

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1927.	Live Births registered, February, 1928.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, February, 1928.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1928.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 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	338	1.68	8	5	1	63	3	..	67	139	0.69	
Wellington	126,310	188	1.49	6	1	1	43	1	1	33	80	0.63	
Christchurch	121,780	150	1.23	13	3	..	36	2	1	34	76	0.62	
Dunedin	83,155	66	0.79	1	3	1	23	2	1	31	66	0.79	
Hamilton	17,080	35	2.05	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	6	0.35
Gisborne	15,000	24	1.60	..	..	..	6	..	1	7	14	0.93
Napier	18,410	32	1.74	..	1	..	4	..	..	5	10	0.54
Hastings	14,885	22	1.48	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0.13
New Plymouth	16,620	33	1.99	..	..	..	9	..	..	6	15	0.90
Wanganui	26,870	51	1.90	1	..	2	8	1	..	7	18	0.67	
Palmerston North	20,480	30	1.46	2	..	..	6	..	..	9	15	0.73
Nelson	11,985	21	1.75	..	..	..	9	..	..	6	15	1.25
Timaru	17,320	33	1.91	..	..	..	8	..	..	2	10	0.58
Invercargill	22,550	29	1.29	1	2	..	5	..	..	15	22	0.98
Totals	713,665	1,052	1.47	32	15	5	227	10	4	227	488	0.68	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,052 as against 1,128 in January, a decrease of 76. The deaths in February were 488—a decrease of 16 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 247, females 241. Thirty-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 6.97 per cent. of the whole number. Twenty-five of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for February, 1928, and two months ended February, 1928, 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.	
	Feb., 1928.	Two Months, 1928.	Feb., 1928.	Two Months, 1928.	Feb., 1928.	Two Months, 1928.	Feb., 1928.	Two Months, 1928.
	Auckland	20.15	18.90	8.28	8.17	2.36	2.67	2.36	2.83
Wellington	17.86	19.28	7.60	9.12	1.70	3.69	5.08	2.95
Christchurch	14.77	17.05	7.49	8.08	3.33	3.18	8.66	5.78
Dunedin	9.52	12.12	9.52	9.16	7.58	4.76	1.52	2.38
Hamilton	24.59	23.53	4.21	5.97	2.86	2.98	..	..
Gisborne	19.19	17.60	11.20	7.60	..	2.27	..	2.27
Napier	20.86	19.88	6.52	6.19	3.13	1.64	..	1.64
Hastings	17.72	16.93	1.61	3.22	..	4.76	..	2.38
New Plymouth	23.82	20.57	10.82	11.19	..	..	..	3.51
Wanganui	22.78	23.22	8.03	7.59	1.96	1.92	1.96	1.92
Palmerston North	17.57	18.46	8.78	8.50	..	..	6.67	3.17
Nelson	21.02	26.03	15.01	8.11	..	..	..	..
Timaru	22.86	19.40	6.92	7.62	..	1.79	..	..
Invercargill	15.43	21.28	11.70	9.31	6.90	5.00	3.45	2.50
All areas, Feb., and two months, 1928	17.68	18.32	8.20	8.33	2.38	2.88	3.04	2.93
All areas, Feb., and two months, 1927	17.67	19.40	7.68	7.84	4.04	3.63	2.21	2.27

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

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	6	2	3	4	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	20
5 and under 10 years	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	6
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
15 " 20 "	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	7
20 " 25 "	3	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
25 " 30 "	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	6
30 " 35 "	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	11
35 " 40 "	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6
40 " 45 "	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5
45 " 50 "	3	5	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
50 " 55 "	5	4	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	18
55 " 60 "	7	5	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	21
60 " 65 "	4	2	2	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	16
65 " 70 "	6	3	7	4	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	25
70 " 75 "	7	3	3	4	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	22
75 " 80 "	8	5	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	2	26
80 " 85 "	2	3	3	2	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	17
85 " 90 "	4	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	14
90 " 95 "	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	69	45	39	32	2	6	5	..	9	10	6	9	8	7	247