

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Urban Areas of the Dominion for the Month of December, 1925.—

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1925.	Total Births registered, December, 1925.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN DECEMBER, 1925.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, December, 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	310	1.71	9	4	66	4	1	56	140	0.77	
Wellington ..	118,490	176	1.49	6	1	35	1	1	40	84	0.71	
Christchurch ..	118,270	161	1.36	3	..	30	4	..	45	82	0.69	
Dunedin ..	77,480	112	1.45	3	..	37	..	2	30	72	0.93	
Hamilton ..	17,070	22	1.29	..	..	3	..	..	1	4	0.23
Gisborne ..	15,700	28	1.78	2	..	2	1	1	4	10	0.64	
Napier ..	18,910	43	2.27	1	..	12	..	..	5	18	0.95
Hastings ..	14,590	35	2.40	1	..	3	..	..	6	10	0.69
New Plymouth ..	15,360	32	2.08	..	..	6	..	1	9	16	1.04
Wanganui ..	25,940	46	1.77	..	..	7	2	..	7	16	0.62
Palmerston North ..	19,240	23	1.20	..	..	9	1	..	7	17	0.88
Nelson ..	11,650	16	1.37	..	..	4	..	..	6	10	0.86
Timaru ..	17,110	35	2.05	..	..	4	..	..	9	13	0.76
Invercargill ..	20,990	35	1.67	1	..	7	..	1	6	15	0.71	
Totals ..	671,590	1,074	1.60	26	5	225	13	7	231	507	0.75	

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,074, as against 1,086 in November—a decrease of 12. The deaths in December were 507, an increase of 33 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 256, females 251. Fifty-one of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 10.06 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-nine of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for December, 1925, and twelve months ended December, 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.		December, 1925.	Twelve Mos. 1925.
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Auckland ..	20.58	19.09	9.29	9.09	4.19	5.10
Wellington ..	17.82	17.77	8.51	8.11	3.98	3.51
Christchurch ..	16.33	18.15	8.32	8.98	4.35	4.75
Dunedin ..	17.35	17.68	11.15	10.17	2.68	3.36
Hamilton ..	15.47	23.37	2.81	7.38	..	4.51
Gisborne ..	21.40	18.73	7.64	7.83	10.71	4.42
Napier ..	27.29	18.72	11.42	8.62	2.33	5.65
Hastings ..	28.79	21.32	8.22	8.02	2.86	3.86
New Plymouth ..	25.00	22.46	12.50	9.77	..	2.90
Wanganui ..	21.28	21.40	7.40	7.02	4.35	4.86
Palmerston North ..	14.34	20.06	10.60	8.94	4.35	4.15
Nelson ..	16.48	18.20	10.30	11.67	..	0.86
Timaru ..	24.55	17.88	9.12	8.59	..	5.23
Invercargill ..	20.01	23.44	8.58	8.24	2.86	6.30
All areas, December, and twelve months, 1925	19.19	18.95	9.06	8.85	3.63	4.47
All areas, December, and twelve months, 1924	21.74	19.58	9.03	8.85	3.83	4.48

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of December, 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	7	3	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	31
5 and under 10 years ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	5
10 " 15 " ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
15 " 20 " ..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	5
20 " 25 " ..	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
25 " 30 " ..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5
30 " 35 " ..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	8
35 " 40 " ..	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
40 " 45 " ..	3	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	11
45 " 50 " ..	6	2	3	4	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	19
50 " 55 " ..	5	2	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
55 " 60 " ..	2	5	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	14
60 " 65 " ..	6	5	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	20
65 " 70 " ..	8	3	2	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	20
70 " 75 " ..	8	8	2	6	1	..	3	..	1	2	2	..	..	1	34
75 " 80 " ..	9	3	2	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	23
80 " 85 " ..	3	1	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	15
85 " 90 " ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	12
90 " 95 " ..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
95 " 100 " ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
100 years and over ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	79	42	33	40	3	4	13	4	6	7	9	4	4	8	256