

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1929.	Live Births registered, July, 1929.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, July, 1929.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN JULY, 1929.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, July, 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	255	1.22	11	11	4	81	8	1	88	193	0.93	
Wellington	133,320	221	1.66	8	3	2	69	6	3	67	150	1.13	
Christchurch	125,170	181	1.45	6	8	3	45	1	1	66	124	0.99	
Dunedin	84,990	105	1.24	1	1	..	38	2	1	38	80	0.94	
Hamilton	17,400	30	1.72	1	..	1	10	1	..	4	16	0.92	
Gisborne	15,280	26	1.70	..	..	..	3	1	..	2	6	0.39
Napier	18,780	22	1.17	..	3	..	7	..	..	11	21	1.12
Hastings	15,330	24	1.57	1	2	..	5	1	..	3	11	0.72	
New Plymouth	17,040	24	1.41	..	..	..	13	..	..	8	21	1.23
Wanganui	27,320	37	1.35	3	..	..	13	..	1	6	20	0.73
Palmerston North	21,220	42	1.98	2	2	1	15	2	..	4	24	1.13	
Nelson	12,230	9	0.74	..	..	..	14	..	..	8	22	1.80
Timaru	17,880	38	2.13	1	1	..	8	1	..	5	15	0.84	
Invercargill	23,260	40	1.72	1	1	1	8	3	..	14	27	1.16	
Totals	737,800	1,054	1.43	35	32	12	329	26	7	324	730	0.99	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,054 as against 958 in June, an increase of 96. The deaths in July were 730—an increase of 163 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 373, females 357. Seventy-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 10.55 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-eight of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for July, 1929, and seven months ended July, 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.	
	July, 1929.	Seven Months, 1929.	July, 1929.	Seven Months, 1929.	July, 1929.	Seven Months, 1929.	July, 1929.	Seven Months, 1929.
Auckland	14.67	15.69	11.10	8.56	7.45	4.31	3.40	3.04
Wellington	19.89	18.60	13.50	8.69	4.07	3.62	3.32	2.56
Christchurch	17.35	15.96	11.89	8.34	4.97	3.31	3.52	2.83
Dunedin	14.82	14.58	11.29	9.26	2.86	0.95	4.01	2.90
Hamilton	20.69	18.82	11.03	8.57	3.33	3.33	3.14	1.57
Gisborne	20.42	20.19	4.71	6.51	3.85	..	5.56	2.22
Napier	14.05	17.71	13.42	8.76	13.64	2.06	..	2.06
Hastings	18.79	21.02	8.61	8.39	12.50	4.17	5.32	1.60
New Plymouth	16.90	19.62	14.79	8.85	..	..	3.59	2.56
Wanganui	16.25	16.44	8.78	7.84	..	8.11	2.29	6.11
Palmerston North	23.75	22.62	13.57	8.40	9.52	4.76	5.00	4.29
Nelson	8.83	14.86	21.59	12.26	..	..	2.83	3.77
Timaru	25.50	18.31	10.07	6.14	5.26	2.63	3.14	1.05
Invercargill	20.64	20.56	13.93	9.73	10.00	2.50	6.81	3.58
All areas, July, and seven months, 1929	17.14	16.98	11.87	8.64	5.50	3.67	3.32	2.90
All areas, July, and seven months, 1928	17.33	17.25	11.09	8.37	5.67	3.67	3.35	2.81

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of July, 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	15	5	11	1	1	..	3	2	..	..	3	..	1	2	44
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	2	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8
20 " 25 "	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	6
25 " 30 "	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	9
30 " 35 "	3	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
35 " 40 "	2	5	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	12
40 " 45 "	4	4	1	1	..	..	..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	16
45 " 50 "	3	4	..	2	..	1	..	2	1	1	1	1	..	1	16
50 " 55 "	2	9	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	21
55 " 60 "	11	4	4	3	1	..	1	..	3	..	3	3	1	..	31
60 " 65 "	7	7	7	4	2	1	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	32
65 " 70 "	8	6	2	4	2	..	..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	28
70 " 75 "	13	3	..	2	2	..	2	1	1	3	3	3	1	2	36
75 " 80 "	11	5	7	4	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	37
80 " 85 "	7	7	4	6	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	30
85 " 90 "	4	6	7	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	25
90 " 95 " .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	4
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	96	74	56	39	11	3	10	7	13	13	18	14	9	10	373