

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1929.	Live Births registered October, 1929.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, October, 1929.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 1929.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, October, 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	265	1.27	7	3	4	69	8	4	87	175	0.84	
Wellington .. .. .	133,320	210	1.58	6	6	2	56	5	2	53	124	0.93	
Christchurch .. .. .	125,170	186	1.49	9	6	..	53	3	4	43	109	0.87	
Dunedin .. .. .	84,990	88	1.04	4	3	..	35	3	..	37	78	0.92	
Hamilton .. .. .	17,400	32	1.84	1	1	..	9	..	..	2	12	0.69	
Gisborne .. .. .	15,280	24	1.57	1	..	..	11	..	..	2	13	0.85	
Napier .. .. .	18,780	21	1.12	1	..	1	6	..	..	3	10	0.53	
Hastings .. .. .	15,330	22	1.44	..	..	..	12	..	..	7	19	1.24	
New Plymouth .. .. .	17,040	26	1.53	..	..	..	7	..	..	6	13	0.76	
Wanganui .. .. .	27,320	39	1.43	1	..	..	10	1	2	11	24	0.88	
Palmerston North .. .. .	21,220	36	1.70	1	1	..	11	..	..	8	20	0.94	
Nelson .. .. .	12,230	24	1.96	1	..	..	4	..	..	7	11	0.90	
Timaru .. .. .	17,880	27	1.51	..	..	..	4	..	..	9	13	0.73	
Invercargill .. .. .	23,260	31	1.33	1	..	..	11	..	..	11	22	0.95	
Totals .. .. .	737,800	1,031	1.40	33	20	7	298	20	12	286	643	0.87	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,031 as against 1,056 in September, a decrease of 25. The deaths in October were 643—an increase of 27 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 325, females 318. Fifty-nine of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 9.18 per cent. of the whole number. Forty of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for October, 1929, and ten months ended October, 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.	
	Oct., 1929.	Ten Months, 1929.	Oct., 1929.	Ten Months, 1929.	Oct., 1929.	Ten Months, 1929.	Oct., 1929.	Ten Months, 1929.
Auckland .. .. .	15.24	15.76	10.16	8.95	4.15	3.47	2.64	2.88
Wellington .. .. .	18.90	18.63	11.16	9.36	5.24	4.01	2.86	2.85
Christchurch .. .. .	17.83	16.01	10.45	9.16	4.84	3.89	4.84	3.17
Dunedin .. .. .	12.42	14.90	11.01	9.68	6.82	3.89	4.55	2.66
Hamilton .. .. .	22.07	18.97	8.28	8.62	3.12	3.62	3.12	2.54
Gisborne .. .. .	18.85	19.63	10.21	8.25	..	5.62	4.17	2.81
Napier .. .. .	13.42	17.89	6.39	9.58	..	1.79	4.76	2.15
Hastings .. .. .	17.22	20.35	14.87	9.78	..	4.60	..	1.53
New Plymouth .. .. .	18.31	20.42	9.15	10.21	..	3.44	..	3.09
Wanganui .. .. .	17.13	16.47	10.54	8.78	2.56	3.49	2.56	5.36
Palmerston North .. .. .	20.36	21.49	11.31	8.77	2.78	4.45	2.78	3.40
Nelson .. .. .	23.55	16.19	10.79	11.77	..	3.01	4.17	4.82
Timaru .. .. .	18.12	17.79	8.72	8.05	..	2.65	..	1.14
Invercargill .. .. .	16.00	20.38	11.35	10.58	..	6.04	3.23	3.53
All areas, October, and ten months, 1929 .. .. .	16.76	17.02	10.45	9.25	3.88	3.83	3.20	2.96
All areas, October, and ten months, 1928 .. .. .	18.92	17.81	10.06	9.20	5.05	3.58	2.78	2.59

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of October, 1929:—

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christ-church.	Dunedin	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
<i>Males.</i>															
Under 5 years .. .. .	7	8	6	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	27
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
10 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
20 .. .. .	2	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
25 .. .. .	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
30 .. .. .	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
35 .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35 .. .. .	6	3	3	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	17
40 .. .. .	2	3	1	3	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	17
45 .. .. .	4	4	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	18
50 .. .. .	7	6	4	4	2	..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	31
55 .. .. .	8	3	4	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	24
60 .. .. .	7	10	5	5	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	32
65 .. .. .	4	6	10	3	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
70 .. .. .	6	5	2	4	..	2	1	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	25
75 .. .. .	10	6	9	4	1	1	..	..	..	2	6	1	..	2	42
80 .. .. .	4	3	1	..	1	1	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	15
85 .. .. .	5	2	6	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	20
90 .. .. .	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
95 .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	76	64	59	38	10	11	7	12	7	10	12	4	4	11	325