

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Population : Census of 20th April, 1926.	Total Births registered, September, 1926.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1926.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, September, 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	312	1.62	12	6	86	6	1	70	181	0.94
Wellington ..	121,324	201	1.66	4	4	55	5	3	38	109	0.90
Christchurch ..	118,408	203	1.71	8	..	44	7	1	46	106	0.89
Dunedin ..	85,103	107	1.26	1	..	33	..	1	29	64	0.75
Hamilton ..	16,070	34	2.12	2	..	9	1	..	3	15	0.93
Gisborne ..	14,834	33	2.22	..	..	5	..	1	6	12	0.81
Napier ..	17,933	25	1.39	2	..	8	..	..	6	16	0.89
Hastings ..	14,638	16	1.09	..	..	8	..	..	3	11	0.75
New Plymouth ..	15,938	40	2.51	2	..	8	1	1	7	19	1.19
Wanganui ..	26,130	46	1.76	..	..	12	2	..	3	17	0.65
Palmerston North ..	19,754	37	1.87	..	1	7	1	..	3	12	0.61
Nelson ..	11,762	16	1.36	1	..	3	..	..	4	8	0.68
Timaru ..	16,817	23	1.37	..	..	16	..	..	6	22	1.31
Invercargill ..	21,862	35	1.60	1	..	11	..	..	5	17	0.78
Totals ..	692,749	1,128	1.63	33	11	305	23	8	229	609	0.88

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,128, as against 1,149 in August—a decrease of 21. The deaths in September were 609—a decrease of 63 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 349, females 260. Seventy-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12.32 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-six of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for September, 1926, and nine months ended September, 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.		September, 1926.	Nine Months, 1926.
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Auckland ..	19.44	19.03	11.28	9.50	5.76	4.81
Wellington ..	19.92	18.72	10.80	8.96	4.47	4.51
Christchurch ..	20.52	18.59	10.68	10.42	7.38	5.93
Dunedin ..	15.12	15.93	9.00	9.78	9.34	4.13
Hamilton ..	25.44	22.73	11.16	7.55	8.82	4.36
Gisborne ..	26.64	23.10	9.72	11.59	..	5.06
Napier ..	16.68	18.88	10.68	11.59	8.00	6.69
Hastings ..	13.08	21.31	9.00	6.83	..	1.28
New Plymouth ..	30.12	24.84	14.28	9.45	7.50	3.70
Wanganui ..	21.12	20.72	7.80	7.45	4.30	4.18
Palmerston North ..	22.44	19.98	7.32	8.03	2.70	4.54
Nelson ..	16.32	19.72	8.16	10.65	6.25	3.44
Timaru ..	16.44	19.50	15.72	10.15	..	2.84
Invercargill ..	19.20	19.45	9.36	8.54	2.85	2.82
All areas, September, and nine months, 1926	19.56	18.99	10.56	8.52	4.07	4.53
All areas, September, and nine months, 1925	18.83	18.89	10.06	8.34	4.84	4.69

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of September, 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 ..	18	8	8	1	2	..	2	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	44
5 and under 10 years ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
10 " 15 " ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
15 " 20 " ..	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
20 " 25 " ..	6	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	12
25 " 30 " ..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
30 " 35 " ..	..	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
35 " 40 " ..	2	2	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	15
40 " 45 " ..	..	2	3	2	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	11
45 " 50 " ..	7	5	1	1	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	21
50 " 55 " ..	9	3	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	23
55 " 60 " ..	8	4	1	5	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
60 " 65 " ..	9	4	6	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	26
65 " 70 " ..	8	5	3	1	2	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	26
70 " 75 " ..	7	5	1	6	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	2	2	1	27
75 " 80 " ..	10	5	6	2	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	2	32
80 " 85 " ..	6	2	5	5	..	2	2	..	2	2	..	4	4	2	32
85 " 90 " ..	7	5	4	2	2	..	1	..	2	1	3	..	3	3	30
90 " 95 " ..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	5
95 " 100 " ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Totals ..	104	63	52	34	11	5	10	8	10	12	8	4	16	12	349