

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,126, as against 1,047 in July--an increase of 79. The deaths in August were 751, a decrease of 29 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 402, females 349. One hundred and four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 13·85 per cent. of the whole number. Eighty-five of these were under one year of age.

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

Urban Area.	Birth Rate.		Death Rate.	
	August, 1922.	August, 1923.	August, 1922.	August, 1923.
Auckland	1·49	1·87	0·99	1·08
Wellington	1·53	1·57	0·92	1·21
Christchurch	1·53	1·72	1·13	0·56
Dunedin	1·71	1·53	1·14	1·55
Hamilton	1·67	2·35	1·07	0·91
Gisborne	2·14	2·18	0·67	1·06
Napier	1·98	1·68	1·25	1·73
Hastings	3·25	1·75	0·59	0·80
New Plymouth	2·15	1·94	0·67	1·51
Wanganui	2·03	2·37	0·91	1·39
Palmerston North	2·17	2·47	0·34	1·46
Nelson	1·56	1·78	1·19	1·69
Timaru	1·37	0·97	0·94	1·28
Invercargill	1·53	1·88	0·66	0·79
Totals for all areas	1·66	1·79	0·98	1·18

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of August, 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	14	4	11	7	12	7	7	6	24	12	63	36
5 and under 10 years	2	..	4	..	1	..	3	..	3	1	13	1
10 " 15 "	2	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	4
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	2	..	..	1	2	1	..	1	1	3	5
20 " 25 "	2	3	1	2	..	..	1	..	5	4	9	9
25 " 30 "	1	1	..	4	2	..	1	2	3	3	5	9
30 " 35 "	4	1	2	5	1	2	1	..	1	4	9	12
35 " 40 "	5	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	10	13	15
40 " 45 "	8	..	2	4	2	2	1	..	2	4	15	10
45 " 50 "	1	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	1	3	10	13
50 " 55 "	8	2	6	3	2	3	2	3	5	5	23	16
55 " 60 "	5	7	4	6	6	5	2	3	3	3	20	24
60 " 65 "	11	5	1	4	2	7	5	2	8	4	27	22
65 years and over	41	46	21	38	19	25	40	30	63	34	184	173
Totals	104	77	58	78	53	56	66	50	121	88	402	349

The deaths of 357 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of August, 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	3	3	3	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	7	7
66	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	6	..	9	2
67	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	4
68	2	1	3	3	..	1	3	..	2	2	10	7
69	5	2	1	1	2	1	2	..	1	..	11	4
70	2	2	..	2	..	1	3	1	5	4	10	10
71	2	2	2	1	..	1	4	3	5	2	13	9
72	..	2	3	5	1	..	3	1	1	1	8	9
73	4	3	1	1	..	..	1	1	3	1	9	6
74	1	3	..	2	3	..	..	1	4	2	8	8
75	..	2	1	..	1	..	2	3	3	3	7	5
76	2	3	..	1	1	1	3	2	2	3	8	10
77	2	3	..	4	1	..	3	..	4	1	10	8
78	..	2	..	1	..	2	2	1	1	2	3	8
79	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	6	9
80	3	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	3	5	6
81	..	1	..	1	1	2	2	1	4	2	7	7
82	1	3	..	2	..	3	..	..	2	1	3	9
83	2	2	1	2	2	1	4	3	..	1	9	9
84	4	..	..	..	1	4	..	2	1	..	6	6
85	3	1	1	..	..	1	2	1	3	..	9	3
86	1	..	..	4	..	1	..	2	3	..	4	7
87	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	1	5
88	1	2	..	1	..	1	1	2	3	1	5	7
89	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	5	2
90	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	2
91	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	1
92	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
93	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
94	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2
95	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
98	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
99	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Total	41	46	21	38	19	25	40	30	63	34	184	173