

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 935, as against 1,126 in August—a decrease of 171. The deaths in September were 513, a decrease of 238 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 271, females 242. Fifty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.31 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-four of these were under one year of age.

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

Urban Area.	Birth Rate.		Death Rate.	
	September, 1922.	September, 1923.	September, 1922.	September, 1923.
Auckland	1.68	1.41	0.85	0.73
Wellington	1.66	1.49	0.81	0.69
Christchurch	1.62	1.50	1.03	0.86
Dunedin	1.42	1.16	0.95	0.80
Hamilton	2.14	1.37	0.87	0.91
Gisborne	2.75	1.79	0.74	0.46
Napier	1.81	1.68	0.45	0.84
Hastings	2.44	1.89	0.81	0.51
New Plymouth	2.66	1.58	0.96	0.93
Wanganui	1.49	1.76	0.70	0.94
Palmerston North	1.88	1.91	0.51	1.46
Nelson	1.01	1.78	0.74	1.69
Timaru	1.68	1.28	0.94	1.03
Invercargill	1.48	1.54	0.71	0.74
Totals for all areas	1.70	1.47	0.86	0.81

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of September, 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	4	5	5	4	9	1	1	6	16	8	35	24
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	3	3
10 " 15 "	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	5	2
15 " 20 "	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	1	2	5	5
20 " 25 " .. .. .	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	2
25 " 30 " .. .. .	..	1	..	1	2	..	1	1	5	5	8	8
30 " 35 "	4	2	2	2	4	..	1	..	2	3	13	7
35 " 40 "	1	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	2	6	4
40 " 45 "	1	2	4	4	2	3	3	1	3	..	13	10
45 " 50 "	4	3	5	..	..	5	..	3	3	4	12	15
50 " 55 "	9	4	3	1	5	2	1	1	1	5	19	13
55 " 60 "	5	4	3	2	2	3	..	..	6	1	16	10
60 " 65 "	6	3	3	3	3	..	1	..	3	2	16	8
65 years and over	27	30	12	19	17	30	20	15	40	37	116	131
Totals	64	58	40	37	51	47	31	29	85	71	271	242

The deaths of 247 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of September, 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	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	2
66	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	1	3	3
67	3	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	5	2
68	1	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	2	8	4
69	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	5
70	3	2	..	1	1	1	1	1	2	..	7	5
71	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
72	1	3	..	3	..	1	1	..	2	..	4	7
73	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	..	2	4	5	7
74	2	..	2	..	2	3	4	2	2	..	12	5
75	..	5	..	3	1	1	2	1	1	3	4	13
76	1	2	1	1	..	2	1	1	1	3	4	9
77	1	..	..	2	..	2	1	1	2	1	4	6
78	2	3	2	..	3	1	..	..	2	2	9	6
79	2	..	2	1	..	2	..	1	2	..	6	4
80	..	1	..	1	1	3	..	..	2	1	3	6
81	2	3	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	1	7	6
82	1	2	..	1	1	3	2	1	2	6	6	13
83	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	3	4
84	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	3
85	2	1	..	..	1	2	1	1	2	3	6	7
86	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	2	1	3	5
87	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	1	4	3
88	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	4
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	3	..
92	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
95	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
96	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Total	27	30	12	19	17	30	20	15	40	37	116	131