

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,047, as against 942 in June—an increase of 105. The deaths in July were 780, an increase of 299 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 402, females 378. Ninety-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12.06 per cent. of the whole number. Seventy-six of these were under one year of age.

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

Urban Area.	Birth Rate.		Death Rate.	
	July, 1922.	July, 1923.	July, 1922.	July, 1923.
	Auckland	1.61	1.45	0.86	1.03
Wellington	1.90	1.73	0.86	1.09
Christchurch	1.46	1.59	0.89	1.57
Dunedin	1.70	1.76	1.13	1.89
Hamilton	2.21	2.41	0.80	0.46
Gisborne	1.74	2.12	0.67	0.93
Napier	1.81	1.61	0.85	0.56
Hastings	1.63	1.70	0.59	0.87
New Plymouth	1.85	1.80	0.74	0.65
Wanganui	1.74	1.96	0.50	0.70
Palmerston North	2.06	2.02	1.03	1.12
Nelson	1.29	1.25	1.10	1.16
Timaru	2.18	1.09	1.62	1.52
Invercargill	1.48	1.88	0.87	1.88
Totals for all areas	1.70	1.65	0.90	1.23

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of July, 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	10	10	14	6	14	9	6	3	13	9	57	37
5 and under 10 years	2	1	2	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	5	5
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	1	1	2	1	1	..	3	1	7	3
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	2	..	..	1	1	2	..	2	1	5	4
20 " 25 " .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	3	1	2	..	..	2	7
25 " 30 "	3	2	1	1	2	..	..	3	2	1	8	7
30 " 35 "	3	1	1	4	2	5	1	2	..	4	7	16
35 " 40 "	5	6	2	3	1	4	..	4	2	5	10	22
40 " 45 "	5	2	1	4	6	3	1	6	1	..	14	15
45 " 50 "	3	5	7	5	4	5	2	3	6	3	22	21
50 " 55 "	3	5	3	6	4	5	4	4	7	6	21	26
55 " 60 "	10	7	2	2	5	4	3	5	11	3	31	21
60 " 65 "	12	4	8	4	2	5	4	..	10	4	36	17
65 years and over	40	31	15	26	44	45	37	46	41	29	177	177
Totals	96	77	58	64	87	91	63	79	98	67	402	378

The deaths of 354 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of July, 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	2	2	1	1	..	4	3
66	..	1	..	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	4	7
67	2	..	1	..	2	2	..	2	5	3	10	7
68	2	..	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	2	7	7
69	1	1	..	1	..	1	3	1	2	1	6	5
70	3	2	1	1	3	4	1	..	1	..	9	7
71	..	..	4	3	..	2	2	3	..	1	6	9
72	1	2	..	2	2	3	..	1	..	..	3	8
73	2	1	2	2	4	3	2	..	1	2	11	8
74	6	..	..	4	2	2	..	1	1	2	9	9
75	1	2	..	..	1	1	1	2	3	2	6	7
76	2	2	..	2	..	4	2	1	..	..	4	9
77	2	..	..	2	3	..	3	2	5	1	13	5
78	2	2	..	1	1	1	3	5	..	..	6	9
79	..	2	1	..	2	2	1	2	5	1	9	7
80	2	1	..	2	1	1	1	2	..	1	4	7
81	3	1	..	1	3	4	2	2	1	1	9	9
82	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	..	8	7
83	1	1	2	1	4	3	2	1	2	2	11	8
84	2	4	1	..	..	..	3	2	1	1	7	7
85	1	2	..	1	2	..	1	3	3	3	7	9
86	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	4	1	3	1	10
87	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	2
88	..	1	..	..	3	2	1	1	..	1	4	5
89	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1
90	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	1
91	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	1
92	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
94	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	1
95	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
96	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
98	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Total	40	31	15	26	44	45	37	46	41	29	177	177