

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1928.	Live Births registered, October, 1928.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, October, 1928.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 1928.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, October, 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	306	1.49	5	10	2	71	7	1	65	156	0.76	
Wellington .. .. .	129,680	198	1.53	9	4	2	56	4	1	41	108	0.83	
Christchurch .. .. .	123,140	183	1.49	8	6	2	55	3	..	39	105	0.85	
Dunedin .. .. .	83,970	116	1.38	1	5	..	35	4	..	39	83	0.99	
Hamilton .. .. .	17,290	33	1.91	1	..	..	4	1	..	5	10	0.58	
Gisborne .. .. .	15,160	34	2.24	2	1	..	3	..	..	1	5	0.83	
Napier .. .. .	18,600	20	1.08	1	..	..	6	2	..	8	16	0.86	
Hastings .. .. .	15,120	25	1.65	1	2	..	7	..	..	4	13	0.86	
New Plymouth .. .. .	16,880	42	2.49	1	..	..	9	..	..	5	14	0.83	
Wanganui .. .. .	27,200	54	1.99	1	1	1	6	..	..	10	18	0.66	
Palmerston North .. .. .	20,880	33	1.58	..	2	..	9	..	..	10	21	1.01	
Nelson .. .. .	12,060	20	1.66	..	..	..	8	1	..	6	15	1.24	
Timaru .. .. .	17,530	32	1.83	1	..	1	9	2	..	5	17	0.97	
Invercargill .. .. .	22,865	49	2.14	1	3	..	10	..	..	15	28	1.22	
<b>Totals</b> .. .. .	<b>725,985</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>0.84</b>	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,145 as against 1,054 in September, an increase of 91. The deaths in October were 609—a decrease of 6 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 330, females 279. Sixty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.17 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-eight of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for October, 1928, and ten months ended October, 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.	
	October, 1928.	Ten Months, 1928.	October, 1928.	Ten Months, 1928.	October, 1928.	Ten Months, 1928.	October, 1928.	Ten Months, 1928.
Auckland .. .. .	17.86	16.74	9.10	8.80	5.56	3.88	1.64	2.75
Wellington .. .. .	18.31	19.06	9.98	9.19	4.04	3.36	4.55	3.12
Christchurch .. .. .	17.83	12.14	10.23	6.38	5.20	4.68	4.62	3.85
Dunedin .. .. .	16.58	9.98	11.86	6.60	7.76	4.76	0.86	3.17
Hamilton .. .. .	22.90	16.04	6.94	5.20	3.03	5.70	3.03	1.50
Gisborne .. .. .	26.91	13.74	9.96	5.71	2.94	3.60	5.88	2.40
Napier .. .. .	12.90	12.49	10.32	6.09	10.00	4.30	5.00	2.86
Hastings .. .. .	19.84	11.84	10.32	5.01	8.00	4.19	4.00	2.79
New Plymouth .. .. .	29.86	16.19	9.95	7.20	..	2.13	2.38	2.13
Wanganui .. .. .	23.82	14.18	7.94	6.46	1.85	3.66	1.85	3.01
Palmerston North .. .. .	18.96	13.09	12.07	6.50	6.06	5.47	..	1.52
Nelson .. .. .	19.90	12.43	14.92	9.26	5.00	4.44	..	1.67
Timaru .. .. .	21.90	13.78	11.64	5.65	6.25	4.13	3.13	3.10
Invercargill .. .. .	25.72	13.59	14.69	6.89	6.12	5.36	2.04	3.48
<b>All areas, October and ten months, 1928</b> .. .. .	<b>18.92</b>	<b>17.81</b>	<b>10.06</b>	<b>9.20</b>	<b>5.05</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>2.78</b>	<b>2.59</b>
<b>All areas, October and ten months, 1927</b> .. .. .	<b>19.52</b>	<b>18.33</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>8.93</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>4.44</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>2.75</b>

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christ-church.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
<b>Males.</b>															
Under 5 years .. .. .	12	6	8	5	..	1	..	2	..	2	2	..	1	3	42
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
10 " 15 " .. .. .	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
15 " 20 " .. .. .	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	7
20 " 25 " .. .. .	1	6	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	11
25 " 30 " .. .. .	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	7
30 " 35 " .. .. .	2	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	10
35 " 40 " .. .. .	5	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	14
40 " 45 " .. .. .	2	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
45 " 50 " .. .. .	4	3	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	20
50 " 55 " .. .. .	3	3	6	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	19
55 " 60 " .. .. .	13	6	1	4	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	28
60 " 65 " .. .. .	10	4	3	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	3	30
65 " 70 " .. .. .	5	2	7	4	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	2	2	1	28
70 " 75 " .. .. .	7	2	8	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	23
75 " 80 " .. .. .	7	10	5	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	33
80 " 85 " .. .. .	3	1	7	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	17
85 " 90 " .. .. .	1	2	2	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	13
90 " 95 " .. .. .	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Totals</b> .. .. .	<b>83</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>330</b>