

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1924.	Total Births registered, April, 1925.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN APRIL, 1925.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, April, 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	234	1.35	10	3	52	6	..	47	118	0.68	
Wellington	114,510	184	1.61	4	1	42	2	..	25	74	0.65	
Christchurch	115,360	213	1.85	7	..	38	2	1	31	79	0.68	
Dunedin	75,755	131	1.73	..	3	30	..	2	33	68	0.90	
Hamilton	16,120	31	1.92	1	2	1	2	..	..	6	0.37
Gisborne	15,365	27	1.76	1	..	6	..	..	1	8	0.52
Napier	18,205	30	1.65	2	..	4	..	..	4	10	0.55
Hastings	14,035	21	1.50	..	1	3	1	1	7	13	0.93	
New Plymouth	14,410	36	2.50	..	..	4	3	..	8	15	1.04
Wanganui	24,985	43	1.72	..	..	2	2	..	7	11	0.44
Palmerston North	18,310	39	2.13	3	..	5	..	..	6	14	0.76
Nelson	11,400	21	1.84	..	..	3	..	..	5	8	0.70
Timaru	16,710	24	1.44	..	..	11	1	..	2	14	0.84
Invercargill	20,520	45	2.19	3	..	8	..	..	2	13	0.63
Total	648,620	1,079	1.66	31	10	209	19	4	178	451	0.70	

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,079, as against 1,075 in March—an increase of 4. The deaths in April were 451, an increase of 39 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 250, females 201. Sixty-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14.19 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for April, 1925, and three months ended April, 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.		April, 1925.	Four Months, 1925.
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Auckland	16.23	19.29	8.19	8.12	6.83	5.04
Wellington	19.28	18.89	7.75	4.48	3.26	3.19
Christchurch	22.15	19.35	8.22	7.80	4.23	4.44
Dunedin	20.75	18.02	10.77	8.79	..	1.54
Hamilton	23.08	28.47	4.47	7.82	9.68	5.23
Gisborne	21.09	20.11	6.25	5.47	3.70	3.88
Napier	19.77	19.44	6.59	7.58	6.67	3.39
Hastings	17.95	21.59	11.11	8.34	4.76	0.99
New Plymouth	29.98	24.36	12.49	8.95	8.33	4.27
Wanganui	20.65	23.65	5.28	6.48	4.65	7.11
Palmerston North	25.56	24.41	9.17	9.50	7.69	4.70
Nelson	22.10	19.47	8.42	12.46	..	2.70
Timaru	17.23	18.13	10.05	9.69	4.17	9.90
Invercargill	26.31	25.00	7.69	7.60	6.67	7.02
All areas, April, and four months, 1925	19.96	19.96	8.34	7.96	4.63	4.31
All areas, April, and four months, 1924	18.67	20.15	7.92	7.91	3.95	4.13

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of April, 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	5	7	3	3	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	38
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
10 " 15 "	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
15 " 20 "	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
20 " 25 "	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
25 " 30 "	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
30 " 35 " .. .. .	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
35 " 40 "	1	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
40 " 45 "	4	4	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	12
45 " 50 "	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	9
50 " 55 "	4	1	3	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	13
55 " 60 "	3	1	2	6	..	1	..	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	19
60 " 65 "	4	5	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	14
65 " 70 "	7	5	7	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	26
70 " 75 "	5	9	4	6	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	3	..	32
75 " 80 "	4	1	6	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	15
80 " 85 "	6	6	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	18
85 " 90 "	4	2	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	13
90 " 95 "	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	65	47	45	33	4	7	6	4	4	2	8	3	11	*	239†

* Full details for Invercargill not available.

† Exclusive of Invercargill.