

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1928.	Live Births registered, January, 1929.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, January, 1929.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN JANUARY, 1929.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, January, 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 .. .. .	205,610	319	1.55	8	1	2	65	5	1	57	131	0.64	
Wellington .. .. .	129,680	235	1.81	6	3	1	37	5	2	44	92	0.71	
Christchurch .. .. .	123,140	175	1.42	6	4	1	36	1	..	35	77	0.62	
Dunedin .. .. .	83,970	126	1.50	..	..	..	36	3	2	23	64	0.76	
Hamilton .. .. .	17,290	32	1.85	1	..	..	9	..	..	1	10	0.58	
Gisborne .. .. .	15,160	31	2.04	1	1	1	3	1	..	2	8	0.53	
Napier .. .. .	18,600	37	1.99	3	..	..	8	..	..	5	13	0.70	
Hastings .. .. .	15,120	36	2.38	..	..	..	2	1	..	5	8	1.33	
New Plymouth .. .. .	16,880	29	1.72	..	..	1	9	..	..	3	13	0.77	
Wanganui .. .. .	27,200	32	1.18	2	2	1	10	1	..	12	26	0.95	
Palmerston North .. .. .	20,880	45	2.15	1	..	..	10	1	..	9	20	0.96	
Nelson .. .. .	12,060	11	0.91	..	1	..	3	..	..	5	9	0.75	
Timaru .. .. .	17,530	37	2.11	1	1	..	7	..	..	3	11	0.63	
Invercargill .. .. .	22,865	40	1.75	1	..	..	5	..	..	6	11	0.48	
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>725,985</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>1.63</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>0.68</b>	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,185 as against 1,017 in December, an increase of 168. The deaths in January were 493—a decrease of 10 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 260, females 233. Forty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 8.72 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-one of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for January, 1929, and 1928, 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.	
	Jan., 1929.	Jan., 1928.	Jan., 1929.	Jan., 1928.	Jan., 1929.	Jan., 1928.	Jan., 1929.	Jan., 1928.
Auckland .. .. .	18.62	17.64	7.65	8.04	1.88	3.03	2.50	3.37
Wellington .. .. .	21.75	20.70	8.51	10.63	3.40	5.96	2.55	2.75
Christchurch .. .. .	17.05	19.31	7.50	8.67	2.86	3.06	3.43	3.57
Dunedin .. .. .	18.01	14.71	9.15	8.80	2.38	2.94	..	2.94
Hamilton .. .. .	22.21	22.48	6.94	7.73	..	3.13	3.12	..
Gisborne .. .. .	24.54	16.00	6.33	4.00	6.45	5.00	3.22	5.00
Napier .. .. .	23.86	18.90	8.39	5.86	..	8.11	3.45	..
Hastings .. .. .	28.57	16.12	15.95	4.84	2.78	10.00	5.00	..
New Plymouth .. .. .	20.62	17.33	9.24	10.82	..	..	8.33	..
Wanganui .. .. .	14.12	23.66	11.47	7.14	9.37	1.89	6.25	1.89
Palmerston North .. .. .	25.86	19.33	11.49	8.20	2.22	..	2.22	..
Nelson .. .. .	10.94	31.04	8.95	6.00	9.09	..	..	..
Timaru .. .. .	25.33	15.92	7.53	8.30	2.70	4.35	2.70	..
Invercargill .. .. .	20.98	27.13	5.77	6.91	..	3.92	2.50	1.96
<b>All areas, January, 1929 and 1928</b>	<b>19.58</b>	<b>18.96</b>	<b>8.15</b>	<b>8.47</b>	<b>2.60</b>	<b>3.43</b>	<b>2.52</b>	<b>2.90</b>

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
<b>Males.</b>															
Under 5 years .. .. .	3	4	5	..	..	2	..	..	1	3	..	1	1	..	20
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
10 " 15 " .. .. .	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
15 " 20 " .. .. .	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	5
20 " 25 " .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5
25 " 30 " .. .. .	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
30 " 35 " .. .. .	1	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7
35 " 40 " .. .. .	3	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	12
40 " 45 " .. .. .	3	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
45 " 50 " .. .. .	3	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	11
50 " 55 " .. .. .	9	5	4	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
55 " 60 " .. .. .	6	2	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	20
60 " 65 " .. .. .	5	3	6	3	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	1	..	23
65 " 70 " .. .. .	7	4	2	1	3	..	..	1	4	1	2	..	1	1	27
70 " 75 " .. .. .	12	2	3	7	..	..	2	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	30
75 " 80 " .. .. .	4	7	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	20
80 " 85 " .. .. .	2	1	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	15
85 " 90 " .. .. .	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	9
90 " 95 " .. .. .	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
95 " 100 " .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>260</b>