

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1927.	Live Births registered, April, 1928.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, April, 1928.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN APRIL, 1928.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, April, 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	265	1.31	2	3	1	61	5	1	56	127	0.63
Wellington	126,310	220	1.74	7	2	1	44	1	2	34	84	0.66
Christchurch	121,780	176	1.45	1	5	1	31	4	..	36	77	0.63
Dunedin	83,155	95	1.14	2	5	..	24	3	..	14	46	0.55
Hamilton	17,080	35	2.05	..	..	..	7	2	..	2	11	0.64
Gisborne	15,000	18	1.20	1	1	1	6	..	..	7	15	1.00
Napier	18,410	28	1.52	1	..	..	6	1	..	1	8	0.43
Hastings	14,885	20	1.34	1	1	1	4	..	..	5	11	0.74
New Plymouth	16,620	21	1.26	1	..	..	7	..	..	6	13	0.78
Wanganui	26,870	34	1.27	..	1	..	13	..	..	9	23	0.86
Palmerston North	20,480	40	1.95	..	..	..	9	..	..	7	16	0.78
Nelson	11,985	10	0.83	1	1	..	4	..	..	5	10	0.83
Timaru	17,320	31	1.79	..	2	..	6	2	..	2	12	0.69
Invercargill	22,550	36	1.60	3	..	..	4	..	..	5	9	0.40
Totals	713,665	1,029	1.44	20	21	5	226	18	3	189	462	0.65

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,029 as against 1,138 in March, a decrease of 109. The deaths in April were 462—a decrease of 26 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 252, females 210. Forty-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 10.17 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 April, 1928, and four months ended April, 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.	
	April, 1928.	Four Months, 1928.	April, 1928.	Four Months, 1928.	April, 1928.	Four Months, 1928.	April, 1928.	Four Months, 1928.
Auckland	15.80	17.78	7.57	8.50	3.02	2.85	0.65	2.18
Wellington	20.90	19.78	7.98	8.53	1.36	2.88	3.18	2.76
Christchurch	17.34	17.96	7.59	7.91	5.11	3.56	0.57	3.97
Dunedin	13.71	13.10	6.64	8.30	8.42	5.51	2.11	2.20
Hamilton	24.59	25.47	7.73	6.15	5.71	2.76	..	0.69
Gisborne	14.40	18.00	12.00	9.00	5.56	3.33	5.56	2.22
Napier	18.25	20.04	5.21	7.33	3.57	4.07	3.57	2.44
Hastings	16.12	17.74	8.86	5.84	5.00	4.54	5.00	2.27
New Plymouth	15.16	20.40	9.39	10.83	..	..	4.76	2.65
Wanganui	15.18	20.88	10.27	8.60	2.94	2.14	..	2.67
Palmerston North	23.44	19.92	9.37	8.50	..	0.74	..	2.21
Nelson	10.01	20.53	10.01	11.01	10.00	2.44	10.00	2.44
Timaru	21.48	20.44	8.31	7.27	12.90	4.24	..	0.85
Invercargill	19.16	19.56	4.79	7.72	..	4.08	8.33	3.40
All areas, April and four months, 1928	17.30	18.27	7.77	8.16	3.79	3.17	1.94	2.60
All areas, April and four months, 1927	17.70	18.98	8.04	7.76	3.52	3.79	3.13	2.56

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
Under 5 years	4	3	6	5	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	2	..	26
5 and under 10 years	2	..	2	3	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	13
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
15 " 20 "	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
20 " 25 "	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
25 " 30 " .. .. .	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
30 " 35 "	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4
35 " 40 "	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
40 " 45 "	2	3	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	12
45 " 50 "	4	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	15
50 " 55 "	6	7	3	1	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	21
55 " 60 "	6	5	2	3	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	20
60 " 65 "	6	5	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	17
65 " 70 "	7	4	4	1	1	..	..	1	..	3	2	2	2	..	27
70 " 75 "	4	3	3	3	1	2	1	..	3	1	2	1	1	..	25
75 " 80 "	5	6	5	4	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	25
80 " 85 "	3	..	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	11
85 " 90 "	4	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	13
90 " 95 "	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
95 " 100 "	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	65	47	37	29	7	8	6	6	7	14	9	5	8	4	252