

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Population: Census of 20th April, 1926.	Total Births registered, March, 1927.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN MARCH, 1927.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, March, 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	322	1.68	7	1	77	7	1	46	139	0.72	
Wellington	121,324	202	1.66	3	..	37	5	..	37	82	0.68	
Christchurch	118,408	194	1.64	5	..	44	..	..	44	93	0.79
Dunedin	85,103	140	1.65	2	..	25	1	..	28	56	0.66	
Hamilton	16,070	38	2.36	1	..	1	2	1	6	11	0.68	
Gisborne	14,834	36	2.43	1	..	5	..	..	5	11	0.74
Napier	17,933	27	1.41	1	1	10	..	1	3	16	0.89	
Hastings	14,638	29	1.98	3	..	4	..	..	5	12	0.82
New Plymouth	15,938	32	2.01	..	1	3	..	..	2	6	0.38
Wanganui	26,130	46	1.76	..	..	12	2	..	2	16	0.61
Palmerston North	19,754	36	1.82	..	..	4	1	..	1	6	0.30
Nelson	11,762	27	2.30	1	2	4	..	..	2	9	0.77
Timaru	16,817	26	1.85	1	..	5	..	..	1	7	0.42
Invercargill	21,862	50	2.29	..	..	5	..	1	2	8	0.37
Totals	692,749	1,205	1.74	25	5	236	18	4	184	472	0.68	

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,205 as against 1,020 in February—an increase of 185. The deaths in March were 472—an increase of 63 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 266, females 206. Fifty-two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.02 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-three of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for March, and three months ended March, 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.		March, 1927.	Three Months, 1927.
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Auckland	20.11	19.48	8.68	7.62	4.35	3.74
Wellington	19.98	19.55	8.11	7.62	3.96	3.88
Christchurch	19.66	18.14	9.42	7.97	2.58	3.91
Dunedin	19.74	16.26	7.90	8.23	2.14	3.76
Hamilton	28.38	28.89	8.23	7.22	7.89	7.00
Gisborne	29.12	23.73	8.90	8.36	2.78	4.55
Napier	16.87	16.06	10.71	8.48	3.70	9.72
Hastings	23.77	24.32	9.84	7.38	10.34	6.74
New Plymouth	24.09	22.84	4.52	9.03	..	3.30
Wanganui	21.13	18.83	7.35	6.89	4.35	4.88
Palmerston North	21.87	20.05	3.64	4.86	2.78	2.02
Nelson	27.55	22.79	9.18	8.16	3.70	2.99
Timaru	18.55	19.27	5.02	6.42	3.85	2.47
Invercargill	27.44	25.25	4.39	6.95	..	2.17
All areas, Mar., and three months, 1927	20.88	19.40	8.18	7.66	3.57	3.87
All areas, Mar., and three months, 1926	21.00	19.93	9.00	8.17	3.23	3.50

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christch'rch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
	<i>Males.</i>														
Under 5 years	8	3	6	2	1	1	2	3	1	..	..	3	1	..	31
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
10 .. 15 .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
15 .. 20	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	6
20 .. 25	5	..	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
25 .. 30	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
30 .. 35	5	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	10
35 .. 40	8	1	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	17
40 .. 45	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
45 .. 50	3	3	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	16
50 .. 55	7	3	6	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	23
55 .. 60	4	4	3	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	17
60 .. 65	5	2	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	12
65 .. 70	7	7	3	5	..	..	1	..	2	4	..	..	1	..	30
70 .. 75	10	5	6	4	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30
75 .. 80	7	1	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	18
80 .. 85	3	3	5	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	18
85 .. 90	5	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12
90 .. 95	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
95 .. 100 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	85	40	49	27	2	6	12	7	4	12	4	7	6	5	266