

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Urban Areas of the Dominion for the Month of January, 1925:—

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1924.	Total Births registered, January, 1925.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN JANUARY, 1925.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, January, 1925.
				Males.			Females.				
				Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.		
Auckland ..	172,935	329	1.90	12	2	63	4	4	41	126	0.73
Wellington ..	114,510	176	1.54	5	4	34	9	5	26	77	0.67
Christchurch ..	115,360	194	1.68	4	..	42	2	..	25	73	0.63
Dunedin ..	75,755	120	1.58	1	2	29	1	..	23	56	0.74
Hamilton ..	16,120	49	3.04	1	..	8	1	..	3	13	0.80
Gisborne ..	15,365	24	1.56	..	1	2	..	..	5	8	0.52
Napier ..	18,205	28	1.54	1	..	4	..	..	3	8	0.44
Hastings ..	14,035	28	2.00	..	..	2	..	1	7	10	0.71
New Plymouth ..	14,410	25	1.73	..	..	8	..	..	10	18	1.25
Wanganui ..	24,985	64	2.56	1	..	4	2	1	5	13	0.52
Palmerston North ..	18,310	37	2.02	1	..	8	..	1	7	17	0.93
Nelson ..	11,400	17	1.49	1	..	7	..	1	6	15	1.32
Timaru ..	16,710	28	1.68	1	1	4	1	..	1	8	0.48
Invercargill ..	20,520	47	2.29	1	..	6	1	..	4	12	0.58
Total ..	648,620	1,166	1.80	29	10	221	15	13	166	454	0.70

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,166, as against 1,175 in December—a decrease of 9. The deaths in January were 454, a decrease of 34 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 260, females 194. Sixty-six of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14.54 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-four of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for January, 1925, and January, 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.		January, 1925.	January, 1924.
	January, 1925.	January, 1924.	January, 1925.	January, 1924.		
Auckland ..	22.83	20.08	8.74	8.94	4.86	5.76
Wellington ..	18.44	18.20	8.07	6.42	4.55	4.11
Christchurch ..	20.18	22.54	7.59	8.46	3.09	2.35
Dunedin ..	19.01	19.64	8.87	9.59	1.67	4.07
Hamilton ..	36.48	26.58	9.68	5.47	4.08	5.88
Gisborne ..	18.74	23.01	6.25	8.73	..	..
Napier ..	18.45	19.47	5.27	9.16	3.57	6.90
Hastings ..	23.94	21.97	8.55	6.99	..	4.17
New Plymouth ..	20.82	28.43	14.96	6.03	..	3.03
Wanganui ..	30.74	22.08	6.24	7.36	4.69	4.44
Palmerston North ..	24.25	21.56	11.14	12.80	2.70	3.13
Nelson ..	17.89	23.49	15.79	13.88	5.88	1.36
Timaru ..	20.11	19.70	5.74	5.11	7.14	..
Invercargill ..	27.48	25.57	7.02	6.54	4.26	..
All areas, January, 1925 and 1924 ..	21.57	20.84	8.40	8.26	3.77	4.08

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of January, 1925:—

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
<i>Males.</i>															
Under 5 years ..	14	9	4	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	38
5 and under 10 years ..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	6
10 " 15 ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
15 " 20 ..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
20 " 25 ..	1	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8
25 " 30 ..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	7
30 " 35 ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3
35 " 40 ..	5	2	4	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	15
40 " 45 ..	2	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	10
45 " 50 ..	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
50 " 55 ..	5	4	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	15
55 " 60 ..	9	1	3	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	21
60 " 65 ..	7	4	3	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	20
65 " 70 ..	4	1	7	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	19
70 " 75 ..	9	2	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	25
75 " 80 ..	10	..	6	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	23
80 " 85 ..	1	3	2	4	1	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	16
85 " 90 ..	1	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	10
90 " 95 ..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
95 " 100 ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	77	43	46	32	9	3	5	2	8	5	9	8	6	7	260