

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1927.	Live Births registered, September, 1927.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, September, 1927.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1927.						Total Deaths	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, September, 1927.
					Males.			Females.				
					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	330	1.64	8	9	..	73	2	..	74	158	0.79
Wellington	126,310	236	1.87	6	5	3	42	2	2	41	95	0.75
Christchurch	121,780	186	1.53	8	4	..	46	7	..	52	109	0.89
Dunedin	83,155	99	1.19	1	2	1	35	3	..	30	71	0.85
Hamilton	17,080	24	1.41	2	3	1	7	..	..	2	13	0.76
Gisborne	15,000	26	1.73	1	1	..	6	2	1	6	16	1.01
Napier	18,410	31	1.68	..	..	1	15	1	..	12	29	1.58
Hastings	14,885	24	1.61	2	..	..	4	..	..	5	9	0.60
New Plymouth	16,620	21	1.26	..	1	..	4	..	..	5	10	0.60
Wanganui	26,870	47	1.75	..	1	..	14	1	1	5	22	0.82
Palmerston North	20,480	46	2.25	1	3	..	11	1	..	4	19	0.93
Nelson	11,985	23	1.92	..	2	1	2	2	..	3	10	0.83
Timaru	17,320	21	1.21	..	3	..	5	1	..	3	12	0.69
Invercargill	22,550	50	2.22	1	..	..	13	..	..	11	24	1.06
Totals	713,665	1,164	1.63	30	34	7	277	22	4	253	597	0.84

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,164, as against 1,154 in August, an increase of 10. The deaths in September were 597—a decrease of 47 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 318, females 279. Sixty-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.22 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-six of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for September, and nine months ended September, 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.	
	Sept-ember, 1927.	Nine Months, 1927.	Sept-ember, 1927.	Nine Months, 1927.	Sept-ember, 1927.	Nine Months, 1927.	Sept-ember, 1927.	Nine Months, 1927.
Auckland	19.67	17.76	9.42	8.69	3.33	3.77	2.42	2.33
Wellington	22.42	18.19	9.02	8.34	2.96	4.00	2.54	2.90
Christchurch	18.32	17.47	10.73	9.26	5.91	6.20	4.30	3.10
Dunedin	14.28	15.64	10.24	9.75	5.05	4.59	1.01	2.65
Hamilton	16.86	19.82	9.13	6.79	12.50	6.68	8.33	1.97
Gisborne	20.80	22.22	12.79	8.80	11.54	6.40	3.85	1.20
Napier	20.20	17.01	18.90	11.87	3.23	6.38	..	4.68
Hastings	19.34	21.58	7.25	8.60	..	5.38	8.33	2.07
New Plymouth	15.16	22.14	7.21	7.22	4.76	4.34	..	3.99
Wanganui	20.99	20.18	9.82	8.09	4.25	3.68	..	3.92
Palmerston North	26.95	18.94	11.12	7.88	8.69	6.17	2.17	2.40
Nelson	23.03	20.13	10.01	9.45	17.39	4.97	..	2.76
Timaru	14.54	18.70	8.30	8.31	19.04	5.34	..	3.70
Invercargill	26.60	22.70	12.77	8.33	..	3.64	2.00	2.08
All areas, September, and nine months, 1927	19.56	18.19	10.03	8.86	4.76	4.50	2.55	2.69
All areas, September, and nine months, 1926	19.56	18.99	10.56	8.52	4.07	4.53	..	..

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christ-church.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
<i>Males.</i>															
Under 5 years	9	8	4	3	4	1	1	..	1	1	3	3	3	..	41
5 and under 10 years	2	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
15 " 20 "	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7
20 " 25 "	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
25 " 30 "	2	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	8
30 " 35 "	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
35 " 40 "	3	..	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
40 " 45 "	4	1	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	13
45 " 50 "	5	1	2	5	..	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	19
50 " 55 "	6	6	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	23
55 " 60 "	3	5	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	15
60 " 65 "	8	6	5	2	1	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	29
65 " 70 "	10	4	3	1	1	1	1	2	..	3	..	..	1	1	28
70 " 75 "	5	4	6	4	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
75 " 80 "	6	3	8	2	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	..	..	2	27
80 " 85 "	6	2	3	6	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	1	2	24
85 " 90 "	2	1	2	4	..	..	1	..	1	2	4	1	..	..	18
90 " 95 "	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	8
95 " 100 "	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	82	50	50	38	11	7	16	4	5	15	14	5	8	13	318