

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1928.	Live Births registered, December, 1928.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, December, 1928.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN DECEMBER, 1928.							Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, December, 1928.
					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	264	1.28	7	8	1	54	7	1	74	145	0.71
Wellington	129,680	191	1.47	6	2	3	45	4	2	37	93	0.72
Christchurch	123,140	172	1.40	4	3	3	41	2	..	42	91	0.74
Dunedin	83,970	133	1.58	2	2	1	29	..	..	28	60	0.72
Hamilton	17,290	29	1.68	1	1	..	3	1	..	1	6	0.35
Gisborne	15,160	35	2.31	1	..	..	5	1	..	5	11	0.73
Napier	18,600	18	0.97	1	..	..	4	..	..	8	12	0.65
Hastings	15,120	24	1.59	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	4	0.27
New Plymouth	16,880	28	1.66	..	1	..	7	..	1	8	17	1.01
Wanganui	27,200	26	0.96	1	1	..	11	..	..	3	15	0.55
Palmerston North	20,880	27	1.29	4	2	..	5	..	1	5	13	0.62
Nelson	12,060	13	1.08	1	1	..	3	..	..	3	7	0.58
Timaru	17,530	18	1.03	1	..	..	4	..	..	5	9	0.51
Invercargill	22,865	39	1.71	3	2	..	8	1	..	9	20	0.88
Totals	725,985	1,017	1.40	32	23	9	219	16	5	231	503	0.69

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,017 as against 1,082 in November, a decrease of 65. The deaths in December were 503—a decrease of 11 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 251, females 252. Fifty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 10.54 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 December, 1928, and twelve months ended December, 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.	
	Dec., 1928.	Twelve Months, 1928.	Dec., 1928.	Twelve Months, 1928.	Dec., 1928.	Twelve Months, 1928.	Dec., 1928.	Twelve Months, 1928.
Auckland	15.41	16.52	8.46	8.67	5.68	4.09	2.65	2.97
Wellington	17.68	18.98	8.60	9.44	3.14	3.45	3.14	3.09
Christchurch	16.76	17.50	8.87	9.31	2.91	4.41	2.33	3.67
Dunedin	19.01	14.98	8.58	9.54	1.50	4.69	1.50	2.86
Hamilton	20.12	22.67	4.16	7.46	6.90	5.87	3.46	1.79
Gisborne	27.71	20.45	8.71	7.72	2.86	4.19	2.86	2.26
Napier	11.62	17.47	7.74	8.55	..	4.00	5.56	2.80
Hastings	19.04	17.86	3.18	6.68	..	3.33	..	2.22
New Plymouth	19.91	22.45	12.08	10.01	3.57	2.38	..	2.11
Wanganui	11.47	19.60	6.61	8.75	3.85	3.57	3.85	2.81
Palmerston North	15.52	18.77	7.48	9.05	7.41	5.61	14.81	2.30
Nelson	12.94	17.99	6.96	12.19	7.69	4.15	7.69	2.30
Timaru	12.32	19.00	6.16	7.70	..	4.20	5.56	3.30
Invercargill	20.47	19.86	10.50	9.66	7.69	5.29	2.56	3.74
All areas, December and twelve months, 1928	16.80	17.73	8.32	9.03	3.83	4.14	2.95	3.00
All areas, December and twelve months, 1927	16.45	18.29	9.48	8.96	4.69	4.51	2.55	2.55

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of December, 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	9	5	6	3	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	1	..	2	32
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
10 " 15 "	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3
20 " 25 "	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7
25 " 30 " .. .. .	..	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
30 " 35 "	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
35 " 40 "	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
40 " 45 "	1	7	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	15
45 " 50 "	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	11
50 " 55 "	6	4	5	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	21
55 " 60 "	3	6	3	4	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	20
60 " 65 "	8	1	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	2	25
65 " 70 "	4	3	4	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	1	19
70 " 75 "	8	5	11	6	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	33
75 " 80 "	7	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	1	1	20
80 " 85 "	5	..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	19
85 " 90 "	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
90 " 95 "	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	63	50	47	32	4	5	4	1	8	12	7	4	4	10	251