

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1929.	Live Births registered, August, 1929.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, August, 1929.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN AUGUST, 1929.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, August, 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	279	1.34	6	6	3	91	4	4	69	177	0.85	
Wellington .. .. .	133,320	208	1.56	6	7	1	55	4	4	57	128	0.96	
Christchurch .. .. .	125,170	161	1.29	6	8	..	55	2	..	66	131	1.05	
Dunedin .. .. .	84,990	118	1.39	1	5	1	29	1	1	40	77	0.91	
Hamilton .. .. .	17,400	27	1.55	2	2	..	10	..	..	3	15	0.86	
Gisborne .. .. .	15,280	25	1.64	2	1	..	11	1	..	7	20	1.31	
Napier .. .. .	18,780	38	2.02	1	1	1	13	..	..	10	25	1.33	
Hastings .. .. .	15,330	30	1.96	..	..	..	6	..	..	13	19	1.24	
New Plymouth .. .. .	17,040	36	2.11	3	..	1	10	2	..	10	23	1.35	
Wanganui .. .. .	27,320	40	1.46	2	2	..	13	1	1	11	28	1.02	
Palmerston North .. .. .	21,220	35	1.65	..	..	..	11	..	..	7	18	0.85	
Nelson .. .. .	12,230	17	1.39	..	1	1	8	..	..	5	15	1.23	
Timaru .. .. .	17,880	22	1.23	1	..	..	6	..	1	4	11	0.62	
Invercargill .. .. .	23,260	38	1.63	3	1	..	18	1	..	5	25	1.07	
Totals .. .. .	737,800	1,074	1.46	33	34	8	336	16	11	307	712	0.96	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,074 as against 1,054 in July, an increase of 20. The deaths in August were 712—a decrease of 18 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 378, females 334. Sixty-nine of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 9.69 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for August, 1929, and eight months ended August, 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.	
	August, 1929.	Eight Months, 1929.	August, 1929.	Eight Months, 1929.	August, 1929.	Eight Months, 1929.	August, 1929.	Eight Months, 1929.
Auckland .. .. .	16.04	15.73	10.18	8.76	3.58	3.38	2.15	2.88
Wellington .. .. .	18.72	18.62	11.52	9.05	5.28	3.74	2.88	2.60
Christchurch .. .. .	15.43	15.89	12.55	8.87	6.21	3.83	3.73	2.93
Dunedin .. .. .	16.66	14.84	10.86	9.46	5.08	4.13	0.85	2.60
Hamilton .. .. .	18.61	18.79	10.34	8.79	7.41	3.66	7.41	2.29
Gisborne .. .. .	19.63	20.12	15.70	7.66	8.00	5.84	8.00	2.92
Napier .. .. .	24.28	18.53	15.97	9.67	2.63	2.16	2.63	2.16
Hastings .. .. .	23.47	21.33	14.87	9.20	..	4.59	..	1.38
New Plymouth .. .. .	25.34	20.33	16.19	9.77	5.55	3.89	8.33	3.46
Wanganui .. .. .	17.57	16.58	12.29	8.40	7.50	2.98	5.00	5.96
Palmerston North .. .. .	19.79	22.27	10.18	8.62	..	4.44	..	3.81
Nelson .. .. .	16.68	15.09	14.71	12.26	5.88	3.25	..	3.25
Timaru .. .. .	14.76	17.87	7.38	7.97	..	2.81	4.55	1.41
Invercargill .. .. .	19.60	20.44	12.89	10.12	5.26	6.62	7.89	4.10
All areas, August, and eight months, 1929..	17.46	17.04	11.57	9.01	4.65	3.78	3.07	2.92
All areas, August, and eight months, 1928..	17.81	17.72	11.60	8.97	4.78	3.67	3.31	2.77

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of August, 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 .. .. .	9	8	8	6	2	1	2	..	1	2	..	2	..	1	42
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	9
10 " 15 " .. .. .	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
15 " 20 " .. .. .	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	8
20 " 25 " .. .. .	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
25 " 30 " .. .. .	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9
30 " 35 " .. .. .	2	4	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
35 " 40 " .. .. .	2	2	3	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	12
40 " 45 " .. .. .	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	9
45 " 50 " .. .. .	4	6	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	15
50 " 55 " .. .. .	5	6	1	5	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
55 " 60 " .. .. .	8	3	7	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	1	4	29
60 " 65 " .. .. .	7	5	5	2	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	25
65 " 70 " .. .. .	12	6	5	1	3	..	2	1	..	2	1	1	1	..	35
70 " 75 " .. .. .	9	2	9	5	2	3	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	3	44
75 " 80 " .. .. .	11	4	6	5	1	1	1	..	3	2	1	1	..	5	41
80 " 85 " .. .. .	10	4	7	4	1	..	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	33
85 " 90 " .. .. .	7	4	3	..	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	19
90 " 95 " .. .. .	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	1	11
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	100	63	63	35	12	12	15	6	11	15	11	10	6	19	378