

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1925.	Total Births registered, September, 1925.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1925.								Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, September, 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	180,790	278	1.54	7	4	76	9	1	74	171	0.95	
Wellington	118,490	185	1.56	3	1	53	2	7	52	118	1.00	
Christchurch	118,270	179	1.51	3	..	32	6	2	43	86	0.73	
Dunedin	77,480	104	1.34	1	2	37	4	1	28	73	0.94	
Hamilton	17,070	33	1.93	1	..	5	2	..	6	14	0.82	
Gisborne	15,700	25	1.59	..	..	5	1	..	3	9	0.57
Napier	18,910	32	1.69	1	..	5	1	..	7	14	0.74	
Hastings	14,590	27	1.85	1	1	2	3	1	1	8	0.55	
New Plymouth	15,360	37	2.41	..	..	3	..	1	3	12	0.78
Wanganui	25,940	49	1.89	1	..	7	..	..	7	15	0.58
Palmerston North	19,240	25	1.30	2	..	6	1	..	5	14	0.73	
Nelson	11,650	20	1.72	1	1	6	..	..	3	11	0.94
Timaru	17,110	21	1.23	..	..	3	..	..	2	5	0.29
Invercargill	20,990	39	1.86	..	..	2	1	..	9	12	0.57
Total	671,590	1,054	1.57	21	9	242	30	12	248	562	0.84	

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,054, as against 987 in August—an increase of 67. The deaths in September were 562, a decrease of 17 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 272, females 290. Seventy-two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12.81 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-one of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for September, 1925, and nine months ended September, 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.		September, 1925.	Nine Months, 1925.
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Auckland	18.45	18.50	11.35	9.34	5.76	5.38
Wellington	18.73	18.15	11.95	7.97	2.70	3.60
Christchurch	18.16	18.30	8.73	8.95	5.03	5.30
Dunedin	16.11	17.55	11.31	10.26	4.81	3.24
Hamilton	23.20	24.29	9.84	7.73	9.09	4.82
Gisborne	19.11	18.68	6.88	7.38	4.00	3.64
Napier	20.31	18.40	8.88	7.90	6.25	6.13
Hastings	22.21	20.11	6.58	7.77	14.81	2.73
New Plymouth	28.91	23.18	9.37	9.46	..	3.00
Wanganui	22.67	20.15	6.94	7.25	2.04	5.96
Palmerston North	15.59	21.00	8.73	8.66	12.00	4.29
Nelson	20.60	18.20	11.33	11.56	5.00	4.40
Timaru	14.73	17.61	3.51	9.43	..	5.75
Invercargill	22.29	23.88	6.86	7.69	2.56	6.65
All areas, September, and nine months, 1925	18.83	18.89	10.06	8.34	4.84	4.69
All areas, September, and nine months, 1924	21.07	19.41	9.86	8.74	5.27	4.72

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of September, 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	11	4	3	3	1	..	1	2	..	1	2	2	..	..	30
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
10 .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
15	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
20	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
25	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
30	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
35	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5
40	2	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
45	4	10	4	2	2	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	26
50	3	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	11
55	7	6	2	2	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	20
60	6	4	2	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	21
65	10	7	8	6	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	38
70	8	7	3	3	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	27
75	7	8	3	5	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	1	..	29
80	9	1	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	20
85	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	9
90	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5
95	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	87	57	35	40	6	5	6	4	3	8	8	8	3	2	272