

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Urban Areas of the Dominion for the Month of February, 1927:—

	Population : Census of 20th April, 1926.	Total Births registered, February, 1927.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1927.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 1927.
				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	270	1.41	5	..	55	3	1	59	123	0.64		
Wellington	121,324	166	1.37	1	1	33	3	1	28	67	0.55		
Christchurch	118,408	165	1.39	6	1	31	3	..	29	70	0.59		
Dunedin	85,103	114	1.34	2	..	31	2	1	19	55	0.65		
Hamilton	16,070	33	2.05	..	..	2	3	..	6	11	0.68
Gisborne	14,834	25	1.69	..	..	4	..	..	3	7	0.47
Napier	17,933	23	1.28	1	..	4	1	..	1	7	0.39		
Hastings	14,638	33	2.25	1	..	3	..	..	4	8	0.55
New Plymouth	15,938	27	1.69	1	..	5	..	..	6	12	0.75
Wanganui	26,130	37	1.42	2	1	5	1	..	8	17	0.65		
Palmerston North	19,754	36	1.82	1	..	4	..	..	4	9	0.46
Nelson	11,762	14	1.19	..	..	4	..	..	1	5	0.43
Timaru	16,817	28	1.66	..	..	7	..	..	2	9	0.54
Invercargill	21,862	49	2.24	..	..	5	1	..	3	9	0.41
Totals	692,749	1,020	1.47	20	3	193	17	3	173	409	0.59		

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,020 as against 1,135 in January—a decrease of 115. The deaths in February were 409—a decrease of 37 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 216, females 193. Forty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 10.51 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-seven of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for February, and two months ended February, 1927, 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.		February, 1927.	Two Months, 1927.
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Auckland	18.86	19.17	7.68	7.09	2.96	3.42
Wellington	16.42	19.34	6.63	7.37	2.41	3.84
Christchurch	16.72	17.38	7.09	7.25	5.45	4.66
Dunedin	16.07	14.52	7.76	8.39	3.51	4.85
Hamilton	24.64	23.15	8.21	6.72	9.09	6.45
Gisborne	20.22	21.03	5.66	8.09	..	5.77
Napier	15.39	15.06	4.68	7.36	8.70	1.33
Hastings	27.05	24.59	6.56	6.15	3.03	5.00
New Plymouth	20.33	22.21	9.03	11.29	3.70	5.08
Wanganui	16.99	17.68	7.81	6.66	8.11	5.19
Palmerston North	21.87	19.14	5.47	5.47	2.78	1.59
Nelson	14.28	20.40	5.10	7.65	..	2.50
Timaru	19.98	19.62	6.42	7.14	..	1.82
Invercargill	26.90	24.15	4.94	8.23	2.04	3.41
All areas, Feb., and two months, 1927	17.67	18.66	7.08	7.40	3.63	4.22
All areas, Feb., and two months, 1926	17.71	19.40	7.68	7.84	4.04	3.63

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of February, 1927:—

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christch'ch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
	Males.														
Under 5 years	5	2	7	2	1	..	1	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	24
5 and under 10 years	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
10 .. 15	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
15 .. 20	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9
20 .. 25	3	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
25 .. 30	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	6
30 .. 35 .. .. .	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	8
35 .. 40	2	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8
40 .. 45	3	..	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	9
45 .. 50	5	4	1	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
50 .. 55	5	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	12
55 .. 60	4	4	4	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	20
60 .. 65	5	5	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	18
65 .. 70	2	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	11
70 .. 75	5	1	4	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	16
75 .. 80	8	3	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	20
80 .. 85	1	2	2	4	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
85 .. 90	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	7
90 .. 95	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	5
95 .. 100 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	60	35	38	33	2	4	5	4	6	8	5	4	7	5	216