

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1925.	Total Births registered, May, 1925.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN MAY, 1925.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, May, 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 ..	180,790	299	1.65	8	2	62	8	2	53	135	0.75
Wellington ..	118,490	180	1.52	6	1	41	2	1	22	73	0.62
Christchurch ..	118,270	183	1.55	3	..	32	3	1	32	71	0.60
Dunedin ..	77,480	134	1.73	..	..	34	2	1	27	64	0.83
Hamilton ..	17,070	33	1.95	..	1	5	1	..	5	12	0.70
Gisborne ..	15,700	21	1.34	1	1	4	..	1	2	9	0.57
Napier ..	18,910	18	0.95	2	1	3	1	..	3	10	0.53
Hastings ..	14,590	30	2.06	1	..	5	..	..	5	11	0.75
New Plymouth ..	15,360	27	1.76	1	..	5	..	..	5	11	0.72
Wanganui ..	25,940	46	1.77	1	..	6	1	..	5	13	0.50
Palmerston North ..	19,240	23	1.20	..	..	7	..	..	3	10	0.52
Nelson ..	11,650	26	2.23	..	..	5	2	..	1	8	0.69
Timaru ..	17,110	24	1.40	..	..	6	..	..	3	9	0.53
Invercargill ..	20,990	45	2.14	..	..	1	2	..	6	9	0.43
Total ..	671,590	1,089	1.62	23	6	216	22	6	172	445	0.66

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,089, as against 1,079 in April—an increase of 10. The deaths in May were 445, a decrease of 6 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 245, females 200. Fifty-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12.81 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 May, 1925, and five months ended May, 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.		May, 1925.	Five Months, 1925.
	May, 1925.	Five Months, 1925.	May, 1925.	Five Months, 1925.		
Auckland ..	19.84	18.73	8.96	8.03	5.35	5.10
Wellington ..	18.23	18.24	7.39	6.96	4.44	3.44
Christchurch ..	18.57	18.81	7.20	7.53	3.28	4.21
Dunedin ..	20.65	18.24	9.91	8.86	1.49	1.53
Hamilton ..	23.20	26.15	8.43	7.59	3.03	4.84
Gisborne ..	16.05	18.95	6.88	5.66	4.76	4.03
Napier ..	11.42	17.26	6.35	7.01	16.67	5.15
Hastings ..	24.67	21.58	9.05	8.22	3.33	1.53
New Plymouth ..	21.09	22.50	8.59	8.44	3.70	4.17
Wanganui ..	21.28	22.48	6.01	6.20	4.35	6.58
Palmerston North ..	14.34	21.46	6.24	8.48	..	4.07
Nelson ..	26.78	20.60	8.24	10.71	7.69	4.00
Timaru ..	16.83	17.53	6.33	8.74	..	8.00
Invercargill ..	25.73	24.70	5.14	6.97	4.44	6.48
All areas, May, and five months, 1925	19.46	19.32	7.95	7.26	4.13	4.27
All areas, May, and five months, 1924	18.61	19.49	8.40	7.87	4.97	4.29

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of May, 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 ..	10	7	3	..	1	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	29
5 and under 10 years ..	1	1	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
10 " 15 " ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
15 " 20 " ..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
20 " 25 " ..	2	5	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	11
25 " 30 " ..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
30 " 35 " ..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
35 " 40 " ..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
40 " 45 " ..	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	7
45 " 50 " ..	5	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	10
50 " 55 " ..	4	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	11
55 " 60 " ..	9	4	2	5	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	24
60 " 65 " ..	8	5	3	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	22
65 " 70 " ..	2	3	3	6	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	1	1	..	21
70 " 75 " ..	7	3	5	4	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	24
75 " 80 " ..	5	7	7	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	25
80 " 85 " ..	5	2	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	13
85 " 90 " ..	2	2	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	14
90 " 95 " ..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
95 " 100 " ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	72	48	35	34	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	5	6	1	245