

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Urban Areas of the Dominion for the Month of January, 1928 :—

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1927.	Live Births registered, January, 1928.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, January, 1928.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN JANUARY, 1928.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, January, 1928.
					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	296	1.47	10	7	3	62	2	5	56	135	0.67
Wellington	126,310	218	1.73	6	9	5	46	4	1	47	112	0.89
Christchurch	121,780	196	1.61	7	4	1	32	2	1	48	88	0.72
Dunedin	83,155	102	1.23	3	3	..	28	..	2	28	61	0.73
Hamilton	17,080	32	1.87	..	1	1	8	..	..	1	11	0.64
Gisborne	15,000	20	1.33	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	5	0.33
Napier	18,410	29	1.58	1	..	1	4	..	..	4	9	0.49
Hastings	14,885	20	1.34	1	2	..	2	..	..	2	6	0.40
New Plymouth	16,620	24	1.44	2	..	1	8	..	..	7	16	0.90
Wanganui	26,870	53	1.97	1	..	..	9	1	..	6	16	0.60
Palmerston North	20,480	33	1.61	..	..	..	8	..	..	6	14	0.68
Nelson	11,985	31	2.59	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	6	0.50
Timaru	17,320	23	1.33	..	1	..	6	..	1	4	12	0.69
Invercargill	22,550	51	2.26	1	1	1	6	1	..	4	13	0.58
Totals	713,665	1,128	1.58	33	29	14	227	10	10	214	504	0.71

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,128 as against 979 in December, an increase of 149. The deaths in January were 504—a decrease of 60 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 270, females 234. Sixty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12.50 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-nine of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for January, 1928 and 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.	
	Jan., 1928.	Jan., 1927.	Jan., 1928.	Jan., 1927.	Jan., 1928.	Jan., 1927.	Jan., 1928.	Jan., 1927.
Auckland	17.64	21.48	8.04	6.49	3.03	3.78	3.37	2.03
Wellington	20.70	22.25	10.63	8.11	5.96	4.89	2.75	2.22
Christchurch	19.31	18.04	8.67	7.40	3.06	3.93	3.57	1.12
Dunedin	14.71	12.97	8.80	9.02	2.94	6.52	2.94	2.17
Hamilton	22.48	21.66	7.73	5.23	3.13	3.45	..	..
Gisborne	16.00	21.84	4.00	10.52	5.00	11.11	5.00	..
Napier	18.90	14.72	5.86	10.04	..	18.18	3.45	4.55
Hastings	16.12	22.13	4.84	5.74	10.00	7.41	5.00	..
New Plymouth	17.33	24.09	10.82	13.55	..	6.25	8.33	3.13
Wanganui	23.66	18.37	7.14	5.51	1.89	2.50	1.89	..
Palmerston North	19.33	16.40	8.20	5.47	..	..	..	..
Nelson	31.04	26.52	6.00	10.20	..	3.85	..	3.85
Timaru	15.92	19.27	8.30	7.85	4.35	3.70	..	7.41
Invercargill	27.13	21.41	6.91	11.53	3.92	5.13	1.96	2.56
All areas, January, 1928 and 1927	18.96	19.66	8.47	7.73	3.43	4.76	2.90	2.55

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of January, 1928 :—

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christ. church.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals
Under 5 years	10	14	5	3	2	2	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	2	43
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	6
10 " 15 "	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	6
20 " 25 "	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
25 " 30 "	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
30 " 35 "	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5
35 " 40 "	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
40 " 45 "	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7
45 " 50 "	4	4	1	1	2	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	15
50 " 55 "	7	3	..	4	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	18
55 " 60 "	5	6	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
60 " 65 "	6	9	3	4	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	2	29
65 " 70 "	7	4	3	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	26
70 " 75 "	12	5	3	2	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	28
75 " 80 "	6	2	5	4	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	23
80 " 85 "	3	2	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	1	17
85 " 90 "	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	1	12
90 " 95 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	72	60	37	31	10	5	5	4	9	9	8	5	7	8	270