

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1928.	Live Births registered, March, 1929.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, March, 1929.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN MARCH, 1929.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, March, 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	285	1.39	4	3	5	50	..	1	53	112	0.54	
Wellington	129,680	217	1.67	8	4	1	32	3	1	34	78	0.60	
Christchurch	123,140	154	1.25	5	1	..	33	2	1	32	69	0.56	
Dunedin	83,970	74	0.88	4	4	2	24	2	..	27	59	0.70	
Hamilton	17,290	25	1.45	..	..	..	9	..	..	5	14	0.81
Gisborne	15,160	27	1.72	..	1	1	4	..	..	2	8	0.53
Napier	18,600	29	1.56	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	6	0.32
Hastings	15,120	18	1.19	1	..	..	5	..	..	2	7	0.46
New Plymouth	16,880	25	1.48	1	..	..	5	2	..	2	9	0.53
Wanganui	27,200	42	1.54	3	1	..	7	1	..	7	16	0.59	
Palmerston North	20,880	38	1.82	1	1	..	10	1	..	7	19	0.91	
Nelson	12,060	14	1.16	1	..	..	5	..	..	4	9	0.75
Timaru	17,530	22	1.25	..	1	1	7	..	..	7	16	0.91
Invercargill	22,865	32	1.40	..	2	..	5	1	1	18	27	1.18	
Totals	725,985	1,002	1.38	28	18	10	199	15	4	203	449	0.62	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,002 as against 964 in February, an increase of 38. The deaths in March were 449—an increase of 43 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 227, females 222. Forty-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 10.47 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-three of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for March, 1929, and three months ended March, 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.	
	March, 1929.	Three Months, 1929.	March, 1929.	Three Months, 1929.	March, 1929.	Three Months, 1929.	March, 1929.	Three Months, 1929.
Auckland	16.63	16.63	6.54	6.62	1.05	2.34	1.40	2.22
Wellington	20.08	19.65	7.22	7.71	4.61	3.45	3.69	3.14
Christchurch	15.01	15.59	6.72	6.49	1.95	2.50	3.25	3.13
Dunedin	10.59	13.86	8.43	8.67	8.11	4.47	5.41	3.43
Hamilton	17.35	19.20	9.72	7.63	..	..	..	1.20
Gisborne	20.61	22.16	6.33	5.54	3.70	3.57	..	2.50
Napier	18.71	20.21	3.87	6.67	..	..	..	3.19
Hastings	14.28	21.43	5.55	6.61	..	2.47	5.56	2.47
New Plymouth	17.77	17.54	6.40	7.11	8.00	2.70	4.00	1.35
Wanganui	18.53	16.18	7.06	7.94	4.76	5.45	7.14	10.91
Palmerston North	21.84	24.18	10.91	8.62	5.26	3.17	2.63	2.38
Nelson	13.93	14.59	8.95	9.95	..	4.55	7.14	4.55
Timaru	15.06	18.03	10.95	7.76	4.55	2.53	..	1.39
Invercargill	16.79	19.77	14.17	9.80	9.38	3.54	..	1.77
All areas, March, and three months, 1929 ..	16.56	17.36	7.42	7.42	3.29	2.92	2.79	2.95
All areas, March, and three months, 1928 ..	19.13	18.59	7.53	8.29	3.08	2.97	2.46	2.79

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
	Males.														
Under 5 years	8	5	1	6	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	2	28
5 and under 10 years	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
10 " 15 "	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
15 " 20 "	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	10
20 " 25 "	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
25 " 30 "	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
30 " 35 "	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
35 " 40 "	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5
40 " 45 "	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	8
45 " 50 "	3	..	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	12
50 " 55 "	6	2	2	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	15
55 " 60 "	3	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	16
60 " 65 "	9	7	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	28
65 " 70 "	4	5	5	2	2	1	1	1	..	3	1	1	1	..	26
70 " 75 "	3	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	1	..	12
75 " 80 "	5	4	4	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	18
80 " 85 "	3	1	3	3	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	15
85 " 90 "	2	..	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	10
90 " 95 "	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	5
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	58	37	34	30	9	6	3	5	5	8	11	5	9	7	227