

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1927.	Live Births registered, October, 1927.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, October, 1927.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 1927.								Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, October, 1927.
					Males.				Females.				
					Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Total Deaths.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Total Deaths.	
Auckland	201,220	315	1.57	9	4	5	76	4	2	71	162	0.80	
Wellington	126,310	220	1.74	6	5	1	38	5	1	31	81	0.64	
Christchurch	121,780	201	1.65	7	10	2	51	3	1	38	105	0.86	
Dunedin	83,155	128	1.54	5	..	2	34	..	1	29	66	0.79	
Hamilton	17,080	27	1.58	1	..	1	3	..	..	2	6	0.35
Gisborne	15,000	29	1.93	2	1	..	6	..	..	9	16	1.07
Napier	18,410	29	1.58	..	..	..	9	3	..	3	15	0.81
Hastings	14,885	23	1.55	1	..	1	6	..	..	2	9	0.60
New Plymouth	16,620	27	1.62	3	..	..	8	..	1	8	17	1.02
Wanganui	26,870	44	1.64	..	1	..	12	3	..	4	20	0.74	
Palmerston North	20,480	36	1.76	2	1	..	10	2	1	6	20	0.98	
Nelson	11,985	15	1.25	..	..	..	14	..	..	2	16	1.33
Timaru	17,320	29	1.67	..	..	1	8	1	..	11	21	1.21
Invercargill	22,550	39	1.73	1	..	..	4	..	..	8	12	0.53
Totals	713,665	1,162	1.63	37	22	13	279	21	7	224	566	0.79	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,162, as against 1,164 in September, a decrease of 2. The deaths in October were 566—a decrease of 31 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 314, females 252. Sixty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.13 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 October, and ten months ended October, 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.	
	October, 1927.	Ten Months, 1927.	October, 1927.	Ten Months, 1927.	October, 1927.	Ten Months, 1927.	October, 1927.	Ten Months, 1927.
	Auckland	18.78	17.86	9.65	8.79	2.54	3.63	2.85	2.38
Wellington	20.89	18.47	7.69	8.27	4.54	4.03	2.72	2.86
Christchurch	19.80	17.71	10.34	10.35	6.46	6.22	3.48	3.14
Dunedin	19.12	15.93	9.52	9.72	..	4.05	3.91	2.79
Hamilton	18.96	19.74	4.21	6.53	..	6.04	3.70	2.13
Gisborne	23.20	22.32	12.79	9.20	3.45	6.09	6.90	1.79
Napier	18.90	17.21	9.77	11.67	10.34	6.80	..	4.16
Hastings	18.54	21.28	7.25	8.46	..	4.91	4.35	2.27
New Plymouth	19.49	21.88	12.26	7.72	..	3.96	11.11	4.62
Wanganui	19.64	20.14	8.93	8.17	9.09	4.20	..	3.54
Palmerston North	21.08	19.16	11.71	8.26	8.33	6.41	5.55	2.75
Nelson	15.01	19.62	16.01	10.11	..	4.59	..	2.55
Timaru	20.09	18.84	14.54	8.94	3.45	5.14	..	3.30
Invercargill	20.75	22.51	6.38	8.14	..	3.30	2.56	2.12
All areas, October, and ten months, 1927	19.52	18.33	9.50	8.93	3.70	4.44	3.18	2.75
All areas, October, and ten months, 1926	18.81	18.99	8.75	9.41	4.24	4.51	..	..

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of October, 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	9	6	12	2	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	35
5 and under 10 years	1	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	11
10 " 15 "	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
15 " 20 "	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	5
20 " 25 "	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6
25 " 30 "	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
30 " 35 "	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
35 " 40 "	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
40 " 45 "	2	3	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	11
45 " 50 "	6	4	4	3	..	1	..	1	1	2	..	1	1	..	24
50 " 55 "	1	2	3	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	13
55 " 60 "	10	3	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	24
60 " 65 "	11	1	5	5	..	..	3	1	1	3	..	1	1	..	32
65 " 70 "	11	7	5	6	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	1	36
70 " 75 "	8	2	5	4	..	2	..	1	1	1	4	..	1	..	28
75 " 80 "	9	1	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	..	2	3	2	1	34
80 " 85 "	4	3	6	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	1	1	1	22
85 " 90 "	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	9
90 " 95 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	85	44	63	36	4	7	9	7	8	13	11	14	9	4	314