

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Population: Census of 20th April, 1926.	Total Births registered, January, 1927.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN JANUARY, 1927.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, January, 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 .. .. .	192,176	344	1.79	6	1	58	7	1	31	104	0.54	
Wellington .. .. .	121,324	225	1.85	7	2	31	4	3	35	82	0.68	
Christchurch .. .. .	118,408	178	1.50	3	1	28	4	..	37	73	0.62	
Dunedin .. .. .	85,103	92	1.08	3	2	37	3	..	19	64	0.75	
Hamilton .. .. .	16,070	29	1.80	..	..	5	1	..	1	7	0.44	
Gisborne .. .. .	14,834	27	1.82	2	..	6	1	1	3	13	0.88	
Napier .. .. .	17,933	22	1.23	2	..	6	2	2	3	15	0.84	
Hastings .. .. .	14,638	27	1.84	2	1	1	..	..	3	7	0.48	
New Plymouth .. .. .	15,938	32	2.01	2	..	8	..	..	8	18	1.13	
Wanganui .. .. .	26,130	40	1.53	..	..	5	1	..	6	12	0.46	
Palmerston North .. .. .	19,754	27	1.37	..	..	6	..	..	3	9	0.46	
Nelson .. .. .	11,762	26	2.21	1	..	5	..	..	4	10	0.85	
Timaru .. .. .	16,817	27	1.61	..	..	8	1	..	2	11	0.65	
Invercargill .. .. .	21,862	39	1.78	1	..	10	1	..	9	21	0.96	
Totals .. .. .	692,749	1,135	1.64	29	7	214	25	7	164	446	0.64	

The total births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,135 as against 1,148 in December—a decrease of 13. The deaths in January were 446—a decrease of 119 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 250, females 196. Sixty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 15.25 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-four of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for January, 1927 and 1926, 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.		January, 1927.	January, 1926.
	January, 1927.	January, 1926.	January, 1927.	January, 1926.		
Auckland .. .. .	21.48	22.50	6.49	8.76	3.78	3.83
Wellington .. .. .	22.25	20.96	8.11	8.30	4.89	3.38
Christchurch .. .. .	18.04	22.12	7.40	7.61	3.93	1.38
Dunedin .. .. .	12.97	16.88	9.02	9.14	6.52	4.59
Hamilton .. .. .	21.66	19.68	5.23	6.33	3.45	..
Gisborne .. .. .	21.84	22.93	10.52	7.64	11.11	6.67
Napier .. .. .	14.72	24.75	10.04	8.25	18.18	7.95
Hastings .. .. .	22.13	20.56	5.74	2.47	7.41	..
New Plymouth .. .. .	24.09	21.87	13.55	5.47	6.25	..
Wanganui .. .. .	18.37	17.58	5.51	6.94	2.50	..
Palmerston North .. .. .	16.40	19.96	5.47	6.86	..	12.50
Nelson .. .. .	26.52	28.84	10.20	12.36	3.85	3.57
Timaru .. .. .	19.27	20.34	7.85	8.42	3.70	3.45
Invercargill .. .. .	21.41	17.15	11.53	4.57	5.13	..
All areas, January, 1927 and 1926	19.66	21.08	7.73	8.00	4.76	3.31

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christch'ch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
	Males.														
Under 5 years .. .. .	7	9	4	5	..	2	2	3	2	..	..	1	..	1	36
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	7
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	7
15 " 20 " .. .. .	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	7
20 " 25 " .. .. .	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	8
25 " 30 " .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
30 " 35 " .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
35 " 40 " .. .. .	3	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
40 " 45 " .. .. .	3	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	12
45 " 50 " .. .. .	3	1	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	12
50 " 55 " .. .. .	2	3	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	14
55 " 60 " .. .. .	3	4	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	13
60 " 65 " .. .. .	3	4	2	5	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	18
65 " 70 " .. .. .	8	2	3	6	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	23
70 " 75 " .. .. .	12	1	3	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	25
75 " 80 " .. .. .	7	3	2	3	..	1	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	22
80 " 85 " .. .. .	5	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	13
85 " 90 " .. .. .	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	..	11
90 " 95 " .. .. .	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	65	40	32	42	5	8	8	4	10	5	6	6	8	11	250