

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Population: Census of 20th April, 1926.	Total Births registered, April, 1927.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN APRIL, 1927.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, April, 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	297	1.55	4	2	58	4	1	47	116	0.60		
Wellington	121,324	143	1.18	3	2	41	2	..	25	73	0.60		
Christchurch	118,408	182	1.54	4	1	35	3	..	29	72	0.61		
Dunedin	85,103	102	1.20	2	..	29	2	..	40	73	0.86		
Hamilton	16,070	31	1.93	..	..	6	..	1	3	10	0.62
Gisborne	14,834	30	2.02	..	1	3	1	..	6	11	0.74		
Napier	17,933	21	1.17	1	1	9	1	..	8	20	1.12		
Hastings	14,638	28	1.91	1	..	2	2	..	4	9	0.61		
New Plymouth	15,938	33	2.07	1	1	4	..	..	1	7	0.44
Wanganui	26,130	51	1.95	2	1	15	1	..	12	31	1.19		
Palmerston North	19,754	29	1.47	1	..	5	1	1	2	10	0.51		
Nelson	11,762	18	1.53	..	..	2	1	1	2	6	0.51
Timaru	16,817	30	1.84	..	..	4	..	..	6	10	0.59
Invercargill	21,862	27	1.24	2	..	6	1	..	7	16	0.73		
Totals	692,749	1,022	1.48	21	9	219	19	4	192	464	0.67		

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,022 as against 1,205 in March—a decrease of 183. The deaths in April were 464—a decrease of 8 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 249, females 215. Fifty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.42 per cent. of the whole number. Forty of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for April, and four months ended April, 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.		April, 1927.	Four Months, 1927.
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Auckland	18.55	19.25	7.24	7.52	2.69	3.49
Wellington	14.14	18.20	7.22	7.52	3.50	3.80
Christchurch	18.44	18.22	7.30	7.80	3.85	3.89
Dunedin	14.38	15.79	10.29	8.74	3.92	3.79
Hamilton	23.15	24.46	7.47	7.28	..	5.34
Gisborne	24.27	23.86	8.90	8.49	3.33	4.24
Napier	14.05	15.56	13.38	9.70	9.52	9.68
Hastings	22.95	23.98	7.38	7.38	10.71	7.69
New Plymouth	24.85	23.34	5.27	8.09	3.03	3.23
Wanganui	23.42	19.98	14.24	8.73	5.88	5.17
Palmerston North	17.62	19.44	6.07	5.16	6.90	3.13
Nelson	18.36	21.68	6.12	7.65	5.56	3.53
Timaru	22.12	19.80	7.14	6.60	..	1.80
Invercargill	14.82	22.64	8.78	5.08	11.11	3.64
All areas, April, and four months, 1927	17.70	18.98	8.04	7.76	3.52	3.79
All areas, April, and four months, 1926	19.64	19.86	8.17	8.17	3.55	3.51

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christch'ch	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
<i>Males.</i>															
Under 5 years	6	5	5	2	..	1	2	1	2	3	1	..	..	2	30
5 and under 10 years	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
10 .. 15 .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
15 .. 20	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
20 .. 25	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
25 .. 30	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
30 .. 35	2	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8
35 .. 40	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	8
40 .. 45	1	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	9
45 .. 50	3	2	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	12
50 .. 55	2	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8
55 .. 60	3	6	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	12
60 .. 65	5	6	1	3	1	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	1	..	22
65 .. 70	6	8	5	5	..	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	29
70 .. 75	7	5	4	3	..	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	1	1	28
75 .. 80	7	3	4	5	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	22
80 .. 85	6	2	4	5	2	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	25
85 .. 90	7	..	1	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	15
90 .. 95 .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
95 .. 100 .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	64	46	40	31	6	4	11	3	6	18	6	2	4	8	249