

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1929.	Live Births registered, December, 1929.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, December, 1929.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN DECEMBER, 1929.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, December, 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	226	1.08	6	5	4	60	2	1	73	145	0.70	
Wellington	133,320	219	1.64	4	6	1	45	2	1	39	94	0.71	
Christchurch	125,170	174	1.39	12	4	1	44	1	1	42	93	0.74	
Dunedin	84,990	94	1.11	5	1	1	38	3	1	39	83	0.98	
Hamilton	17,400	24	1.38	..	2	..	4	2	..	2	10	0.57	
Gisborne	15,280	28	1.83	..	1	..	6	..	..	1	8	0.52
Napier	18,780	26	1.38	..	..	..	3	..	..	8	11	0.59
Hastings	15,330	20	1.30	1	1	..	..	1	..	4	6	0.39
New Plymouth	17,040	28	1.64	3	..	..	9	..	..	3	12	0.70
Wanganui	27,320	42	1.54	..	2	..	13	..	..	8	23	0.84
Palmerston North	21,220	35	1.65	2	..	..	9	..	..	5	14	0.66
Nelson	12,230	18	1.47	1	1	..	1	..	..	5	7	0.57
Timaru	17,880	22	1.23	..	..	1	3	..	1	5	10	0.56
Invercargill	23,260	26	1.12	1	..	..	9	..	..	6	15	0.64
Totals	737,800	982	1.33	35	23	8	244	11	5	240	531	0.72	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 982 as against 1,080 in November, a decrease of 98. The deaths in December were 531—a decrease of 5 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 275, females 256. Forty-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 8.85 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-four of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for December, 1929, and twelve months ended December, 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.	
	Dec., 1929.	Twelve Months, 1929.	Dec., 1929.	Twelve Months, 1929.	Dec., 1929.	Twelve Months, 1929.	Dec., 1929.	Twelve Months, 1929.
Auckland	13.00	15.53	8.34	8.86	3.09	3.39	2.65	2.88
Wellington	19.70	18.68	8.46	9.21	3.65	4.09	1.82	3.32
Christchurch	16.68	16.07	8.90	9.13	2.87	3.98	6.89	3.68
Dunedin	13.27	14.68	11.71	9.99	4.25	4.25	5.32	3.68
Hamilton	16.55	18.97	6.89	8.68	16.66	4.55	..	2.73
Gisborne	21.98	19.83	6.28	8.18	3.57	4.95	..	2.64
Napier	16.61	17.20	7.02	9.05	..	1.55	..	2.16
Hastings	15.65	19.24	4.69	9.52	10.00	4.41	5.00	3.72
New Plymouth	19.72	20.19	8.45	9.45	..	2.91	10.71	4.07
Wanganui	13.44	16.87	10.09	8.82	4.76	3.90	..	4.32
Palmerston North	19.79	21.21	7.91	8.54	..	3.78	5.71	4.22
Nelson	17.65	16.60	6.86	11.28	5.56	2.96	5.56	5.41
Timaru	14.76	17.95	6.71	8.00	..	2.80	..	0.93
Invercargill	13.40	20.03	7.73	9.89	..	5.15	3.85	3.64
All areas, December, and twelve months, 1929	15.96	16.92	8.63	9.15	3.46	3.82	3.56	3.35
All areas, December, and twelve months, 1928	16.80	17.73	8.32	9.03	3.83	4.14	2.95	3.00

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Totals.
	Males.														
Under 5 years	9	7	5	2	2	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	31
5 and under 10 years	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7
10 " 15 "	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
15 " 20 "	1	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
20 " 25 "	2	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	10
25 " 30 "	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
30 " 35 " .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
35 " 40 "	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5
40 " 45 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
45 " 50 "	4	..	3	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
50 " 55 "	1	3	5	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	13
55 " 60 "	3	5	3	4	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	20
60 " 65 "	10	3	3	4	1	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	26
65 " 70 "	10	7	4	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	2	1	33
70 " 75 "	7	8	4	4	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	26
75 " 80 "	5	4	5	9	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	1	29
80 " 85 "	3	4	6	4	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	..	..	3	27
85 " 90 "	6	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	14
90 " 95 " .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals	69	52	49	40	6	7	3	1	9	15	9	2	4	9	275