

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,073, as against 1,100 in February—a decrease of 27. The deaths in March were 438, an increase of 60 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 248, females 190. Seventy-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 16·67 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-eight of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for March and three months ended March, 1924, were as follows. The infantile mortality rate per 100 births for the same period is also given.

Urban Area.	Equivalent Annual Rates per 1,000 of Population.				Infantile Mortality per 100 Births.	
	Births.		Deaths.		March, 1924.	Three Months, 1924.
	March, 1924.	Three Months, 1924.	March, 1924.	Three Months, 1924.		
Auckland	18·81	19·91	7·37	8·44	5·70	5·24
Wellington	19·92	19·38	8·35	6·64	6·99	4·05
Christchurch	20·00	20·88	8·68	8·11	5·82	3·55
Dunedin	19·19	17·69	8·31	8·42	0·83	2·11
Hamilton	27·58	29·19	6·25	5·47	2·94	5·36
Gisborne	26·19	21·43	11·80	10·05	15·15	8·64
Napier	20·14	21·26	10·07	9·85	6·67	5·26
Hastings	23·60	24·47	3·50	5·54	..	2·38
New Plymouth	26·70	29·58	7·75	8·04	3·23	2·91
Wanganui	22·58	23·39	11·29	7·20	4·35	2·80
Palmerston North	23·58	22·46	9·43	10·11	11·43	5·00
Nelson	17·08	20·28	12·81	10·68	18·75	14·04
Timaru	18·97	18·97	8·75	6·81	..	1·28
Invercargill	22·00	22·79	6·54	5·55	..	0·87
All areas, March and three months 1924	20·29	20·65	8·28	7·90	5·41	4·18
All areas, March and three months 1923	19·07	19·37	7·89	7·98	4·50	4·00

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of March, 1924:—

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	8	8	12	4	5	10	1	1	13	11	39	34
5 and under 10 years	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
10 " 15 "	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
15 " 20 "	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	5	3
20 " 25 "	3	1	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	7	4
25 " 30 "	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	6	4
30 " 35 "	1	2	..	1	2	..	1	2	1	..	5	5
35 " 40 " .. .. .	..	..	..	1	2	2	1	1	2	3	5	7
40 " 45 "	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	..	9	8
45 " 50 "	3	4	2	1	..	1	2	..	5	4	12	10
50 " 55 "	3	1	3	2	3	3	1	..	8	1	18	7
55 " 60 "	2	2	7	1	3	2	1	1	4	5	17	11
60 " 65 "	5	4	5	1	2	7	..	1	2	5	14	18
65 years and over	28	17	16	6	22	12	14	19	26	21	106	75
Totals	60	43	57	21	42	40	22	30	67	56	248	190

The deaths of 181 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of March, 1924. 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	..	1	1	2	..	6	1
66	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	..	7	2
67	2	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	2
68	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	2	..	1	5
69	1	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	5	5
70	2	1	2	1	2	..	1	..	1	1	7	3
71	2	1	2	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	7	4
72	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	3	1	7	2
73	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	1	4	5
74	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	2	3	2	7	5
75	1	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	1	5	2
76	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	2	2	5	4
77	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	3	2
78	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	4
79	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	3	2
80	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	2
81	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	5	2
82	1	2	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	4	3
83	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	3	4
84	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	4
85	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
86	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
87	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
88	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	3	2
89	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	2
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
91	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
92	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
94	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	28	17	16	6	22	12	14	19	26	21	106	75