

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,139, as against 1,017 in August—an increase of 122. The deaths in September were 533, a decrease of 16 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 276, females 257. Eighty-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 15·76 per cent. of the whole number. Sixty of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for September and nine months ended September, 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.		September, 1924.	Nine Months, 1924.
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Auckland .. .. .	19·91	19·32	9·64	9·16	5·92	4·75
Wellington .. .. .	19·59	18·54	8·38	7·84	2·67	4·08
Christchurch .. .. .	21·12	19·11	10·19	8·84	6·40	5·20
Dunedin .. .. .	19·17	16·76	9·82	9·52	5·79	3·26
Hamilton .. .. .	26·80	25·89	12·65	6·70	8·33	6·07
Gisborne .. .. .	25·77	22·84	6·25	7·38	6·06	6·46
Napier .. .. .	21·75	20·43	14·50	10·25	12·12	7·53
Hastings .. .. .	29·07	21·57	9·40	6·46	..	3·52
New Plymouth .. .. .	29·98	24·71	8·33	9·07	5·56	5·24
Wanganui .. .. .	20·65	21·13	9·60	8·22	2·33	2·79
Palmerston North .. .. .	26·21	20·10	11·14	9·18	7·50	4·71
Nelson .. .. .	16·84	18·71	17·89	10·76	..	7·50
Timaru .. .. .	15·08	17·47	13·64	9·10	14·29	3·65
Invercargill .. .. .	28·65	22·16	7·60	8·12	..	6·45
All areas, Sept. and nine months 1924	21·07	19·41	9·86	8·74	5·27	4·72
All areas, Sept. and nine months 1923	17·69	19·25	9·70	10·81	4·71	5·11

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of September, 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 .. .. .	11	9	6	4	12	10	4	4	15	9	48	36
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	6
10 " 15 " .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	4	1
15 " 20 " .. .. .	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	5	3
20 " 25 " .. .. .	2	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	1	7	3
25 " 30 " .. .. .	2	2	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	4	6	6
30 " 35 " .. .. .	4	2	..	2	2	2	..	..	1	6	7	12
35 " 40 " .. .. .	2	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	8	12
40 " 45 " .. .. .	3	1	3	1	1	5	2	2	..	5	9	14
45 " 50 " .. .. .	3	1	2	..	2	3	..	1	5	3	12	8
50 " 55 " .. .. .	6	5	6	4	1	3	1	..	4	5	18	17
55 " 60 " .. .. .	7	1	..	1	3	5	3	3	2	6	15	16
60 " 65 " .. .. .	3	3	3	5	3	1	4	1	5	2	18	12
65 years and over .. .. .	30	33	20	13	16	22	13	13	35	30	114	111
Totals .. .. .	77	62	45	35	42	56	35	27	77	77	276	257

The deaths of 225 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of September, 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	..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	7	1
66	1	1	..	3	1	1	1	..	3	..	6	5
67	2	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	4	1	8	3
68	2	1	1	..	1	2	1	1	3	2	8	6
69	2	2	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	..	6	4
70	1	4	1	..	..	3	..	1	..	2	2	10
71	..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	3	4
72	3	2	..	1	2	..	1	1	3	3	9	7
73	..	1	1	1	..	3	1	..	3	..	5	5
74	2	1	1	..	..	2	2	3	1	3	6	9
75	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	3	4
76	2	1	..	1	1	2	1	..	1	..	5	4
77	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	2
78	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	1
79	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
80	1	3	..	1	1	2	1	..	2	2	5	8
81	1	3	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	3	6
82	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	2
83	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	4
84	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	1	4	2	8	4
85	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	3
86	1	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	3	6
87	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	3	..	4	3
88	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
89	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
90	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
91	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
92	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
93	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	3
94	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
95	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total .. .. .	30	33	20	13	16	22	13	13	35	30	114	111