

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1925.	Total Births registered, April, 1926.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN APRIL, 1926.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, April, 1926.
				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	322	1.78	3	1	60	6	2	49	121	0.67
Wellington ..	118,490	190	1.60	3	..	41	2	1	37	84	0.71
Christchurch ..	118,270	190	1.61	2	1	41	7	..	26	77	0.65
Dunedin ..	77,480	86	1.11	5	..	27	..	..	19	51	0.66
Hamilton ..	17,070	27	1.58	..	..	9	1	..	4	14	0.82
Gisborne ..	15,700	23	1.46	1	..	9	1	..	5	16	1.02
Napier ..	18,910	18	0.85	..	..	7	..	..	3	10	0.53
Hastings ..	14,590	33	2.26	..	1	8	..	..	1	10	0.69
New Plymouth ..	15,360	28	1.82	..	..	7	..	..	4	11	0.72
Wanganui ..	25,940	59	2.27	3	1	7	1	..	7	19	0.73
Palmerston North ..	19,240	42	2.18	1	..	3	..	..	3	7	0.36
Nelson ..	11,650	18	1.55	1	..	5	..	..	5	11	0.94
Timaru ..	17,110	28	1.64	1	..	5	..	2	6	14	0.82
Invercargill ..	20,990	35	1.67	..	..	7	1	..	4	12	0.57
Totals ..	671,590	1,099	1.64	20	4	236	19	5	173	457	0.68

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,099, as against 1,175 in March—a decrease of 76. The deaths in April were 457—a decrease of 36, as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 260, females 197. Forty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 10.50 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 April, 1926, and four months ended April, 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.		April, 1926.	Four Months 1926.
	April, 1926.	Four Months, 1926.	April, 1926.	Four Months, 1926.		
Auckland ..	21.37	20.86	8.03	8.50	2.80	3.66
Wellington ..	19.24	19.55	8.51	7.82	2.63	3.11
Christchurch ..	19.28	19.53	7.81	7.38	4.74	3.38
Dunedin ..	13.32	16.42	7.90	9.53	5.81	4.01
Hamilton ..	18.98	18.63	9.84	5.98	3.70	2.83
Gisborne ..	17.58	20.25	12.23	9.55	8.70	8.49
Napier ..	10.22	18.56	6.35	9.99	..	5.98
Hastings ..	27.14	21.80	8.22	4.73	..	..
New Plymouth ..	21.87	25.00	8.59	8.59	..	2.34
Wanganui ..	27.29	24.06	8.79	8.44	6.78	3.37
Palmerston North ..	26.19	19.96	4.37	7.64	2.38	4.69
Nelson ..	18.54	20.09	11.34	10.82	5.56	2.56
Timaru ..	19.64	19.29	9.82	8.59	3.57	2.73
Invercargill ..	20.01	19.29	6.86	6.15	2.86	2.22
All areas, April, and four months, 1926	19.64	19.86	8.17	8.17	3.55	3.51
All areas, April, and four months, 1925	19.96	19.96	8.34	7.96	4.63	4.31

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of April, 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 ..	4	3	3	5	..	1	..	1	..	4	1	1	1	..	24
5 and under 10 years ..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
10 " 15 " ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
15 " 20 " ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	4
20 " 25 " ..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
25 " 30 " ..	3	3	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
30 " 35 " ..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
35 " 40 " ..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	9
40 " 45 " ..	5	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
45 " 50 " ..	4	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	11
50 " 55 " ..	7	2	3	2	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	18
55 " 60 " ..	5	5	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	18
60 " 65 " ..	3	9	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	22
65 " 70 " ..	9	3	9	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	..	..	..	1	35
70 " 75 " ..	5	3	7	3	1	..	2	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	25
75 " 80 " ..	7	2	5	4	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	22
80 " 85 " ..	3	..	2	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	12
85 " 90 " ..	4	1	3	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	15
90 " 95 " ..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
95 " 100 " ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	64	44	44	32	9	10	7	9	7	11	4	6	6	7	260