

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,017, as against 1,091 in July—a decrease of 74. The deaths in August were 549, a decrease of 14 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 288, females 261. Seventy-one of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12·93 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-five of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for August and eight months ended August, 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.       |                     | August 1924.                        | Eight Months 1924. |
|   | August, 1924.                                    | Eight Months, 1924. | August, 1924. | Eight Months, 1924. |                                     |                    |
| Auckland .. .. .                        | 17·48  | 19·25               | 10·20         | 9·10                | 4·76                                | 4·60               |
| Wellington .. .. .                      | 18·23  | 18·40               | 10·27         | 7·77                | 5·17                                | 4·27               |
| Christchurch .. .. .                    | 18·93  | 18·85               | 9·78          | 8·67                | 7·20                                | 5·03               |
| Dunedin .. .. .                         | 17·42  | 16·45               | 11·25         | 9·48                | 4·55                                | 2·89               |
| Hamilton .. .. .                        | 18·61  | 25·78               | 6·70          | 5·96                | 4·00                                | 5·78               |
| Glaborne .. .. .                        | 27·33  | 22·45               | 7·81          | 7·52                | ..                                  | 6·52               |
| Napier .. .. .                          | 25·04  | 20·27               | 12·52         | 9·72                | 5·26                                | 6·91               |
| Hastings .. .. .                        | 18·81  | 20·63               | 3·42          | 6·09                | 4·55                                | 4·15               |
| New Plymouth .. .. .                    | 19·98  | 24·05               | 8·33          | 9·16                | 12·50                               | 5·19               |
| Wanganui .. .. .                        | 19·65  | 21·19               | 10·57         | 8·04                | 2·33                                | 2·83               |
| Palmerston North .. .. .                | 21·63  | 19·33               | 13·11         | 8·93                | 9·09                                | 4·24               |
| Nelson .. .. .                          | 18·95  | 18·95               | 12·63         | 9·87                | ..                                  | 8·33               |
| Timaru .. .. .                          | 19·39  | 17·77               | 7·90          | 8·53                | ..                                  | 2·53               |
| Invercargill .. .. .                    | 19·88  | 21·35               | 12·86         | 8·19                | 14·71                               | 7·53               |
| All areas, August and eight months 1924 | 18·81  | 19·21               | 10·16         | 8·60                | 5·41                                | 4·65               |
| All areas, August and eight months 1923 | 21·30  | 19·47               | 14·21         | 10·95               | 7·55                                | 5·16               |

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of August, 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 ..        | 6            | 9        | 7           | 6        | 6             | 9        | 2        | 4        | 11      | 11       | 32     | 39       |
| 5 and under 10 years .. | 1            | 2        | 1           | 2        | ..            | ..       | 2        | ..       | 1       | 1        | 5      | 5        |
| 10 " 15 " ..            | 1            | 1        | ..          | ..       | ..            | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..      | 2        | 1      | 3        |
| 15 " 20 " ..            | 1            | 1        | 1           | ..       | ..            | ..       | 1        | ..       | 1       | 1        | 4      | 2        |
| 20 " 25 " ..            | 2            | 2        | 1           | 1        | ..            | 1        | 1        | 1        | 2       | 2        | 6      | 7        |
| 25 " 30 " ..            | ..           | 1        | 3           | ..       | 1             | 2        | ..       | ..       | ..      | ..       | 4      | 3        |
| 30 " 35 " ..            | 2            | 2        | ..          | 4        | 1             | ..       | 1        | 1        | 2       | 1        | 6      | 8        |
| 35 " 40 " ..            | 1            | 4        | ..          | 1        | 2             | 3        | ..       | 2        | 1       | 2        | 4      | 12       |
| 40 " 45 " ..            | 3            | 1        | 4           | 2        | 2             | 1        | 1        | ..       | 4       | 6        | 14     | 10       |
| 45 " 50 " ..            | 2            | 1        | 4           | 2        | 4             | 2        | 4        | 1        | 5       | 2        | 19     | 8        |
| 50 " 55 " ..            | 5            | 3        | 7           | ..       | 3             | 2        | 2        | 1        | 4       | 4        | 21     | 10       |
| 55 " 60 " ..            | 4            | ..       | 4           | 2        | 3             | 2        | 1        | 2        | 3       | 3        | 15     | 9        |
| 60 " 65 " ..            | 4            | 4        | 7           | 7        | 4             | 2        | 7        | 2        | 4       | ..       | 26     | 15       |
| 65 years and over ..    | 43           | 41       | 18          | 14       | 20            | 24       | 13       | 22       | 37      | 29       | 131    | 130      |
| Totals ..               | 75           | 72       | 57          | 41       | 46            | 48       | 35       | 36       | 75      | 64       | 288    | 261      |

The deaths of 261 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of August, 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            | 2        | 2           | 1        | ..            | 1        | ..       | ..       | 3       | 1        | 8      | 5        |
| 66       | 2            | ..       | 1           | 1        | ..            | 1        | ..       | 1        | ..      | ..       | 5      | 1        |
| 67       | ..           | 3        | ..          | 1        | 1             | ..       | 2        | 1        | 1       | 1        | 4      | 6        |
| 68       | 1            | ..       | 1           | 1        | ..            | 1        | ..       | 1        | 3       | 1        | 4      | 5        |
| 69       | 3            | 3        | ..          | ..       | ..            | ..       | 1        | 1        | 1       | 1        | 5      | 5        |
| 70       | 1            | 1        | ..          | 1        | 2             | 1        | 2        | 1        | 1       | 1        | 6      | 5        |
| 71       | ..           | ..       | 2           | ..       | 2             | ..       | 1        | ..       | 1       | 1        | 6      | 1        |
| 72       | 1            | 2        | ..          | 2        | 3             | 3        | ..       | 1        | ..      | 1        | 4      | 9        |
| 73       | 3            | 2        | 1           | 2        | ..            | 1        | 1        | 2        | 3       | 1        | 8      | 8        |
| 74       | ..           | 2        | ..          | ..       | ..            | ..       | 1        | 1        | 4       | ..       | 5      | 3        |
| 75       | 2            | 1        | 1           | ..       | ..            | 1        | ..       | ..       | 3       | 2        | 6      | 4        |
| 76       | ..           | 4        | 2           | ..       | 1             | ..       | ..       | ..       | 2       | 1        | 5      | 5        |
| 77       | 2            | 2        | ..          | ..       | 1             | 3        | 1        | 2        | 1       | 4        | 5      | 11       |
| 78       | 4            | 1        | ..          | ..       | ..            | ..       | ..       | ..       | 1       | 4        | 5      | 5        |
| 79       | 2            | 1        | 2           | ..       | 1             | 2        | ..       | 2        | 1       | 1        | 6      | 6        |
| 80       | 2            | 1        | ..          | 1        | 1             | 1        | 1        | 1        | 2       | 2        | 6      | 6        |
| 81       | 3            | 1        | ..          | ..       | ..            | 2        | ..       | 1        | ..      | ..       | 3      | 4        |
| 82       | 1            | 1        | 1           | ..       | ..            | ..       | 1        | 1        | 3       | 1        | 6      | 3        |
| 83       | 2            | 2        | 2           | ..       | ..            | ..       | ..       | 1        | 2       | ..       | 6      | 3        |
| 84       | 1            | 5        | 1           | 2        | 1             | 3        | ..       | 1        | 1       | 1        | 4      | 12       |
| 85       | 1            | 1        | ..          | ..       | ..            | 2        | ..       | ..       | 1       | 1        | 2      | 4        |
| 86       | 1            | 2        | 1           | ..       | 3             | 1        | ..       | ..       | ..      | ..       | 5      | 3        |
| 87       | 1            | ..       | ..          | 1        | ..            | ..       | ..       | 2        | 1       | 1        | 2      | 4        |
| 88       | 4            | 3        | ..          | ..       | ..            | 1        | ..       | 1        | 1       | ..       | 5      | 5        |
| 89       | 1            | 1        | 1           | 1        | 1             | 1        | ..       | ..       | 1       | 1        | 4      | 4        |
| 90       | ..           | ..       | ..          | ..       | 1             | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..      | ..       | 1      | ..       |
| 91       | ..           | ..       | ..          | 1        | 1             | ..       | 1        | 1        | 1       | ..       | 3      | 2        |
| 94       | 1            | ..       | ..          | ..       | ..            | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..      | ..       | 1      | ..       |
| 96       | ..           | ..       | ..          | ..       | ..            | ..       | 1        | ..       | ..      | ..       | ..     | 1        |
| 99       | 1            | ..       | ..          | ..       | ..            | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..      | ..       | 1      | ..       |
| Total .. | 43           | 41       | 18          | 14       | 20            | 24       | 13       | 22       | 37      | 29       | 131    | 130      |