

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1925.	Total Births registered, January, 1926.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN JANUARY, 1926.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, January, 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	180,790	339	1.88	5	3	61	8	3	52	132	0.73		
Wellington	118,490	207	1.75	5	1	40	2	1	33	82	0.69		
Christchurch	118,270	218	1.84	2	..	36	1	..	36	75	0.63		
Dunedin	77,480	109	1.41	3	..	31	2	..	23	59	0.76		
Hamilton	17,070	28	1.64	..	..	4	..	..	5	9	0.53
Gisborne	15,700	30	1.91	1	..	5	1	..	3	10	0.64		
Napier	18,910	39	2.06	1	..	7	2	..	3	13	0.69		
Hastings	14,590	25	1.71	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	0.21
New Plymouth	15,360	28	1.82	..	..	4	..	1	2	7	0.46
Wanganui	25,940	38	1.46	..	1	9	..	..	5	15	0.58
Palmerston North	19,240	32	1.66	4	1	2	..	..	4	11	0.57
Nelson	11,650	28	2.40	..	..	7	1	..	4	12	1.03
Timaru	17,110	29	1.69	1	..	4	..	1	6	12	0.70		
Invercargill	20,990	30	1.43	..	..	6	..	..	2	8	0.38
Totals	671,590	1,180	1.76	22	7	218	17	6	178	448	0.67		

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,180, as against 1,074 in December—an increase of 106. The deaths in January were 448, a decrease of 59 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 247, females 201. Fifty-two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.61 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 January, 1926 and 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.		January, 1926.	January, 1925.
	January, 1926.	January, 1925.	January, 1926.	January, 1925.		
Auckland	22.50	22.83	8.76	8.74	3.83	4.86
Wellington	20.96	18.44	8.30	8.07	3.38	4.55
Christchurch	22.12	20.18	7.61	7.59	1.38	3.09
Dunedin	16.88	19.01	9.14	8.87	4.59	1.67
Hamilton	19.68	36.48	6.33	9.68	..	4.08
Gisborne	22.93	18.74	7.64	6.25	6.67	..
Napier	24.75	18.45	8.25	5.27	7.95	3.57
Hastings	20.56	23.94	2.47	8.55	..	..
New Plymouth	21.87	20.82	5.47	14.96	..	..
Wanganui	17.58	30.74	6.94	6.24	..	4.69
Palmerston North	19.96	24.25	6.86	11.14	12.50	2.70
Nelson	28.84	17.89	12.36	15.79	3.57	5.88
Timaru	20.34	20.11	8.42	5.74	3.45	7.14
Invercargill	17.15	27.48	4.57	7.02	..	4.26
All areas, January, 1926 and 1925 ..	21.08	21.57	8.00	8.40	3.31	3.77

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of January, 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	8	6	2	3	..	1	1	1	..	1	5	..	1	..	29
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
10 " 15 "	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
15 " 20 "	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
20 " 25 "	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
25 " 30 "	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	5
30 " 35 "	4	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9
35 " 40 "	1	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	9
40 " 45 "	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	8
45 " 50 "	4	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	12
50 " 55 "	5	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	14
55 " 60 "	3	3	1	5	1	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	1	1	20
60 " 65 "	7	2	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	19
65 " 70 "	4	4	6	5	..	1	2	..	1	1	2	..	1	..	27
70 " 75 "	8	5	3	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	24
75 " 80 "	7	6	4	2	..	1	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	26
80 " 85 "	2	1	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
85 " 90 "	4	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
90 " 95 " .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
95 " 100 "	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals	69	46	38	34	4	6	8	3	4	10	7	7	5	6	247