

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1928.	Live Births registered, September, 1928.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, September, 1928.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1928.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, September, 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	205,610	258	1.25	11	14	1	78	3	2	65	163	0.79
Wellington	129,680	204	1.57	5	5	2	52	3	2	54	118	0.91
Christchurch	123,140	191	1.55	5	8	..	56	2	3	52	121	0.98
Dunedin	83,970	104	1.24	7	2	1	27	2	..	41	73	0.87
Hamilton	17,290	35	2.02	..	3	..	4	1	..	6	14	0.81
Gisborne	15,160	27	1.78	1	..	..	3	..	..	2	5	0.33
Napier	18,600	21	1.13	1	1	..	4	1	..	7	13	0.70
Hastings	15,120	15	0.99	..	..	..	11	..	..	2	13	0.86
New Plymouth	16,880	35	2.07	1	..	..	3	..	1	5	10	0.59
Wanganui	27,200	59	2.17	1	1	..	9	2	..	11	23	0.85
Palmerston North	20,880	27	1.29	1	2	..	6	1	..	8	17	0.81
Nelson	12,060	15	1.24	..	..	1	5	..	1	7	14	1.16
Timaru	17,530	28	1.60	3	1	..	7	..	..	4	12	0.68
Invercargill	22,865	35	1.53	4	3	..	6	1	..	9	19	0.83
Totals	725,985	1,054	1.45	40	40	5	271	16	9	274	615	0.85

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,054 as against 1,078 in August, a decrease of 24. The deaths in September were 615—a decrease of 87 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 316, females 299. Seventy of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.34 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-six of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for September, 1928, and nine months ended September, 1928, were as follows. The infant 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.		Infant Mortality.		Still-births.	
	Sep-tember, 1928.	Nine Months, 1928.	Sep-tember, 1928.	Nine Months, 1928.	Sep-tember, 1928.	Nine Months, 1928.	Sep-tember, 1928.	Nine Months, 1928.
Auckland	15.05	16.57	9.50	8.75	7.91	3.48	5.12	2.96
Wellington	18.88	19.06	10.91	9.47	3.92	3.29	2.45	2.97
Christchurch	18.61	17.53	11.78	9.23	5.23	4.64	2.58	3.78
Dunedin	14.86	14.10	10.43	9.22	3.84	4.37	6.73	3.47
Hamilton	24.29	23.08	9.71	7.53	11.43	5.99	..	1.33
Gisborne	21.37	18.95	3.95	8.68	..	3.70	3.70	1.85
Napier	13.55	18.52	8.38	8.58	9.52	3.86	4.76	2.70
Hastings	11.90	16.71	10.31	6.86	..	3.68	..	2.63
New Plymouth	24.88	22.53	7.10	10.40	..	2.44	2.86	2.09
Wanganui	26.03	20.00	10.14	9.44	5.08	3.90	1.69	3.17
Palmerston North	15.52	18.79	9.77	9.04	11.11	5.41	3.70	1.69
Nelson	14.92	18.98	13.92	13.12	..	4.38	..	1.88
Timaru	19.16	19.57	8.21	7.74	3.57	3.87	10.71	3.10
Invercargill	18.36	18.85	9.96	9.36	11.43	5.24	11.43	3.70
All areas, September and nine months, 1928	17.41	17.64	10.15	7.75	5.26	3.90	3.76	2.92
All areas, September and nine months, 1927	19.56	18.19	10.03	8.86	4.76	4.50	2.55	2.69

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christ-church.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
<i>Males.</i>															
Under 5 years	15	7	8	3	3	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	1	3	45
5 and under 10 years	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
20 " 25 " .. .. .	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
25 " 30 " .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
30 " 35 "	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
35 " 40 "	1	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	10
40 " 45 "	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	1	2	..	..	11
45 " 50 "	5	4	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	16
50 " 55 "	8	3	4	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	20
55 " 60 "	1	9	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	20
60 " 65 "	8	5	8	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	29
65 " 70 "	4	6	13	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	29
70 " 75 "	8	3	6	4	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	27
75 " 80 "	15	5	5	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	30
80 " 85 "	7	2	4	2	..	..	..	4	1	1	1	..	3	1	26
85 " 90 "	3	3	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	13
90 " 95 "	6	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	12
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	93	59	64	30	7	3	5	11	3	10	8	6	8	9	316