

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Urban Areas of the Dominion for the Month of February, 1926:—

	Estimated Population 1st April, 1925.	Total Births Registered February, 1926.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1926.							Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 1926.
				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	262	1.45	8	4	53	5	5	57	132	0.73
Wellington .. .. .	118,490	161	1.36	4	3	27	3	..	22	59	0.50
Christchurch .. .. .	118,270	174	1.47	4	..	28	3	1	24	60	0.51
Dunedin .. .. .	77,480	112	1.45	2	..	26	2	1	30	61	0.79
Hamilton .. .. .	17,070	30	1.76	2	..	4	..	..	1	7	0.41
Gisborne .. .. .	15,700	24	1.53	1	..	8	2	..	3	14	0.89
Napier .. .. .	18,910	33	1.75	1	1	4	..	2	12	20	1.06
Hastings .. .. .	14,590	25	1.71	..	..	3	..	1	4	8	0.55
New Plymouth .. .. .	15,860	31	2.02	..	..	5	..	..	3	8	0.52
Wanganui .. .. .	25,940	40	1.54	..	2	10	1	..	3	16	0.62
Palmerston North .. .. .	19,240	24	1.25	..	..	8	1	1	4	14	0.73
Nelson .. .. .	11,650	16	1.37	..	1	7	..	..	5	13	1.12
Timaru .. .. .	17,110	23	1.34	..	..	3	..	..	5	8	0.47
Invercargill .. .. .	20,990	36	1.72	1	..	8	..	..	1	10	0.48
Totals .. .. .	671,590	991	1.48	23	11	194	17	11	174	430	0.64

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 991, as against 1,180 in January—a decrease of 189. The deaths in February were 430, a decrease of 18 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 228, females 202. Sixty-two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14.39 per cent. of the whole number. Forty of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for February, 1926, and two months ended February, 1926, 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.		February, 1926.	Two Months 1926.
	February, 1926.	Two Months, 1926.	February, 1926.	Two Months, 1926.		
Auckland .. .. .	17.39	19.95	8.76	8.76	4.96	4.32
Wellington .. .. .	16.30	18.63	5.97	7.14	4.35	3.53
Christchurch .. .. .	17.65	19.94	6.09	6.85	4.02	2.55
Dunedin .. .. .	17.34	17.11	9.45	8.78	3.57	4.06
Hamilton .. .. .	21.09	20.39	4.92	5.62	6.67	3.44
Gisborne .. .. .	18.34	20.55	10.70	9.13	12.50	9.26
Napier .. .. .	20.94	22.85	12.69	10.47	3.03	5.55
Hastings .. .. .	20.56	12.34	6.58	4.52	..	..
New Plymouth .. .. .	24.22	23.05	6.25	5.86	..	..
Wanganui .. .. .	18.50	18.04	7.40	7.17	2.50	1.28
Palmerston North .. .. .	14.97	17.46	8.73	7.80	4.16	8.92
Nelson .. .. .	16.48	22.66	13.38	12.88	..	2.27
Timaru .. .. .	16.13	18.23	5.61	7.01	..	1.92
Invercargill .. .. .	20.58	18.87	5.72	5.15	2.78	1.51
All areas, February, and two months, 1926	17.71	19.40	7.68	7.84	4.04	3.63
All areas, February, and two months, 1925	18.43	20.00	7.47	7.94	4.52	4.12

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of February, 1926:—

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christch'ch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
<i>Males.</i>															
Under 5 years .. .. .	12	7	4	2	2	1	2	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	34
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4
10 " 15 " .. .. .	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	8
15 " 20 " .. .. .	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
20 " 25 " .. .. .	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	7
25 " 30 " .. .. .	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
30 " 35 " .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
35 " 40 " .. .. .	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	8
40 " 45 " .. .. .	4	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
45 " 50 " .. .. .	3	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	12
50 " 55 " .. .. .	5	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	13
55 " 60 " .. .. .	2	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	11
60 " 65 " .. .. .	4	..	4	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	13
65 " 70 " .. .. .	7	5	3	4	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	24
70 " 75 " .. .. .	5	4	2	3	..	2	..	1	1	3	1	1	..	1	24
75 " 80 " .. .. .	5	1	4	5	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	20
80 " 85 " .. .. .	4	1	4	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	17
85 " 90 " .. .. .	4	1	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	13
90 " 95 " .. .. .	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	65	34	32	28	6	9	6	3	5	12	8	8	3	9	228