

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1924.	Total Births registered, February, 1925.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1925.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 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	264	1.53	9	3	49	..	7	40	108	0.62
Wellington .. .. .	114,510	192	1.68	4	1	35	3	22	67	67	0.59
Christchurch .. .. .	115,360	157	1.36	1	1	33	2	4	34	75	0.65
Dunedin .. .. .	75,755	87	1.15	1	1	15	2	2	24	45	0.59
Hamilton .. .. .	16,120	34	2.11	2	1	5	..	..	2	10	0.62
Gisborne .. .. .	15,365	29	1.89	1	..	3	1	..	2	7	0.46
Napier .. .. .	18,205	33	1.81	..	..	8	1	..	9	12	0.99
Hastings .. .. .	14,035	26	1.85	..	..	3	..	..	1	4	0.29
New Plymouth .. .. .	14,410	26	1.80	..	..	1	..	..	4	5	0.35
Wanganui .. .. .	24,985	39	1.56	2	..	2	4	1	3	12	0.48
Palmerston North .. .. .	18,310	30	1.64	3	..	6	..	..	4	13	0.71
Nelson .. .. .	11,400	17	1.49	..	1	4	..	4	4	13	1.14
Timaru .. .. .	16,710	24	1.44	2	1	4	1	..	7	15	0.90
Invercargill .. .. .	20,520	38	1.85	4	..	2	2	..	4	12	0.58
Total .. .. .	648,620	996	1.54	29	9	170	16	20	160	404	0.62

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 996, as against 1,166 in January—a decrease of 170. The deaths in February were 404, a decrease of 50 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 208, females 196. Seventy-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 18.32 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-five of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for February, 1925, and two months ended February, 1925, 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.		February, 1925.	Two Months, 1925.
	February, 1925.	Two Months, 1925.	February, 1925.	Two Months, 1925.		
Auckland .. .. .	18.32	20.57	7.49	8.12	3.41	4.22
Wellington .. .. .	20.12	19.28	7.02	7.55	3.65	4.03
Christchurch .. .. .	16.33	18.26	7.80	7.70	1.91	2.66
Dunedin .. .. .	13.78	16.39	7.13	8.00	3.45	2.42
Hamilton .. .. .	25.31	30.89	7.44	8.56	5.88	4.82
Gisborne .. .. .	22.65	20.70	5.47	5.86	6.90	3.77
Napier .. .. .	21.75	20.10	11.86	8.57	3.03	3.23
Hastings .. .. .	22.23	23.09	3.42	5.99	..	..
New Plymouth .. .. .	21.65	21.24	4.16	9.58	..	..
Wanganui .. .. .	18.73	24.73	5.76	6.00	15.38	8.74
Palmerston North .. .. .	19.66	21.96	8.52	9.83	10.00	5.97
Nelson .. .. .	17.89	17.89	13.68	14.74	..	2.94
Timaru .. .. .	17.23	18.67	10.77	8.26	12.50	9.62
Invercargill .. .. .	22.22	24.85	7.02	7.02	15.79	9.41
All areas, February, and two months, 1925	18.43	20.00	7.47	7.94	4.52	4.12
All areas, February, and two months, 1924	20.81	20.83	7.15	7.71	3.09	3.59

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of February, 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 .. .. .	12	5	2	2	3	1	..	..	..	2	3	1	3	4	38
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	7	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	12
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
20 " 25 " .. .. .	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
25 " 30 " .. .. .	5	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
30 " 35 " .. .. .	3	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
35 " 40 " .. .. .	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
40 " 45 " .. .. .	5	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	11
45 " 50 " .. .. .	1	4	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	11
50 " 55 " .. .. .	4	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	14
55 " 60 " .. .. .	3	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9
60 " 65 " .. .. .	4	1	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	12
65 " 70 " .. .. .	3	5	4	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	18
70 " 75 " .. .. .	2	4	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	15
75 " 80 " .. .. .	4	2	4	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	15
80 " 85 " .. .. .	4	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	10
85 " 90 " .. .. .	2	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7
90 " 95 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	61	40	35	17	8	4	8	3	1	4	9	5	7	6	208