

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,175, as against 977 in November—an increase of 198. The deaths in December were 488, an increase of 18 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 251, females 237. Sixty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 13·93 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 December and twelve months ended December, 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.		December, 1924.	Twelve Months, 1924.
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Auckland	21·93	19·58	9·99	9·34	4·06	4·64
Wellington	22·63	18·82	10·06	8·01	4·67	3·76
Christchurch	18·72	18·95	8·11	8·87	1·67	4·85
Dunedin	21·07	17·25	9·66	9·79	3·76	3·29
Hamilton	36·48	27·48	11·91	6·89	..	4·51
Giaborne	17·18	22·00	9·37	7·74	4·55	5·92
Napier	23·73	21·31	6·59	9·50	..	5·93
Hastings	18·81	21·23	6·84	6·84	9·09	4·36
New Plymouth	24·15	25·12	13·32	9·78	3·45	4·70
Wanganui	26·42	20·89	5·28	8·12	1·82	2·87
Palmerston North	19·66	19·55	5·24	8·03	3·33	4·19
Nelson	15·79	18·07	6·32	11·05	6·66	9·22
Timaru	13·64	16·76	4·31	8·74	10·53	3·93
Invercargill	30·99	22·85	9·36	8·67	5·66	6·18
All areas, Dec. and twelve months 1924	21·74	19·58	9·03	8·85	3·83	4·48
All areas, Dec. and twelve months 1923	18·84	19·58	8·51	10·30	5·32	5·01

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of December, 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 ..	13	7	7	11	2	1	4	3	11	9	37	31
5 and under 10 years ..	1	2	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	6
10 " 15 " ..	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	2
15 " 20 " ..	2	1	1	2	..	2	..	..	2	1	5	6
20 " 25 " ..	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	3	2	..	7	4
25 " 30 " ..	1	5	1	1	3	2	..	..	..	3	5	11
30 " 35 " ..	2	3	1	2	5	..	..	..	3	1	11	6
35 " 40 " ..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	3	2
40 " 45 " ..	4	1	1	..	3	1	..	3	..	1	8	6
45 " 50 " ..	7	5	3	1	..	1	1	3	3	2	14	12
50 " 55 " ..	1	6	4	1	2	5	3	..	2	4	12	16
55 " 60 " ..	7	5	4	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	16	10
60 " 65 " ..	5	4	5	7	5	5	3	2	3	5	21	23
65 years and over ..	30	28	18	18	10	20	18	13	29	23	105	102
Totals ..	76	68	48	48	37	41	32	29	58	51	251	237

The deaths of 207 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the urban areas during the month of December, 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	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	5
66	1	3	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	3	7
67	..	2	1	2	..	1	2	1	3	1	6	7
68	2	5	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	9
69	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	2	4
70	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	2	..	5	2
71	1	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	6	3
72	..	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	5	2
73	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	2	4	3
74	5	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	2	8	5
75	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	1	5	7
76	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	..	1	..	5	6
77	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	3
78	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	2	5	4
79	1	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	7	3
80	..	3	3	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	5	6
81	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	4	2
82	2	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	6	3
83	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	4
84	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	3
85	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	3	1
86	3	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	1	1	6	4
87	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1
88	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	2
90	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
94	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
95	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Total ..	30	28	18	18	10	20	18	13	29	23	105	102