

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Urban Areas of the Dominion for the Month of February, 1929:—

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1928.	Live Births registered February, 1929.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, February, 1929.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1929.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 1929.
					Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.		
					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	251	1.22	7	5	2	40	6	2	46	101	0.49	
Wellington	129,680	185	1.43	6	1	1	38	3	1	36	80	0.62	
Christchurch	123,140	151	1.23	4	3	..	27	1	..	35	66	0.54	
Dunedin	83,970	91	1.08	6	2	..	35	2	..	21	60	0.71	
Hamilton	17,290	26	1.50	..	..	..	3	..	..	6	9	0.52
Gisborne	15,160	26	1.72	1	..	..	3	..	..	2	5	0.33
Napier	18,600	23	1.51	..	..	1	6	..	..	5	12	0.65
Hastings	15,120	27	1.79	1	1	1	4	..	..	4	10	0.66
New Plymouth	16,880	20	1.18	..	..	..	5	..	..	3	8	0.47
Wanganui	27,200	36	1.32	7	1	..	6	..	..	5	12	0.44
Palmerston North	20,880	43	2.06	1	1	..	3	..	..	2	6	0.29
Nelson	12,060	19	1.58	1	..	..	6	1	..	5	12	1.00
Timaru	17,530	20	1.14	..	..	..	2	..	1	4	7	0.40
Invercargill	22,865	41	1.79	1	1	..	11	..	..	6	18	0.79
Totals	725,985	964	1.33	35	15	5	189	13	4	180	406	0.56	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 964 as against 1,185 in January, a decrease of 221. The deaths in February were 406—a decrease of 87 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 209, females 197. Thirty-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 9.11 per cent. of the whole number. Twenty-eight of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for February, 1929, and two months ended February, 1929, 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.	
	Feb., 1929.	Two Months, 1929.	Feb., 1929.	Two Months, 1929.	Feb., 1929.	Two Months, 1929.	Feb., 1929.	Two Months, 1929.
Auckland	14.64	16.63	5.89	6.77	4.38	2.98	2.79	2.63
Wellington	17.11	19.25	7.39	7.96	2.16	2.86	3.24	2.86
Christchurch	14.71	15.88	6.42	6.97	2.65	2.75	2.65	3.06
Dunedin	13.00	15.50	8.57	8.86	4.30	3.22	6.59	2.76
Hamilton	18.04	20.12	6.24	6.59	..	..	..	1.72
Gisborne	20.58	22.55	3.95	5.14	..	3.51	3.85	3.51
Napier	18.06	20.96	7.74	8.06	..	..	..	4.61
Hastings	21.42	25.00	7.93	7.14	3.70	3.17	3.70	1.59
New Plymouth	14.21	17.41	5.68	7.46	..	..	..	..
Wanganui	15.88	15.00	5.29	8.38	2.78	5.88	19.44	13.23
Palmerston North	24.71	25.28	3.44	7.47	2.33	2.27	2.33	2.27
Nelson	18.90	14.92	11.94	10.45	5.26	6.67	5.26	3.33
Timaru	13.68	19.51	4.79	6.16	..	1.75	..	1.75
Invercargill	21.52	21.25	9.44	7.61	2.44	1.23	2.44	2.47
All areas, February, and two months, 1929	15.92	17.75	6.71	7.42	2.88	2.71	3.61	2.99
All areas, February, and two months, 1928	17.68	18.32	8.20	8.33	2.38	2.88	3.04	2.93

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of February, 1929:—

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	7	2	3	2	..	..	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	20
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
15 " 20 "	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7
20 " 25 "	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
25 " 30 " .. .. .	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
30 " 35 " .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
35 " 40 "	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7
40 " 45 "	2	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	9
45 " 50 "	3	2	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	12
50 " 55 "	5	..	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	12
55 " 60 "	2	3	3	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	16
60 " 65 "	7	4	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	24
65 " 70 "	6	7	2	3	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	24
70 " 75 "	7	4	5	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	18
75 " 80 "	1	7	3	4	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	22
80 " 85 "	2	2	1	2	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	12
85 " 90 "	1	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	9
90 " 95 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	47	40	30	37	3	3	7	6	5	7	4	6	2	12	209