

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1927.	Live Births registered, December, 1927.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, December, 1927.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN DECEMBER, 1927.							Total Deaths.	Proportion Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, December, 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	223	1.11	9	6	3	87	5	1	67	169	0.84	
Wellington .. .. .	126,310	185	1.46	4	5	..	38	7	3	39	92	0.73	
Christchurch .. .. .	121,780	177	1.45	4	5	1	50	1	1	52	110	0.90	
Dunedin .. .. .	83,155	105	1.26	3	6	1	32	..	1	35	75	0.90	
Hamilton .. .. .	17,080	32	1.87	..	1	..	7	2	1	3	14	0.82	
Gisborne .. .. .	15,000	33	2.20	..	..	..	6	1	2	6	15	1.00	
Napier .. .. .	18,410	22	1.19	1	1	..	4	..	..	7	12	0.65	
Hastings .. .. .	14,885	18	1.21	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	4	0.27	
New Plymouth .. .. .	16,620	28	1.68	2	..	..	4	1	..	4	9	0.54	
Wanganui .. .. .	26,870	44	1.64	1	..	..	7	..	1	9	17	0.63	
Palmerston North .. .. .	20,480	34	1.66	1	1	..	4	2	1	5	13	0.63	
Nelson .. .. .	11,985	12	1.00	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	6	0.50	
Timaru .. .. .	17,320	27	1.56	..	..	..	6	..	..	3	9	0.52	
Invercargill .. .. .	22,550	39	1.73	..	..	1	7	..	..	11	19	0.84	
Totals .. .. .	713,665	979	1.37	25	26	6	257	20	11	244	564	0.79	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 979, as against 1,173 in November, a decrease of 194. The deaths in December were 564—an increase of 11 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 289, females 275. Sixty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.17 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-six of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for December, and twelve months ended December, 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.	
	Dec., 1927.	Twelve Months, 1927.	Dec., 1927.	Twelve Months, 1927.	Dec., 1927.	Twelve Months, 1927.	Dec., 1927.	Twelve Months, 1927.
Auckland .. .. .	13.30	17.67	10.07	8.79	4.93	3.84	4.03	2.69
Wellington .. .. .	17.57	18.55	8.74	8.49	6.48	4.33	2.16	2.37
Christchurch .. .. .	17.44	17.62	8.36	10.31	3.38	5.80	2.26	2.99
Dunedin .. .. .	15.14	16.13	10.81	10.03	5.76	4.14	2.86	2.74
Hamilton .. .. .	22.48	20.32	9.83	6.73	9.38	6.34	..	1.73
Gisborne .. .. .	26.39	22.80	11.99	9.62	3.03	5.84	..	1.46
Napier .. .. .	14.33	17.00	7.81	11.60	4.55	6.38	4.55	3.83
Hastings .. .. .	14.51	20.89	3.22	7.79	..	4.17	..	2.25
New Plymouth .. .. .	20.21	21.66	6.49	7.52	3.57	3.88	7.14	4.71
Wanganui .. .. .	19.64	20.17	7.58	8.26	..	3.86	2.72	3.31
Palmerston North .. .. .	19.92	19.04	7.61	8.21	8.82	6.14	2.94	3.33
Nelson .. .. .	12.01	18.61	6.00	9.68	16.67	5.82	..	2.24
Timaru .. .. .	18.70	18.94	6.23	8.83	..	4.26	..	2.74
Invercargill .. .. .	20.75	22.62	10.10	8.34	..	3.14	..	1.76
All areas, December, and twelve months, 1927	16.45	18.29	9.48	9.01	4.69	4.14	2.55	2.55
All areas, December, and twelve months, 1926	19.88	19.24	9.79	9.33	4.70	4.45	..	..

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of December, 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	5	6	7	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	32
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9
10 .. .. .	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
15 .. .. .	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7
20 .. .. .	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	7
25 .. .. .	6	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	11
30 .. .. .	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
35 .. .. .	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	11
40 .. .. .	5	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
45 .. .. .	5	2	4	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	15
50 .. .. .	6	4	6	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	22
55 .. .. .	7	3	3	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	23
60 .. .. .	10	3	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	3	2	26
65 .. .. .	9	2	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	21
70 .. .. .	11	3	8	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	29
75 .. .. .	9	1	8	6	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	29
80 .. .. .	5	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	13
85 .. .. .	..	1	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
90 .. .. .	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
95 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	96	43	56	39	8	6	5	1	4	7	5	5	6	8	289