

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1928.	Live Births registered, April, 1929.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, April, 1929.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN APRIL, 1929.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, April, 1929.
					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	245	1.19	10	4	2	72	4	4	58	144	0.70	
Wellington	129,680	190	1.47	4	3	1	37	2	1	35	79	0.61	
Christchurch	123,140	154	1.25	3	4	2	33	3	..	31	73	0.59	
Dunedin	83,970	109	1.30	2	2	..	21	3	..	32	58	0.69	
Hamilton	17,290	19	1.10	..	1	1	4	..	1	4	11	0.64	
Gisborne	15,160	34	2.24	..	..	2	6	2	1	..	11	0.73
Napier	18,600	23	1.24	1	1	1	6	..	..	7	15	0.81
Hastings	15,120	27	1.79	..	1	..	10	..	..	2	13	0.86
New Plymouth	16,880	29	1.72	..	2	..	6	..	1	4	13	0.77	
Wanganui	27,200	46	1.69	1	..	..	9	..	..	8	17	0.63
Palmerston North	20,880	39	1.87	6	2	..	3	..	..	7	12	0.57
Nelson	12,060	14	1.16	..	1	..	7	..	..	2	10	0.83
Timaru	17,530	25	1.43	..	1	..	5	..	..	6	12	0.68
Invercargill	22,865	44	1.92	1	1	..	6	1	1	2	11	0.48	
Totals	725,985	998	1.37	28	23	9	225	15	9	198	479	0.66	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 998 as against 1,002 in March, a decrease of 4. The deaths in April were 479—an increase of 30 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 257, females 222. Fifty-six of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.69 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-eight of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for April, 1929, and four months ended April, 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.	
	April, 1929.	Four Months, 1929.	April, 1929.	Four Months, 1929.	April, 1929.	Four Months, 1929.	April, 1929.	Four Months, 1929.
Auckland	13.29	16.05	8.40	7.12	3.27	2.55	4.82	2.64
Wellington	17.64	19.13	7.32	7.61	2.63	3.26	2.11	2.90
Christchurch	15.00	15.45	7.08	6.94	4.55	3.00	1.95	2.84
Dunedin	15.60	14.29	8.28	8.61	4.59	4.50	1.83	3.00
Hamilton	13.20	17.70	7.68	7.63	5.26	0.98	..	0.98
Gisborne	26.88	23.35	8.76	6.33	5.88	4.24	..	1.70
Napier	14.88	18.87	9.72	7.42	4.35	0.85	4.35	3.42
Hastings	21.48	21.43	10.32	7.53	4.70	2.78	..	1.85
New Plymouth	20.64	18.31	9.24	7.64	6.90	3.88	..	9.71
Wanganui	20.28	17.21	7.56	7.83	..	3.86	2.17	7.05
Palmerston North	22.44	23.71	6.84	8.19	5.13	3.64	15.38	5.45
Nelson	13.92	14.43	9.96	9.95	7.14	5.17	..	3.45
Timaru	17.16	17.80	8.16	7.87	4.00	2.88	..	9.62
Invercargill	23.04	20.60	5.76	8.79	4.55	3.82	2.27	1.91
All areas, April, and four months, 1929	16.49	17.14	7.91	7.54	3.81	3.13	2.81	2.87
All areas, April, and four months, 1928	17.30	18.27	7.77	8.16	3.79	3.17	1.94	2.60

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of April, 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	6	4	6	2	2	2	2	1	2	..	2	1	1	1	32
5 and under 10 years	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
10 " 15 "	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
15 " 20 "	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	5
20 " 25 "	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
25 " 30 "	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	7
30 " 35 "	1	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
35 " 40 "	1	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8
40 " 45 "	6	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
45 " 50 "	6	4	4	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	21
50 " 55 "	3	4	4	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	14
55 " 60 "	8	8	3	2	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	2	..	..	26
60 " 65 "	4	..	3	2	2	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	16
65 " 70 "	10	1	5	3	..	..	1	1	2	2	..	..	1	1	25
70 " 75 "	10	5	3	..	1	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	23
75 " 80 "	6	4	3	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	1	21
80 " 85 "	5	1	3	4	..	1	2	1	1	2	1	..	1	..	22
85 " 90 "	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	7
90 " 95 "	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	78	41	39	23	6	8	8	11	8	9	5	8	6	7	257