

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,103, as against 1,139 in September—a decrease of 36. The deaths in October were 530, a decrease of 3 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 282, females 248. Seventy of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 13.21 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-eight of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for October and ten months ended October, 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.		October, 1924.	Ten Months, 1924.
	October, 1924.	Ten Months, 1924.	October, 1924.	Ten Months, 1924.		
Auckland .. .. .	21.79	19.57	11.20	9.36	5.10	4.79
Wellington .. .. .	17.71	18.45	8.70	7.92	2.37	3.92
Christchurch .. .. .	18.52	19.05	8.22	8.78	4.50	5.13
Dunedin .. .. .	17.58	16.84	12.51	9.82	3.60	3.29
Hamilton .. .. .	31.26	26.43	4.47	6.48	2.38	5.63
Gisborne .. .. .	27.33	23.27	7.81	7.42	2.86	6.04
Napier .. .. .	26.37	21.03	7.25	9.95	2.50	6.90
Hastings .. .. .	23.08	21.72	10.26	6.84	11.11	4.33
New Plymouth .. .. .	33.31	25.57	10.83	9.24	5.00	5.21
Wanganui .. .. .	21.61	21.18	12.97	8.69	2.22	2.72
Palmerston North .. .. .	15.07	19.60	4.59	8.72	..	4.35
Nelson .. .. .	15.79	18.42	11.58	10.84	33.33	9.71
Timaru .. .. .	16.52	17.38	11.49	9.34	4.35	3.72
Invercargill .. .. .	23.99	22.34	8.77	8.19	2.29	6.02
All areas, Oct. and ten months 1924	20.40	19.51	9.81	8.84	4.35	4.68
All areas, Oct. and ten months 1923	21.96	19.52	9.02	10.63	4.57	5.05

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of October, 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 .. .. .	9	14	4	3	7	3	3	3	14	10	37	33
5 and under 10 years ..	1	1	2	1	..	..	3	1	1	..	7	3
10 " 15 " .. .. .	6	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	1	9	3
15 " 20 " .. .. .	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	2	6	6
20 " 25 " .. .. .	2	1	1	2	1	2	..	1	1	1	5	7
25 " 30 " .. .. .	1	2	2	3	1	..	..	3	..	1	4	9
30 " 35 " .. .. .	4	3	1	..	2	2	1	1	3	1	11	7
35 " 40 " .. .. .	1	1	4	..	1	2	2	1	2	3	10	7
40 " 45 " .. .. .	7	2	4	2	1	2	1	1	5	5	18	12
45 " 50 " .. .. .	4	2	3	3	1	4	1	5	2	1	11	15
50 " 55 " .. .. .	8	4	6	6	1	3	2	2	5	5	22	20
55 " 60 " .. .. .	2	4	2	2	5	1	5	2	2	4	16	13
60 " 65 " .. .. .	10	5	3	1	2	3	3	2	3	7	21	18
65 years and over ..	34	29	13	14	12	20	18	17	28	15	105	95
Totals .. .. .	90	71	45	38	36	43	39	40	72	56	282	248

The deaths of 200 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of October, 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	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	5
66	1	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	3	4
67	2	..	4	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	7	3
68	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	5	4
69	1	3	..	..	..	1	3	..	2	..	6	4
70	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	..	11	4
71	1	..	1	2	..	..	3	1	1	..	6	3
72	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	4	3
73	1	..	..	..	1	2	4	..	2	2	8	4
74	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	3
75	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	1	3	5
76	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
77	1	2	..	1	2	2	1	2	..	1	4	8
78	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	1	1	2	5
79	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	3	1
80	3	1	..	1	1	2	..	2	3	1	7	7
81	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	2
82	1	2	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	1	6	4
83	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	4
84	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	1	1	7
85	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	2	5
86	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	1
87	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
88	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
89	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
90	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
91	2	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	5	1
92	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
94	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
96	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
99	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total .. .. .	34	29	13	14	12	20	18	17	28	15	105	95