

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1927.	Live Births registered, March, 1928.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, March, 1928.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN MARCH, 1928.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, March, 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	294	1.46	6	6	2	70	3	5	52	138	0.69
Wellington .. .. .	126,310	207	1.64	4	4	6	38	2	2	31	83	0.68
Christchurch .. .. .	121,780	207	1.70	8	4	1	44	2	1	28	80	0.66
Dunedin .. .. .	83,155	100	1.20	2	3	..	23	1	1	29	57	0.69
Hamilton .. .. .	17,080	43	2.52	1	..	..	3	..	..	4	7	0.41
Gisborne .. .. .	15,000	28	1.87	..	..	..	7	1	..	3	11	0.73
Napier .. .. .	18,410	34	1.85	1	2	..	6	1	..	9	18	0.98
Hastings .. .. .	14,885	26	1.75	..	..	1	4	1	1	3	10	0.67
New Plymouth .. .. .	16,620	35	2.11	..	..	..	7	..	..	9	16	0.96
Wanganui .. .. .	26,870	49	1.82	3	1	..	10	..	1	8	20	0.74
Palmerston North .. .. .	20,480	33	1.61	1	1	..	7	..	1	4	13	0.62
Nelson .. .. .	11,985	20	1.67	1	1	..	8	..	..	4	13	1.08
Timaru .. .. .	17,320	31	1.79	1	..	..	6	..	..	2	8	0.46
Invercargill .. .. .	22,550	31	1.37	..	..	1	7	2	..	4	14	0.62
Totals .. .. .	713,665	1,138	1.59	28	22	11	240	13	12	190	488	0.63

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,138 as against 1,052 in February, an increase of 86. The deaths in March were 488—a figure exactly the same as that for the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 273, females 215. Fifty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.89 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-five of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for March, 1928, and three months ended March, 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.	
	March, 1928.	Three Months, 1928.	March, 1928.	Three Months, 1928.	March, 1928.	Three Months, 1928.	March, 1928.	Three Months, 1928.
Auckland .. .. .	17.53	18.44	8.23	8.19	3.06	2.78	2.04	2.57
Wellington .. .. .	19.67	19.41	7.89	8.71	3.42	1.93	2.61	2.61
Christchurch .. .. .	20.40	18.16	7.88	8.01	2.90	3.08	3.86	5.07
Dunedin .. .. .	14.43	12.89	8.23	8.85	4.00	4.48	2.00	2.24
Hamilton .. .. .	30.21	25.76	4.92	5.62	..	1.82	2.33	0.91
Gisborne .. .. .	22.40	19.20	8.80	8.00	3.57	2.78	..	1.39
Napier .. .. .	22.16	20.64	11.73	8.04	8.82	4.21	2.94	2.11
Hastings .. .. .	20.96	18.27	8.06	4.84	3.85	4.41	..	1.47
New Plymouth .. .. .	25.27	22.14	11.55	11.31	..	..	..	2.17
Wanganui .. .. .	21.88	22.78	8.93	8.04	2.04	1.96	6.12	3.27
Palmerston North .. .. .	19.34	18.75	7.50	8.20	3.03	1.04	3.03	3.13
Nelson .. .. .	20.02	24.03	13.02	11.35	5.00	1.39	5.00	1.39
Timaru .. .. .	21.48	20.09	5.54	6.93	..	1.15	3.23	1.15
Invercargill .. .. .	16.50	19.69	7.45	8.69	6.45	5.41	..	1.80
All areas, March, and three months, 1928 ..	19.13	18.59	7.53	8.29	3.08	2.97	2.46	2.79
All areas, March, and three months, 1927 ..	20.88	19.40	8.18	7.66	3.57	3.87	2.57	2.38

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of March, 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 .. .. .	8	10	5	3	..	..	2	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	33
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	7
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
15 " 20 " .. .. .	1	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
20 " 25 " .. .. .	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7
25 " 30 " .. .. .	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7
30 " 35 " .. .. .	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
35 " 40 " .. .. .	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	10
40 " 45 " .. .. .	7	1	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	17
45 " 50 " .. .. .	5	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	15
50 " 55 " .. .. .	5	2	4	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	3	..	1	20
55 " 60 " .. .. .	5	5	5	3	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	22
60 " 65 " .. .. .	7	4	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	21
65 " 70 " .. .. .	5	4	5	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	20
70 " 75 " .. .. .	9	6	2	3	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	25
75 " 80 " .. .. .	6	2	5	4	..	1	2	..	..	2	2	1	1	..	26
80 " 85 " .. .. .	5	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	12
85 " 90 " .. .. .	3	1	3	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	14
90 " 95 " .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	78	48	49	26	3	7	8	5	7	11	8	9	6	8	273