

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1929.	Live Births registered, May, 1929.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, May, 1929.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN MAY, 1929.						Total Deaths	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, May, 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	208,580	313	1.50	11	3	7	84	10	1	79	184	0.88
Wellington	133,320	213	1.60	2	6	..	53	1	1	37	98	0.74
Christchurch	125,170	192	1.53	4	7	2	57	..	2	48	116	0.93
Dunedin	84,990	112	1.32	6	3	1	33	1	2	25	65	0.76
Hamilton	17,400	36	2.07	1	3	..	9	..	..	4	16	0.92
Gisborne	15,280	17	1.11	..	2	..	5	1	..	4	12	0.79
Napier	18,780	39	2.08	..	..	..	8	..	..	3	11	0.59
Hastings	15,330	29	1.89	..	1	..	3	1	..	8	13	0.85
New Plymouth	17,040	26	1.43	2	1	..	6	1	..	5	13	0.76
Wanganui	27,320	36	1.32	1	..	..	7	..	..	7	14	0.51
Palmerston North	21,220	42	1.98	1	1	..	3	1	..	4	9	0.42
Nelson	12,230	19	1.55	..	..	1	4	..	..	8	13	1.06
Timaru	17,880	31	1.73	..	..	..	3	..	..	6	9	0.50
Invercargill	23,260	44	1.89	2	2	1	10	..	..	9	22	0.95
Totals	737,800	1,149	1.56	30	29	12	285	16	6	247	595	0.81

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,149 as against 998 in April, an increase of 151. The deaths in May were 595—an increase of 116 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 326, females 269. Sixty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 10.54 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-five of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for May, 1929, and five months ended May, 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.	
	May, 1929.	Five Months, 1929.	May, 1929.	Five Months, 1929.	May, 1929.	Five Months, 1929.	May, 1929.	Five Months, 1929.
Auckland	18.00	16.26	10.58	7.73	4.15	2.87	3.51	2.80
Wellington	19.16	18.72	8.82	7.68	3.28	3.35	0.94	2.50
Christchurch	18.40	16.10	11.11	7.69	3.64	3.15	2.08	2.66
Dunedin	15.80	14.46	9.17	8.64	3.57	4.29	5.35	3.51
Hamilton	24.82	19.03	11.03	8.28	8.33	2.90	2.78	1.45
Gisborne	13.34	21.20	9.42	6.91	17.65	5.92	..	1.48
Napier	24.91	19.93	7.02	7.28	..	0.64	..	2.56
Hastings	22.69	21.45	10.18	7.98	6.90	3.65	..	1.46
New Plymouth	17.10	18.17	9.14	7.89	7.69	4.65	7.69	2.33
Wanganui	15.80	16.86	6.14	7.45	..	3.12	2.78	6.24
Palmerston North	23.74	23.41	5.09	7.46	4.76	3.86	2.38	4.83
Nelson	18.64	15.11	12.74	10.40	..	3.89	..	2.60
Timaru	21.80	18.12	6.04	7.38	..	2.22	..	0.74
Invercargill	23.69	20.74	11.34	9.18	4.54	3.98	4.54	2.49
All areas, May, and five months, 1929	18.67	17.23	9.67	7.87	3.92	3.15	2.61	2.68
All areas, May, and five months, 1928	18.16	18.00	8.18	8.05	2.82	3.10	3.00	2.68

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of May, 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	10	6	9	4	3	2	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	3	41
5 and under 10 years	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	8
10 " 15 "	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
15 " 20 "	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
20 " 25 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
25 " 30 "	2	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8
30 " 35 " .. .. .	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
35 " 40 "	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	9
40 " 45 "	5	3	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	14
45 " 50 "	5	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
50 " 55 "	4	5	7	1	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	23
55 " 60 "	5	7	5	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
60 " 65 "	8	5	8	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	26
65 " 70 "	11	5	4	5	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	29
70 " 75 "	11	5	5	5	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	2	1	1	33
75 " 80 "	11	3	11	8	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	41
80 " 85 "	8	4	5	5	..	2	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	31
85 " 90 "	4	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	10
90 " 95 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
95 " 100 "	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	94	59	66	37	12	7	8	4	7	7	4	5	3	13	326