

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1927.	Live Births registered, August, 1927.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, August, 1927.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN AUGUST, 1927.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, August, 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	297	1.48	7	14	3	94	3	3	71	188	0.93	
Wellington .. .. .	126,310	238	1.88	5	3	2	66	5	2	38	116	0.92	
Christchurch .. .. .	121,780	187	1.54	8	7	1	60	7	..	35	110	0.90	
Dunedin .. .. .	83,155	110	1.32	1	2	1	38	4	..	42	87	1.05	
Hamilton .. .. .	17,080	35	2.05	..	2	..	4	1	..	7	14	0.82	
Gisborne .. .. .	15,000	26	1.73	..	..	..	8	1	..	2	11	0.73	
Napier .. .. .	18,410	32	1.74	1	..	..	11	..	..	4	15	0.81	
Hastings .. .. .	14,885	27	1.81	..	1	..	10	..	..	..	11	0.74	
New Plymouth .. .. .	16,620	34	2.05	2	..	..	6	3	..	2	11	0.66	
Wanganui .. .. .	26,870	54	2.01	2	..	..	9	..	..	8	17	0.63	
Palmerston North .. .. .	20,480	27	1.32	..	2	..	14	2	..	11	29	1.42	
Nelson .. .. .	11,985	17	1.42	2	..	..	6	..	..	4	10	0.83	
Timaru .. .. .	17,320	25	1.44	..	..	..	3	1	..	5	9	0.52	
Invercargill .. .. .	22,550	45	2.00	..	..	..	9	2	..	5	16	0.71	
Totals .. .. .	713,665	1,154	1.62	28	31	7	338	29	5	234	644	0.90	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,154, as against 1,022 in July, an increase of 132. The deaths in August were 644—an increase of 5 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 376, females 268. Seventy-two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.18 per cent. of the whole number. Sixty of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for August, and eight months ended August, 1927, were as follows. The infantile mortality and still-birth rates per 100 births for the same period are also given.

Urban Area.	Equivalent Annual Rates per 1,000 of Population.				Rate per 100 Births.			
	Births.		Deaths.		Infantile Mortality.		Still-births.	
	August, 1927.	Eight Months, 1927.	August, 1927.	Eight Months, 1927.	August, 1927.	Eight Months, 1927.	August, 1927.	Eight Months, 1927.
Auckland .. .. .	17.71	17.52	11.21	8.60	5.72	3.87	2.36	2.34
Wellington .. .. .	22.61	17.67	11.02	8.25	3.36	4.17	2.10	2.96
Christchurch .. .. .	18.42	17.37	10.84	9.08	7.49	6.31	4.28	2.98
Dunedin .. .. .	15.86	15.82	12.55	9.69	5.45	4.56	0.91	2.85
Hamilton .. .. .	24.59	20.20	9.83	6.50	8.57	6.08	..	1.30
Gisborne .. .. .	20.80	22.40	8.80	8.30	3.85	5.80	..	0.89
Napier .. .. .	20.86	16.62	9.77	11.00	..	6.86	6.13	5.39
Hastings .. .. .	21.76	21.87	8.86	8.77	3.70	5.98	..	1.38
New Plymouth .. .. .	24.54	23.01	7.93	7.22	8.82	4.31	5.88	4.31
Wanganui .. .. .	24.11	20.10	7.58	7.87	..	3.60	3.70	4.43
Palmerston North .. .. .	15.82	17.94	16.99	7.47	14.81	5.71	..	2.45
Nelson .. .. .	17.02	19.78	10.01	9.39	..	3.16	11.76	3.16
Timaru .. .. .	17.32	19.23	6.23	8.31	4.00	4.05	..	4.05
Invercargill .. .. .	23.94	22.22	8.51	7.78	4.44	4.19	..	2.09
All areas, August, and eight months, 1927..	19.39	18.02	10.82	8.72	5.16	4.33	2.41	2.63
All areas, August, and eight months, 1926..	19.80	21.10	11.64	9.35	6.17	4.23	..	..

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of August, 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 .. .. .	17	5	8	3	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	38
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	2	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
15 " 20 " .. .. .	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
20 " 25 " .. .. .	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
25 " 30 " .. .. .	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
30 " 35 " .. .. .	4	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12
35 " 40 " .. .. .	4	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	10
40 " 45 " .. .. .	2	4	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	17
45 " 50 " .. .. .	4	5	5	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	20
50 " 55 " .. .. .	8	8	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	23
55 " 60 " .. .. .	9	5	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	24
60 " 65 " .. .. .	8	6	6	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	24
65 " 70 " .. .. .	10	9	3	3	1	2	3	3	..	1	1	1	1	..	38
70 " 75 " .. .. .	13	4	7	5	..	1	..	3	1	2	2	..	..	..	38
75 " 80 " .. .. .	12	6	10	5	1	..	1	1	2	1	..	1	..	1	41
80 " 85 " .. .. .	5	3	8	6	1	2	1	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	30
85 " 90 " .. .. .	3	5	7	6	..	..	1	..	..	1	4	..	1	1	29
90 " 95 " .. .. .	4	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	111	71	68	41	6	8	11	11	6	9	16	6	3	9	376