

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Urban Areas of the Dominion for the Month of May, 1930 :—

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1930.	Live Births registered, May, 1930.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still-births registered, May, 1930.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN MAY, 1930.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, May, 1930.
					Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.		
					Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 6 Years.	5 Years and over.			
Auckland	212,100	262	1.24	12	5	..	65	8	..	69	147	0.69	
Wellington	138,050	227	1.64	7	4	1	36	2	1	47	91	0.66	
Christchurch	125,800	173	1.38	6	1	..	41	4	..	49	95	0.76	
Dunedin	85,330	111	1.30	2	1	..	22	..	1	27	51	0.60	
Hamilton	17,680	43	2.43	3	1	..	4	3	..	5	13	0.74	
Gisborne	15,460	28	1.81	1	..	1	5	..	..	5	11	0.71
Napier	18,940	31	1.64	3	..	..	5	..	..	5	10	0.53
Hastings	15,760	25	1.59	..	..	..	3	..	..	5	8	0.51
New Plymouth	17,450	27	1.55	2	1	..	2	..	..	10	13	0.74
Wanganui	27,480	39	1.42	..	..	..	9	..	..	5	14	0.51
Palmerston North	21,850	37	1.69	1	..	..	4	1	..	8	13	0.59
Nelson	12,300	18	1.46	2	1	..	4	..	..	5	10	0.81
Timaru	18,020	25	1.39	1	..	..	13	..	..	4	17	0.94
Invercargill	23,540	32	1.36	1	..	..	9	..	..	3	12	0.51
Totals	749,760	1,078	1.44	41	14	2	222	18	2	247	505	0.67	

The total live births registered for the urban areas amounted to 1,078 as against 951 in April, an increase of 127. The deaths in May were 505, an increase of 21 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 238, females 267. Thirty-six of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 7.13 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-two of these were under one year of age.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for May, 1930, and five months ended May, 1930, 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.	
	May, 1930.	Five Months, 1930.	May, 1930.	Five Months, 1930.	May, 1930.	Five Months, 1930.	May, 1930.	Five Months, 1930.
Auckland	14.82	13.78	8.32	7.75	4.96	3.28	4.58	3.12
Wellington	19.73	19.25	7.91	7.63	2.64	2.08	3.08	3.79
Christchurch	16.50	16.27	9.06	8.41	2.89	3.63	3.47	3.63
Dunedin	15.61	14.91	7.17	7.82	0.90	2.64	1.80	3.02
Hamilton	29.19	21.99	8.82	6.11	9.30	8.02	6.98	4.32
Gisborne	21.73	21.42	8.54	8.07	..	5.80	3.57	2.90
Napier	19.64	17.61	6.34	6.84	..	2.16	9.68	3.60
Hastings	19.04	17.97	6.09	5.79	..	3.39	..	2.54
New Plymouth	18.57	19.81	8.94	8.39	3.70	0.69	7.41	2.78
Wanganui	17.03	17.47	6.11	7.25	..	2.50	..	2.50
Palmerston North	20.32	17.46	7.14	6.26	2.70	3.14	2.70	2.52
Nelson	17.56	16.00	9.76	8.39	5.56	2.44	1.11	3.66
Timaru	16.65	17.85	11.32	7.59	..	0.75	4.00	1.49
Invercargill	16.31	17.43	6.12	8.87	..	6.43	3.13	2.92
All areas, May, and five months, 1930	17.26	16.50	8.08	7.75	2.97	3.12	3.80	3.28
All areas, May, and five months, 1929	18.67	17.23	9.67	7.87	3.92	3.15	2.61	2.68

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of May, 1930 :—

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	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
5 and under 10 years	1
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15	2	..	1	3
20	2	2	1	1	7
25	2	1	2	1	..	6
30	1	2	3
35	3	..	2	1	1	7
40	3	2	4	1	..	10
45	3	5	2	1	1	12
50	5	1	2	..	1	2	..	1	1	1	1	1	16
55	3	2	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	14
60	5	8	3	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	2	26
65	8	5	4	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	26
70	10	5	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	26
75	5	3	5	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	28
80	8	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	2	21
85	4	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	11
90	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
95 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	70	41	42	23	5	6	5	3	3	9	4	5	13	9	238