

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1925.	Total Births registered, August, 1925.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN AUGUST, 1925.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, August, 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	252	1.39	11	1	73	5	2	57	149	0.82
Wellington ..	118,490	177	1.49	6	2	42	1	2	26	79	0.67
Christchurch ..	118,270	161	1.36	6	2	47	5	1	53	114	0.96
Dunedin ..	77,480	112	1.45	6	1	40	2	1	36	86	1.10
Hamilton ..	17,070	29	1.70	2	1	7	..	1	3	14	0.82
Gisborne ..	15,700	29	1.85	..	..	3	..	..	8	11	0.70
Napier ..	18,910	35	1.85	..	..	9	1	1	4	15	0.79
Hastings ..	14,590	17	1.17	..	1	5	..	..	8	14	0.96
New Plymouth ..	15,360	27	1.76	..	1	10	1	1	5	18	1.17
Wanganui ..	25,940	33	1.27	2	1	9	..	..	7	19	0.73
Palmerston North ..	19,240	37	1.92	..	..	9	1	..	6	16	0.83
Nelson ..	11,650	14	1.20	..	..	7	..	..	4	11	0.94
Timaru ..	17,110	25	1.46	..	..	6	..	..	9	15	0.88
Invercargill ..	20,990	39	1.86	1	..	5	4	1	7	18	0.86
Total ..	671,590	987	1.47	34	10	272	20	10	233	579	0.86

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 987, as against 1,056 in July—a decrease of 69. The deaths in August were 579, a decrease of 24 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 316, females 263. Seventy-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12.78 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-four of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for August, 1925, and eight months ended August, 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.		August, 1925.	Eight Months, 1925.
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Auckland ..	16.73	18.51	9.89	9.09	6.35	5.33
Wellington ..	17.96	18.08	8.00	7.60	3.95	3.71
Christchurch ..	16.33	18.31	11.24	8.98	6.83	5.33
Dunedin ..	17.34	17.73	13.32	10.12	7.14	3.06
Hamilton ..	20.38	24.43	9.84	7.47	6.90	4.32
Gisborne ..	22.17	18.63	8.41	7.45	..	3.59
Napier ..	22.21	18.96	9.52	7.77	2.86	6.11
Hastings ..	13.98	19.84	11.51	7.92	..	1.55
New Plymouth ..	21.09	22.46	14.06	9.47	3.70	3.48
Wanganui ..	15.27	20.59	8.79	7.29	6.06	6.46
Palmerston North ..	23.08	29.47	9.98	8.65	2.70	3.60
Nelson ..	14.42	17.90	11.33	11.59	..	4.32
Timaru ..	17.53	17.97	10.52	8.85	..	6.34
Invercargill ..	22.29	24.08	10.29	7.79	12.82	7.12
All areas, August, and eight months, 1925	17.64	18.89	10.35	7.69	5.47	4.67
All areas, August, and eight months, 1924	18.81	19.21	10.16	8.60	5.41	4.65

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of August, 1925:—

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
	Males.														
Under 5 years ..	12	8	8	7	3	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	1	44
5 and under 10 years ..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	6
10 " 15 " ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3
15 " 20 " ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5
20 " 25 " ..	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	7
25 " 30 " ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
30 " 35 " ..	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8
35 " 40 " ..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	10
40 " 45 " ..	7	3	2	3	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	19
45 " 50 " ..	5	2	3	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	16
50 " 55 " ..	9	3	3	4	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	22
55 " 60 " ..	11	3	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	25
60 " 65 " ..	6	3	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	15
65 " 70 " ..	8	5	6	5	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	29
70 " 75 " ..	3	3	6	5	..	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	24
75 " 80 " ..	7	3	6	4	..	1	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	26
80 " 85 " ..	4	8	2	5	..	..	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	..	29
85 " 90 " ..	5	3	5	3	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	19
90 " 95 " ..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6
95 " 100 " ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	85	50	55	47	10	3	9	6	11	12	9	7	6	6	316