

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Population : Census of 20th April, 1926.	Total Births registered, October, 1926.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 1926.							Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, October, 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 ..	192,176	284	1.48	5	2	79	4	..	49	139	0.72
Wellington ..	121,924	184	1.52	8	4	44	1	1	22	80	0.66
Christchurch ..	118,408	181	1.53	4	1	31	3	2	41	82	0.69
Dunedin ..	85,103	131	1.54	3	..	24	3	2	26	58	0.68
Hamilton ..	16,070	32	1.99	..	1	7	..	1	5	14	0.87
Gisborne ..	14,834	38	2.56	2	..	4	..	..	4	10	0.67
Napier ..	17,933	31	1.73	..	1	11	1	..	7	20	1.12
Hastings ..	14,638	21	1.43	..	..	9	..	..	8	17	1.18
New Plymouth ..	15,938	30	1.88	..	..	6	1	..	10	17	1.07
Wanganui ..	26,130	38	1.45	4	..	14	3	..	2	23	0.88
Palmerston North ..	19,754	35	1.77	..	..	9	1	..	4	14	0.71
Nelson ..	11,762	19	1.62	..	..	6	..	..	3	9	0.77
Timaru ..	16,817	23	1.37	1	1	7	..	..	2	11	0.65
Invercargill ..	21,862	39	1.78	1	..	2	1	..	7	11	0.50
Totals ..	692,749	1,086	1.57	28	10	253	18	6	190	505	0.73

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,086 as against 1,123 in September—a decrease of 42. The deaths in October were 505—a decrease of 104 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 291, females 214. Sixty-two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12.28 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-six of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for October, 1926, and ten months ended October, 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.		October, 1926.	Ten Months, 1926.
	October, 1926.	Ten Months, 1926.	October, 1926.	Ten Months, 1926.		
Auckland ..	17.73	18.90	8.68	9.42	3.17	4.66
Wellington ..	18.20	18.66	7.91	8.86	4.89	4.13
Christchurch ..	18.30	18.57	8.31	10.22	3.87	5.73
Dunedin ..	18.47	16.05	8.18	9.62	4.58	4.22
Hamilton ..	23.89	22.85	10.45	7.84	..	3.92
Gisborne ..	30.74	23.86	8.09	11.24	5.26	5.08
Napier ..	20.74	19.07	13.38	11.78	3.23	6.32
Hastings ..	17.32	20.90	14.18	7.51	..	1.18
New Plymouth ..	22.59	24.62	12.80	9.79	3.33	3.67
Wanganui ..	17.45	20.39	10.56	7.76	18.42	5.41
Palmerston North ..	21.26	20.11	8.50	8.08	2.86	3.93
Nelson ..	19.38	19.69	9.18	10.51	..	3.11
Timaru ..	16.41	19.19	7.85	9.92	4.35	2.98
Invercargill ..	21.41	19.65	6.04	8.23	5.13	3.07
All areas, October, and ten months, 1926	18.81	18.99	8.75	9.41	4.24	4.51
All areas, October, and ten months, 1925	18.85	18.88	9.15	8.87	5.02	4.72

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

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 ..	7	12	5	3	1	2	1	..	..	4	..	..	2	1	38
5 and under 10 years ..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	5
10 " 15 " ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
15 " 20 " ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
20 " 25 " ..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
25 " 30 " ..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	7
30 " 35 " ..	6	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
35 " 40 " ..	4	1	3	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	14
40 " 45 " ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	10
45 " 50 " ..	8	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	16
50 " 55 " ..	5	4	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	16
55 " 60 " ..	4	5	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	16
60 " 65 " ..	8	4	2	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	22
65 " 70 " ..	4	1	6	2	3	1	2	1	..	5	2	..	..	1	28
70 " 75 " ..	13	5	5	1	..	1	2	1	..	3	2	..	1	..	35
75 " 80 " ..	7	7	2	4	..	1	..	1	1	2	1	..	2	..	28
80 " 85 " ..	6	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	15
85 " 90 " ..	3	4	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	11
90 " 95 " ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
95 " 100 " ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
100 years and over ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	86	56	36	27	8	6	12	9	6	18	9	6	9	3	291