

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,102, as against 993 in December—an increase of 106. The deaths in January were 437, a decrease of 13 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 240, females 197. Sixty of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 13.73 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-five of these were under one year of age.

The rates per 1,000 of mean population in January, 1923 and 1924, were as follows:—

Urban Area.	Birth Rate.		Death Rate.	
	January, 1923.	January, 1924.	January, 1923.	January, 1924.
Auckland	1.64	1.66	0.71	0.75
Wellington	1.68	1.52	0.61	0.54
Christchurch	1.61	1.88	0.77	0.71
Dunedin	1.81	1.64	0.97	0.80
Hamilton	3.28	2.22	0.87	0.46
Gisborne	1.68	1.92	0.54	0.73
Napier	2.21	1.62	0.57	0.78
Hastings	1.85	1.75	0.67	0.58
New Plymouth	2.00	2.37	1.11	0.50
Wanganui	1.99	1.84	0.50	0.61
Palmerston North	1.88	1.80	0.40	1.07
Nelson	1.84	1.96	1.29	1.16
Timaru	1.75	1.64	0.44	0.43
Invercargill	2.09	2.13	0.56	0.55
Totals for all areas	1.75	1.74	0.71	0.69

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of January, 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	15	9	3	5	4	3	1	5	10	5	33	27
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
15 " 20 "	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
20 " 25 "	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	4	1	7	3
25 " 30 "	5	..	2	1	1	3	1	1	..	1	9	6
30 " 35 "	3	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	3	..	7	4
35 " 40 "	4	2	1	2	5	..	1	..	4	5	15	9
40 " 45 "	3	2	2	..	1	3	2	1	1	2	9	8
45 " 50 "	3	2	3	..	1	2	1	..	3	1	11	5
50 " 55 "	5	4	2	3	3	2	1	3	2	6	13	18
55 " 60 "	2	4	4	..	4	2	2	3	3	1	15	10
60 " 65 "	5	3	3	3	5	4	3	1	8	4	24	15
65 years and over	27	21	10	11	13	19	15	17	30	17	95	85
Totals	76	49	30	30	38	42	28	32	68	44	240	197

The deaths of 180 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of January, 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	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	3	3
66 .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	1	3	3
67	1	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	4	5
68 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
69	2	2	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	2	4	7
70	1	..	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	6	6
71 .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	3
72	2	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	4
73	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	3
74	1	3	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	3	5
75	1	1	2	..	..	1	3	1	1	..	7	3
76	2	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	2	5	4
77 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	4	..	6	3
78	2	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	2	4	6
79	6	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	13	1
80	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	2	1	4	6
81	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	4
82 .. .. .	..	2	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	4	4
83	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	3
84 .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	3
85	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2
86	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	3	3
87 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	1
88 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
89 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
90 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
91 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
92 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
93	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
94 .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total	27	21	10	11	13	19	15	17	30	17	95	85