2	3	4	4	6	1	3	6	20	17
65 years and over .. .. .	20	20	22	7	14	12	13	10	23	10	92	59
Totals .. .. .	63	45	45	26	45	35	34	22	63	36	250	164

The deaths of 151 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of March, 1923. 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 .. .. .	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
66 .. .. .	1	1	2	1	3	1	..	..	1	2	7	5
67 .. .. .	4	1	4	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	10	2
68 .. .. .	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	5	2
69 .. .. .	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	3
70 .. .. .	..	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	5	3
71 .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
72 .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	2
73 .. .. .	1	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	7	4
74 .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	2	1	4	5
75 .. .. .	..	..	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	2	4
76 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
77 .. .. .	1	..	1	..	2	1	..	2	1	1	5	4
78 .. .. .	3	1	3	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	8	3
79 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	2
80 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	1
81 .. .. .	2	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	2	2	3	5
82 .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	5	1
83 .. .. .	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	2
84 .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	1
85 .. .. .	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	1
86 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	2
87 .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	1
88 .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
89 .. .. .	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
90 .. .. .	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
91 .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total .. .. .	20	20	22	7	14	12	13	10	23	10	92	59