

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1929.	Live Births registered, September, 1929.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, September, 1929.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1929.							Total Deaths	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, September, 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	286	1.37	8	7	5	79	2	..	71	164	0.79	
Wellington	133,320	205	1.54	10	10	3	52	3	1	45	114	0.86	
Christchurch	125,170	159	1.27	5	4	1	50	1	1	49	106	0.85	
Dunedin	84,990	124	1.46	2	..	1	35	..	..	36	72	0.85
Hamilton	17,400	26	1.49	1	1	..	6	..	..	4	11	0.63
Gisborne	15,280	20	1.31	..	1	..	9	1	..	5	16	1.05	
Napier	18,780	26	1.38	..	..	1	8	..	..	8	17	0.91
Hastings	15,330	21	1.37	1	1	..	9	1	..	2	13	0.85	
New Plymouth	17,040	34	2.00	1	1	..	13	..	..	5	19	1.12
Wanganui	27,320	32	1.17	1	2	..	10	1	..	10	23	0.84	
Palmerston North	21,220	31	1.46	..	1	..	9	1	..	3	14	0.66	
Nelson	12,230	19	1.55	3	1	1	3	..	..	5	10	0.82
Timaru	17,880	24	1.34	..	..	..	8	1	..	4	13	0.73
Invercargill	23,260	49	2.11	..	2	1	14	1	..	6	24	1.03	
Totals	737,800	1,056	1.43	32	31	13	305	12	2	253	616	0.83	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,056 as against 1,074 in August, a decrease of 18. The deaths in September were 616—a decrease of 96 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 349, females 267. Fifty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 9.42 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-three of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for September, 1929, and nine months ended September, 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.	
	Sept., 1929.	Nine Months, 1929.	Sept., 1929.	Nine Months, 1929.	Sept., 1929.	Nine Months, 1929.	Sept., 1929.	Nine Months, 1929.
Auckland	16.45	15.77	9.43	8.81	3.14	3.36	2.79	2.88
Wellington	18.44	18.55	10.26	9.16	6.33	3.82	4.87	2.81
Christchurch	15.24	15.78	10.15	8.99	3.14	3.75	3.14	2.95
Dunedin	17.50	15.10	10.16	9.51	..	3.61	1.61	2.47
Hamilton	17.93	18.65	7.58	8.64	3.85	3.68	3.85	2.45
Gisborne	15.70	19.58	12.56	8.18	10.00	6.22	..	2.66
Napier	16.61	18.27	10.86	9.76	..	1.94	..	1.94
Hastings	16.43	20.73	10.18	9.28	9.52	5.02	4.76	1.67
New Plymouth	23.94	20.68	13.38	10.15	2.94	3.77	2.94	3.40
Wanganui	14.05	16.26	10.09	8.57	9.38	3.59	3.13	5.68
Palmerston North	17.52	21.69	7.91	8.52	6.45	4.62	..	3.47
Nelson	18.64	15.44	9.80	11.96	5.26	3.52	15.79	4.93
Timaru	16.10	17.63	8.72	8.03	4.17	2.95	..	1.26
Invercargill	25.27	20.93	12.37	10.35	6.12	6.55	..	3.55
All areas, September, and nine months, 1929	17.16	17.01	10.01	9.09	4.04	3.79	3.01	2.91
All areas, September, and nine months, 1928	17.41	17.64	10.15	7.75	5.26	3.90	3.76	2.92

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of September, 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	12	13	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	..	3	44
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	7
10 " 15 "	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
20 " 25 "	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	8
25 " 30 "	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
30 " 35 " .. .. .	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
35 " 40 "	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	9
40 " 45 "	5	4	4	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	17
45 " 50 "	4	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	13
50 " 55 "	7	7	..	3	1	..	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	23
55 " 60 "	5	3	9	7	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	30
60 " 65 "	8	3	4	6	..	1	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	29
65 " 70 "	8	5	9	2	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	1	30
70 " 75 "	9	7	4	3	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	31
75 " 80 "	10	4	7	3	..	..	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	3	35
80 " 85 "	6	2	4	4	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	2	1	2	26
85 " 90 "	2	4	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	17
90 " 95 "	3	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	9
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	91	65	55	36	7	10	9	10	14	12	10	5	8	17	349