

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 956, as against 1,001 in March—a decrease of 45. The deaths in April were 431, an increase of 17 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 237, females 194. Sixty-six of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 15·31 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-two of these were under one year of age.

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

Urban Area.	Birth Rate.		Death Rate.	
	April, 1922.	April, 1923.	April, 1922.	April, 1923.
Auckland	1·51	1·55	0·81	0·73
Wellington	1·61	1·32	0·64	0·53
Christchurch	1·39	1·63	0·73	0·87
Dunedin	1·45	1·28	0·82	0·76
Hamilton	2·61	2·21	0·51	0·67
Gisborne	1·73	2·21	0·76	0·34
Napier	1·51	1·13	0·70	0·85
Hastings	1·54	1·85	0·15	0·22
New Plymouth	1·66	1·85	0·87	0·96
Wanganui	1·32	1·78	0·64	0·58
Palmerston North	1·66	1·31	0·30	0·46
Nelson	1·13	1·75	0·85	0·64
Timaru	2·45	1·50	0·32	0·69
Invercargill	2·03	1·84	0·52	0·71
Totals for all areas	1·57	1·54	0·70	0·69

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of April, 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	11	6	3	6	12	11	3	1	6	7	35	31
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3
10 " 15 "	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
15 " 20 "	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	4	1
20 " 25 "	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	1	5	4
25 " 30 "	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	2	2	4	5
30 " 35 "	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	5
35 " 40 "	4	3	3	1	..	1	..	2	3	2	10	9
40 " 45 "	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	..	3	7	8
45 " 50 "	6	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	1	3	9	6
50 " 55 "	3	2	3	1	5	2	1	1	1	..	13	6
55 " 60 "	9	3	1	3	6	2	2	2	8	5	26	15
60 " 65 "	2	3	3	2	..	1	2	3	4	4	11	13
65 years and over	32	21	12	10	23	26	15	15	25	15	107	87
Totals	75	45	29	30	49	47	28	28	56	44	237	194

The deaths of 194 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of April, 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	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	3	4
66	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	2
67	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	6	..
68	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	4
69	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	4	2
70	2	..	2	..	..	3	1	..	5	..	10	3
71	2	..	1	2	2	2	2	2	..	..	7	6
72	..	3	..	..	2	3	..	..	2	1	4	7
73	2	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	2	2	5	5
74	1	2	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	5	4
75	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	5	3
76	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	8	6
77	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	1	2	4
78	4	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	1	1	6	5
79	2	1	2	2	..	1	..	2	1	1	5	7
80	1	3	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	2	5	6
81	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	4	1
82	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	4	1
83	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	3
84	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
85	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	1	1	1	3	5
86	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	2
87	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
88	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1
89	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	2
90	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	2
91	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1
92	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
93	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
94	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
95	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	32	21	12	10	23	26	15	15	25	15	107	87