

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Population : Census of 20th April, 1926.	Total Births registered, December, 1926.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN DECEMBER, 1926.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, December, 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	311	1.62	5	2	84	7	1	66	165	0.86
Wellington	121,324	210	1.73	9	..	42	3	..	42	96	0.79
Christchurch	118,408	188	1.59	7	2	42	3	..	37	91	0.77
Dunedin	85,103	134	1.58	2	1	33	4	..	37	77	0.91
Hamilton	16,070	38	2.37	2	..	10	..	..	5	17	1.06
Gisborne	14,834	28	1.89	1	..	6	..	..	1	8	0.54
Napier	17,933	37	2.06	..	1	6	1	..	3	11	0.62
Hastings	14,638	16	1.09	..	..	9	..	..	6	15	1.03
New Plymouth	15,938	26	1.63	..	..	8	1	..	2	11	0.69
Wanganui	26,130	48	1.84	1	..	10	1	..	11	23	0.88
Palmerston North	19,754	33	1.67	2	..	4	2	..	4	12	0.61
Nelson	11,762	15	1.28	1	2	2	..	..	4	9	0.77
Timaru	16,817	31	1.84	..	..	5	1	..	5	11	0.65
Invercargill	21,862	33	1.51	1	..	12	..	1	5	19	0.87
Totals	692,749	1,148	1.66	31	8	273	23	2	228	565	0.82

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,148 as against 1,229 in November—a decrease of 81. The deaths in December were 565—an increase of 92 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 312, females 253. Sixty-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.33 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-four of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for December, 1926, and twelve months ended December, 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.		December, 1926.	Twelve Months, 1926.
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Auckland	19.42	19.07	10.30	9.42	3.85	4.34
Wellington	20.77	19.03	9.49	8.95	5.71	4.50
Christchurch	19.05	18.82	9.21	9.92	5.31	5.43
Dunedin	18.90	16.50	10.86	9.59	4.47	4.09
Hamilton	28.38	23.14	12.69	8.28	5.26	4.03
Gisborne	22.65	23.53	6.46	10.38	3.57	5.73
Napier	24.76	20.35	7.36	11.26	2.70	5.75
Hastings	13.12	20.28	12.30	7.51	..	1.01
New Plymouth	19.57	23.90	8.28	9.47	3.84	4.19
Wanganui	22.04	20.89	10.56	7.92	4.16	5.13
Palmerston North	20.04	20.80	7.28	7.85	1.21	4.62
Nelson	15.30	19.21	9.18	10.37	6.66	3.54
Timaru	22.12	19.26	7.85	9.57	3.22	3.09
Invercargill	18.11	20.81	10.43	8.50	3.03	2.64
All areas, December, and twelve months, 1926	19.88	19.24	9.79	9.33	4.70	4.45
All areas, December, and twelve months, 1925	19.19	18.95	9.06	8.85	3.63	4.47

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of December, 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	7	9	9	3	2	1	1	..	..	1	2	3	..	1	39
5 and under 10 years	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
15 " 20 "	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	8
20 " 25 "	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	8
25 " 30 "	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	10
30 " 35 "	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
35 " 40 "	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	9
40 " 45 "	8	5	1	3	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	23
45 " 50 "	4	3	2	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	14
50 " 55 "	7	..	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	15
55 " 60 "	8	5	4	3	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	27
60 " 65 "	11	7	3	3	1	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	30
65 " 70 "	7	2	6	2	2	1	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	25
70 " 75 "	4	5	6	3	1	..	..	2	3	1	..	..	2	..	27
75 " 80 "	5	7	6	3	1	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	29
80 " 85 "	6	2	6	4	1	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	25
85 " 90 "	22	1	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	11
90 " 95 "	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
95 " 100 "	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	91	51	51	36	12	7	7	9	8	11	6	5	5	13	312