

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,091, as against 929 in June—an increase of 162. The deaths in July were 563, an increase of 84 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 323, females 240. Seventy-nine of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14.03 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-six of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for July and seven months ended July, 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.		July, 1924.	Seven Months, 1924.
	July, 1924.	Seven Months, 1924.	July, 1924.	Seven Months, 1924.		
Auckland	22.83	19.50	9.99	8.94	2.74	4.58
Wellington	20.01	18.43	9.43	7.41	4.71	4.14
Christchurch	17.72	18.84	10.74	8.51	5.88	4.73
Dunedin	15.52	16.32	14.41	9.23	9.18	2.64
Hamilton	32.01	26.80	11.91	5.85	11.63	5.95
Gisborne	24.21	21.76	3.12	7.48	..	7.69
Napier	17.79	19.59	7.25	9.32	7.41	7.21
Hastings	18.81	20.89	5.13	6.47	4.55	4.09
New Plymouth	19.15	24.63	14.99	9.18	13.04	4.25
Wanganui	18.25	21.27	9.12	7.68	..	2.90
Palmerston North	18.35	19.01	7.86	6.46	..	3.45
Nelson	17.89	18.95	10.53	9.47	11.76	9.52
Timaru	16.52	17.54	12.93	8.62	4.35	2.92
Invercargill	29.82	21.55	12.28	7.52	9.80	6.59
All areas, July and seven months 1924	20.18	19.26	10.41	8.37	5.13	4.54
All areas, July and seven months 1923	19.80	19.18	14.75	10.48	7.26	4.78

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of July, 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	7	9	8	4	10	3	9	3	19	7	53	26
5 and under 10 years	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	5	2
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1
15 " 20 "	2	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	4	4
20 " 25 "	2	2	1	..	..	2	2	..	2	1	7	5
25 " 30 "	3	3	..	2	2	4	..	1	..	..	5	10
30 " 35 "	2	..	2	1	1	1	..	2	2	1	7	5
35 " 40 "	5	3	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	12	12
40 " 45 "	4	3	6	..	2	3	2	2	1	1	15	9
45 " 50 "	3	4	5	2	3	..	3	2	3	1	17	9
50 " 55 "	8	4	4	3	5	1	5	..	8	3	30	11
55 " 60 "	3	3	1	5	2	4	3	3	1	3	10	18
60 " 65 "	9	1	6	5	6	1	3	3	6	5	30	15
65 years and over	36	24	12	18	24	21	21	22	34	28	127	113
Totals	87	57	49	41	57	46	51	40	79	56	323	240

The deaths of 240 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of July, 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	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	2
66	2	2	..	1	1	1	2	..	3	4	8	8
67	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
68	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	4	1	9	4
69	1	..	1	2	1	2	..	1	..	1	3	6
70	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	1	1	4	4
71	3	..	..	1	3	1	1	1	2	..	9	3
72	2	2	2	3	2	4	2	..	1	2	9	11
73	1	..	1	..	1	3	3	4	3	3	9	10
74	1	2	..	1	..	1	1	..	2	1	4	5
75	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	3	1	5	3
76	3	2	1	..	1	3	..	..	2	..	7	5
77	1	1	1	1	2	..	4	1	..	1	8	4
78	3	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	3	1	7	6
79	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	3	6	6
80	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	4	1	5	5
81	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	4	..	1	3	6
82	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	2
83	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2
84	..	3	2	..	3	..	1	..	1	1	7	4
85	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	1
86	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	3	2
87	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
88	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3
89	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1
90	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	2
92	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
95	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
97	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
99	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total	36	24	12	18	24	21	21	22	34	28	127	113