

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 987, as against 1,073 in March—a decrease of 86. The deaths in April were 419, a decrease of 19 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 237, females 182. Fifty-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 13·12 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-nine of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for April and four months ended April, 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.		April, 1924.	Four Months, 1924.
	April, 1924.	Four Months, 1924.	April, 1924.	Four Months, 1924.		
Auckland	19·38	19·87	8·30	8·40	3·32	4·77
Wellington	17·88	19·01	6·00	6·48	3·59	3·94
Christchurch	15·41	19·80	8·46	8·20	4·46	3·74
Dunedin	16·15	17·31	8·79	8·51	0·99	1·85
Hamilton	25·02	28·14	2·34	4·69	3·13	4·86
Gisborne	24·60	22·22	5·55	8·93	3·23	7·14
Napier	21·49	21·32	10·74	10·07	9·38	6·30
Hastings	20·10	23·38	6·12	5·68	..	1·87
New Plymouth	20·67	27·35	12·06	9·05	8·33	3·93
Wanganui	18·65	22·21	8·83	7·61	7·89	3·87
Palmerston North	22·23	22·40	10·11	10·11	6·06	5·26
Nelson	17·08	19·48	8·54	10·14	..	10·96
Timaru	16·05	18·24	8·02	7·11	..	1·00
Invercargill	23·79	23·04	7·73	6·10	10·00	3·23
All areas, April and four months 1924	18·67	20·15	7·92	7·91	3·95	4·13
All areas, April and four months 1923	18·21	19·08	8·21	8·04	5·44	4·34

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of April, 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 ..	4	8	2	6	5	6	2	1	13	8	26	29
5 and under 10 years ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	1
10 " 15 " ..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	2
15 " 20 " ..	2	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	3	1	7	3
20 " 25 " ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	2	3
25 " 30 " ..	2	1	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	5	4
30 " 35 " ..	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	7	5
35 " 40 " ..	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	4	4	5
40 " 45 " ..	3	3	..	2	3	1	1	2	3	3	9	10
45 " 50 " ..	4	2	5	3	4	..	2	..	8	2	23	7
50 " 55 " ..	1	4	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	9	9
55 " 60 " ..	3	2	4	1	3	4	..	5	5	5	15	17
60 " 65 " ..	6	2	1	4	3	4	5	2	2	4	17	16
65 years and over ..	41	20	10	6	21	11	16	10	19	24	107	71
Totals ..	71	45	28	28	49	31	31	24	58	54	237	182

The deaths of 178 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of April, 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	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	3
66	3	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	6	2
67	3	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	5	5
68	2	1	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	4	4
69	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	2	1	6	1
70	3	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	3	6	5
71	1	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	1	5	5
72	3	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	2	..	8	4
73	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	4	4
74	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	2
75	2	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	3
76	..	2	..	..	1	1	1	2	2	..	4	5
77	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	5	..
78	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	3
79	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	3	2
80	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	2	3	5
81	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	1
82	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	1	..	5	3
83	3	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	6	2
84	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	4	3
85	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	1
86	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	4	1
87	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	2
88	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	1
89	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
90	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
94	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
95	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
99	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total ..	41	20	10	6	21	11	16	10	19	24	107	71