

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,161 as against 935 in September—an increase of 226. The deaths in October were 477, a decrease of 36 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 257, females 220. Seventy-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 15.30 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-three of these were under one year of age.

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

Urban Area.	Birth Rate.		Death Rate.	
	October, 1922.	October, 1923.	October, 1922.	October, 1923.
Auckland	1.65	1.67	0.90	0.83
Wellington	1.67	1.88	0.72	0.55
Christchurch	1.87	1.77	0.61	0.80
Dunedin	1.39	1.67	0.99	0.91
Hamilton	1.87	2.87	0.87	0.52
Gisborne	1.88	1.79	0.60	0.33
Napier	1.64	1.79	0.79	1.29
Hastings	1.63	2.26	0.22	0.73
New Plymouth	1.48	2.30	0.96	0.72
Wanganui	1.90	1.92	0.46	0.57
Palmerston North	1.77	2.08	0.91	0.39
Nelson	2.11	1.96	1.19	0.71
Timaru	1.50	1.89	1.00	1.16
Invercargill	2.30	1.98	0.51	0.64
Totals for all areas	1.71	1.83	0.78	0.75

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of October, 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	15	8	5	7	6	2	2	10	7	38	35
5 and under 10 years ..	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	2	6	3
10 " 15 " ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	3
15 " 20 " ..	3	1	1	..	..	2	1	2	..	1	5	6
20 " 25 " ..	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	1	3	5
25 " 30 " ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	2	1	1	..	5	7
30 " 35 " ..	5	5	1	..	2	2	1	..	..	1	9	8
35 " 40 " ..	5	2	2	2	..	4	2	2	3	..	12	10
40 " 45 " ..	5	2	2	1	2	3	2	..	2	3	13	9
45 " 50 " ..	7	4	1	3	1	6	1	4	5	1	15	18
50 " 55 " ..	6	2	7	1	3	4	1	2	8	2	25	11
55 " 60 " ..	3	4	..	1	1	3	2	2	5	5	11	15
60 " 65 " ..	3	4	3	1	3	2	2	..	4	..	15	7
65 years and over ..	25	18	9	10	17	18	19	14	29	23	99	83
Totals ..	77	62	36	26	38	53	36	32	70	47	257	220

The deaths of 182 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of October, 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	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	5	2
66	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
67	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	1	2	4
68	..	1	1	..	1	3	2	1	1	2	5	7
69	1	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	3	1	6	3
70	2	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	3	1	8	2
71	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	2	3
72	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	1	6	2
73	3	2	2	..	1	2	2	1	2	..	10	5
74	3	2	2	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	9	2
75	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	4
76	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	..	5	3
77	2	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	3	5
78	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	5	4
79	1	..	..	..	2	1	3	1	1	1	7	3
80	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	2	4
81	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	1	1	5	2
82	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	2
83	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	4	5
84	1	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	1	2	3	8
85	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2
86	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
87	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
88	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	2	5
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
92	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
93	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
94	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Total ..	25	18	9	10	17	18	19	14	29	23	99	83