

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,006, as against 987 in April—an increase of 19. The deaths in May were 454, an increase of 35 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 246, females 208. Sixty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 13.83 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for May and five months ended May, 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.		May, 1924.	Five Months, 1924.
	May, 1924.	Five Months, 1924.	May, 1924.	Five Months, 1924.		
Auckland	19.98	19.42	10.68	8.66	5.90	5.00
Wellington	18.65	18.61	9.33	6.94	3.93	3.94
Christchurch	17.89	19.16	7.70	7.99	4.07	3.80
Dunedin	15.52	16.82	5.86	7.92	1.02	1.69
Hamilton	27.54	26.95	4.47	4.47	5.41	4.97
Gisborne	17.18	20.93	7.81	8.59	22.73	9.70
Napier	21.09	20.96	7.25	9.36	6.25	6.29
Hastings	14.54	21.20	7.70	5.99	..	1.61
New Plymouth	16.65	24.48	5.00	7.99	..	3.40
Wanganui	21.13	21.61	6.24	7.20	..	3.11
Palmerston North	12.45	19.99	3.93	8.65	..	4.61
Nelson	20.00	19.37	8.42	9.68	10.53	10.87
Timaru	19.39	18.24	10.77	7.76	7.41	2.36
Invercargill	19.30	21.99	9.37	6.67	15.15	5.32
All areas, May and five months 1924	18.61	19.49	8.40	7.87	4.97	4.29
All areas, May and five months 1923	20.86	23.50	8.80	9.90	4.08	4.29

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of May, 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 ..	17	4	5	5	5	5	2	..	12	8	41	22
5 and under 10 years ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	2	5
10 " 15 " ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	2	2	4
15 " 20 " ..	..	4	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	2	1	9
20 " 25 " ..	2	2	..	1	1	2	..	2	1	2	4	9
25 " 30 " ..	2	3	2	2	..	1	1	1	3	1	8	8
30 " 35 " ..	2	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	5	2
35 " 40 " ..	2	1	1	1	2	..	1	..	2	2	8	4
40 " 45 " ..	5	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	3	10	10
45 " 50 " ..	7	2	5	1	3	1	..	..	3	2	18	6
50 " 55 " ..	6	8	4	4	1	4	..	4	5	1	16	21
55 " 60 " ..	6	6	6	2	6	1	7	..	3	3	28	12
60 " 65 " ..	6	6	7	6	1	..	..	2	3	4	17	18
65 years and over ..	32	28	14	18	16	16	7	3	17	13	86	78
Totals ..	87	67	47	42	38	36	21	16	53	47	246	208

The deaths of 164 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of May, 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	..	2	1	1	2	..	..	1	2	6	5
66	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	2	4	4
67	2	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	3	1	8	3
68	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
69	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	4	1
70	3	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	4
71	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	2
72	1	1	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	6	2
73	1	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	5	3
74	5	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	6	7
75	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	3	3
76	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3
77	2	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	5	3
78	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	..	1	..	6	5
79	1	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	5
80	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	4
81	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2
82	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
83	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	1
84	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	4
85	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	3
86	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
87	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
88	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1
89	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
92	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
96	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
98	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Total ..	32	28	14	18	16	16	7	3	17	13	86	78