

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1927.	Total Births registered, May, 1927.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN MAY, 1927.							Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, May, 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	201,220	278	1.38	2	3	80	6	..	76	167	0.83
Wellington	126,310	181	1.43	4	..	31	1	..	34	70	0.55
Christchurch	121,780	173	1.42	5	1	42	6	..	27	81	0.67
Dunedin	83,155	107	1.29	2	..	43	4	..	36	85	1.02
Hamilton	17,080	24	1.41	..	..	2	..	..	3	5	0.29
Gisborne	15,000	29	1.93	..	..	6	..	1	1	8	0.53
Napier	18,410	22	1.19	1	..	10	..	1	8	20	1.09
Hastings	14,885	34	2.28	1	..	7	..	..	7	15	1.01
New Plymouth	16,620	39	2.35	1	..	8	2	1	1	13	0.78
Wanganui	26,870	47	1.75	..	1	5	..	..	7	13	0.48
Palmerston North	20,480	37	1.81	1	..	6	..	1	10	18	0.88
Nelson	11,985	22	1.84	1	..	7	..	..	7	15	1.25
Timaru	17,320	29	1.67	1	..	7	1	..	3	12	0.69
Invercargill	22,550	52	2.31	..	..	6	1	..	4	11	0.49
Totals	713,665	1,074	1.50	19	5	260	21	4	224	533	0.75

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,074 as against 1,022 in April—an increase of 52. The deaths in May were 533—an increase of 69 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 284, females 249. Forty-nine of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 9.19 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 May, and five months ended May, 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.		May, 1927.	Five Months, 1927.
	May, 1927.	Five Months, 1927.	May, 1927.	Five Months, 1927.		
Auckland	16.38	18.02	9.96	7.74	2.88	3.38
Wellington	17.19	17.42	6.65	7.11	2.76	3.60
Christchurch	15.05	17.58	7.98	7.67	6.36	4.37
Dunedin	15.44	16.02	12.27	9.32	5.61	4.14
Hamilton	16.86	21.78	3.51	6.18	..	4.52
Gisborne	23.20	23.52	6.40	8.00	..	3.40
Napier	14.34	14.99	13.04	10.17	4.55	8.70
Hastings	27.41	24.35	12.09	8.22	2.94	6.62
New Plymouth	28.16	23.54	9.39	8.09	7.69	4.29
Wanganui	20.99	19.74	5.78	7.95	..	4.07
Palmerston North	21.68	19.34	10.55	6.09	2.70	3.03
Nelson	21.63	21.43	15.02	9.01	4.55	3.74
Timaru	20.09	19.40	7.31	6.79	6.90	2.86
Invercargill	27.67	23.09	5.85	6.92	1.92	3.23
All areas, May, and five months, 1927	18.06	18.35	8.96	7.78	3.72	3.78
All areas, May, and five months, 1926	19.96	19.96	8.34	7.96	4.63	4.31

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

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	5	4	6	2	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	24
5 and under 10 years	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
10 .. 15	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
15 .. 20	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
20 .. 25	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
25 .. 30	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
30 .. 35	1	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	10
35 .. 40 .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	6
40 .. 45	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	6
45 .. 50	6	4	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	16
50 .. 55	2	3	2	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
55 .. 60	7	..	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	18
60 .. 65	9	6	2	3	1	..	2	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	28
65 .. 70	9	3	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	29
70 .. 75	8	5	8	5	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	33
75 .. 80	2	2	2	4	..	..	2	1	2	1	1	..	2	..	20
80 .. 85	16	1	4	6	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	32
85 .. 90	4	2	3	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	14
90 .. 95	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	10
95 .. 100 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	85	35	48	45	2	6	11	8	9	6	7	8	8	6	284