

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1924.	Total Births registered March, 1925.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN MARCH, 1925.							Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, March, 1925.
				Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.	
				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	285	1.65	10	3	52	5	2	44	116	0.67
Wellington .. .. .	114,510	169	1.48	2	..	26	..	..	25	53	0.46
Christchurch .. .. .	115,360	180	1.56	7	1	28	8	..	29	73	0.63
Dunedin .. .. .	75,755	117	1.54	2	2	27	..	..	22	53	0.70
Hamilton .. .. .	16,120	39	2.42	..	..	8	1	..	4	13	0.81
Gisborne .. .. .	15,365	23	1.50	..	..	3	1	..	1	5	0.33
Napier .. .. .	18,205	27	1.48	..	1	5	..	..	4	10	0.55
Hastings .. .. .	14,035	26	1.85	..	1	8	..	1	2	12	0.86
New Plymouth .. .. .	14,410	30	2.08	2	..	1	..	..	2	5	0.35
Wanganui .. .. .	24,985	51	2.04	2	1	9	1	..	5	18	0.72
Palmerston North .. .. .	18,310	43	2.35	..	..	6	..	..	8	14	0.76
Nelson .. .. .	11,400	19	1.67	1	..	4	..	..	3	8	0.70
Timaru .. .. .	16,710	25	1.50	2	1	5	2	..	7	17	1.02
Invercargill .. .. .	20,520	41	2.00	1	..	8	..	..	6	15	0.73
Total .. .. .	648,620	1,075	1.66	29	10	190	18	3	162	412	0.64

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,075, as against 996 in February—an increase of 79. The deaths in March were 412, an increase of 8 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 229, females 183. Sixty of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14.56 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-seven of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for March, 1925, and three months ended March, 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.		March, 1925.	Three Months, 1925.
	March, 1925.	Three Months, 1925.	March, 1925.	Three Months, 1925.		
Auckland .. .. .	19.77	20.31	8.05	8.10	5.26	4.56
Wellington .. .. .	17.71	18.76	5.55	6.88	1.18	3.17
Christchurch .. .. .	18.72	18.41	7.59	7.66	8.33	4.52
Dunedin .. .. .	18.53	17.11	8.40	8.13	1.71	2.16
Hamilton .. .. .	29.03	30.27	9.68	8.93	2.56	4.10
Gisborne .. .. .	17.96	19.79	3.90	5.21	4.35	3.95
Napier .. .. .	17.79	19.34	6.59	7.91	..	2.27
Hastings .. .. .	22.23	22.80	10.26	7.41	..	..
New Plymouth .. .. .	24.98	22.48	4.16	7.77	6.67	2.47
Wanganui .. .. .	24.49	24.65	8.64	6.88	5.88	7.79
Palmerston North .. .. .	28.18	24.03	9.17	9.50	..	3.64
Nelson .. .. .	20.00	18.60	8.42	12.63	5.26	3.77
Timaru .. .. .	17.95	18.44	12.21	9.58	16.00	12.99
Invercargill .. .. .	23.97	24.56	8.77	7.60	2.44	7.14
All areas, March, and three months, 1925	19.89	19.96	7.62	7.83	4.37	4.20
All areas, March, and three months, 1924	20.29	20.65	8.28	7.90	5.41	4.18

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of March, 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 .. .. .	13	2	8	4	..	..	1	1	2	3	..	1	3	1	39
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	1	..	4	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	11
10 " 15 " .. .. .	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6
20 " 25 " .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
25 " 30 " .. .. .	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
30 " 35 " .. .. .	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
35 " 40 " .. .. .	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	9
40 " 45 " .. .. .	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	7
45 " 50 " .. .. .	1	4	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	10
50 " 55 " .. .. .	8	4	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
55 " 60 " .. .. .	5	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	11
60 " 65 " .. .. .	5	1	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	2	17
65 " 70 " .. .. .	4	4	3	2	2	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	19
70 " 75 " .. .. .	7	..	4	4	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	20
75 " 80 " .. .. .	1	4	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	14
80 " 85 " .. .. .	1	3	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	15
85 " 90 " .. .. .	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	11
90 " 95 " .. .. .	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	65	28	36	31	8	3	6	9	3	12	6	5	8	9	229