

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Population : Census of 20th April, 1926.	Total Births registered, August, 1926.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN AUGUST, 1926.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, August, 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 ..	192,176	319	1.66	11	4	90	4	1	63	173	0.90
Wellington ..	121,324	186	1.53	9	1	33	8	..	40	91	0.75
Christchurch ..	118,408	196	1.65	8	1	69	9	5	49	141	1.19
Dunedin ..	85,103	125	1.46	5	1	52	4	1	37	100	1.17
Hamilton ..	16,070	41	2.55	2	..	4	..	..	3	9	0.56
Gisborne ..	14,834	25	1.68	1	1	14	1	2	4	23	1.55
Napier ..	17,933	32	1.78	1	..	13	1	..	6	21	1.17
Hastings ..	14,638	35	2.39	..	1	8	..	..	3	12	0.81
New Plymouth ..	15,938	31	1.94	..	..	8	..	1	1	10	0.62
Wanganui ..	26,130	41	1.56	2	2	6	2	..	5	17	0.65
Palmerston North ..	19,754	29	1.46	..	..	5	1	1	8	15	0.75
Nelson ..	11,762	18	1.53	..	..	7	..	..	9	16	1.86
Timaru ..	16,817	34	2.02	..	..	7	1	1	4	13	0.77
Invercargill ..	21,862	37	1.69	1	1	13	..	..	16	81	1.41
Totals ..	692,749	1,149	1.65	40	12	329	31	12	248	672	0.97

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,149, as against 1,086 in July—an increase of 63. The deaths in August were 672—a decrease of 134 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 381, females 291. Ninety-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14.13 per cent. of the whole number. Seventy-one of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for August, 1926, and eight months ended August, 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.		August, 1926.	Eight Months, 1926.
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Auckland ..	19.92	18.97	10.80	9.27	4.39	4.64
Wellington ..	18.36	18.57	9.00	8.74	9.14	3.88
Christchurch ..	19.80	18.34	14.28	10.38	8.67	5.43
Dunedin ..	17.52	16.03	14.04	9.86	7.20	4.50
Hamilton ..	30.60	22.40	6.72	7.09	4.95	3.83
Gisborne ..	20.16	22.65	18.60	11.83	8.00	5.80
Napier ..	21.36	19.15	14.04	11.71	6.25	6.46
Hastings ..	23.68	22.33	9.72	6.55	..	1.37
New Plymouth ..	23.28	24.18	7.44	8.84	..	3.10
Wanganui ..	18.72	20.66	7.80	7.40	9.75	4.17
Palmerston North ..	17.52	19.66	9.00	8.12	3.44	4.25
Nelson ..	18.36	20.15	16.32	10.92	..	3.23
Timaru ..	24.24	19.89	9.24	9.45	2.94	3.13
Invercargill ..	20.28	17.18	16.92	8.43	2.70	2.51
All areas, August, and eight months, 1926	19.80	21.10	11.64	9.35	6.17	4.23
All areas, August, and eight months, 1925	17.64	18.89	10.35	7.69	5.47	4.67

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christch'ch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
	Males.														
Under 5 years ..	15	10	9	6	2	2	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	2	52
5 and under 10 years ..	2	..	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
10 .. 15 ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
15 .. 20 ..	1	2	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
20 .. 25 ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3
25 .. 30 ..	1	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	11
30 .. 35 ..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
35 .. 40 ..	5	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	12
40 .. 45 ..	2	1	1	2	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	11
45 .. 50 ..	5	2	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
50 .. 55 ..	9	1	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	18
55 .. 60 ..	5	4	4	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	21
60 .. 65 ..	8	1	5	4	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	22
65 .. 70 ..	10	3	6	4	..	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	31
70 .. 75 ..	12	9	11	8	..	2	1	2	3	..	..	2	2	..	52
75 .. 80 ..	14	1	8	8	1	3	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	41
80 .. 85 ..	7	4	13	5	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	45
85 .. 90 ..	1	1	6	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	18
90 .. 95 ..	3	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
95 .. 100 ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	105	43	78	58	6	16	14	9	8	10	5	7	7	15	381