

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Urban Areas of the Dominion for the Month of February, 1931 :—

	Estimated Population, 1st April, 1930.	Live Births registered February, 1931.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still Births registered, February, 1931.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1931.							Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 1931.
					Males			Females.			Total Deaths.	
					Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.		
Auckland	212,100	230	1.08	7	6	..	60	2	1	62	131	0.62
Wellington	138,050	183	1.33	4	3	..	38	3	..	34	78	0.57
Christchurch	125,800	180	1.43	8	4	3	32	1	..	33	73	0.58
Dunedin	85,330	109	1.28	3	1	1	29	..	..	24	55	0.64
Hamilton	17,680	29	1.64	3	1	1	7	1	..	4	14	0.79
Gisborne	15,460	30	1.94	..	..	..	3	1	..	3	7	0.45
Napier	18,940	7	0.37	..	2	..	2	..	..	3	7	0.37
Hastings	15,760	11	0.70	1	..	..	2	..	..	3	5	0.32
New Plymouth	17,450	24	1.38	1	..	..	5	..	1	3	9	0.52
Wanganui	27,480	36	1.31	1	..	..	12	..	..	3	15	0.55
Palmerston North	21,850	30	1.37	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	6	0.27
Nelson	12,300	23	1.87	..	..	..	6	..	..	5	11	0.89
Timaru	18,020	20	1.11	..	..	..	6	1	..	7	14	0.78
Invercargill	23,540	34	1.44	..	1	..	4	1	..	13	19	0.81
Totals	749,760	946	1.26	28	18	5	207	10	2	202	444	0.59

NOTE.—All figures relate to registrations. In the cases of Napier and Hastings, registrations of earthquake deaths are incomplete and are not included.

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for February, 1931, and two months ended February, 1931, 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.	
	Feb., 1931.	Two Months, 1931.	Feb., 1931.	Two Months, 1931.	Feb., 1931.	Two Months, 1931.	Feb., 1931.	Two Months, 1931.
Auckland	13.01	13.98	7.40	7.61	3.48	3.44	3.04	2.43
Wellington	15.91	18.52	6.78	7.35	3.28	3.52	2.19	3.29
Christchurch	17.17	16.98	6.96	7.54	2.78	2.53	4.44	3.93
Dunedin	15.33	15.05	7.73	7.24	0.92	1.40	2.75	2.80
Hamilton	19.68	14.93	9.50	9.16	6.90	9.09	10.34	11.36
Gisborne	23.29	23.29	5.43	5.43	3.33	5.00	..	1.67
Napier	4.44	13.31	4.44	5.70	28.57	9.52	..	2.38
Hastings	8.38	14.09	3.81	6.48	..	..	9.09	2.70
New Plymouth	16.50	19.94	6.19	6.53	..	3.45	4.17	3.45
Wanganui	15.72	17.47	6.55	6.55	..	1.25	2.78	2.50
Palmerston North	16.48	16.48	3.30	7.14	..	..	..	5.00
Nelson	22.44	23.90	10.73	11.22	..	4.08	..	2.04
Timaru	13.32	18.31	9.32	9.32	5.00	3.64	..	..
Invercargill	17.33	19.37	9.69	9.43	5.88	5.26	..	2.63
All areas, February, and two months, 1931	15.14	16.42	7.11	7.51	2.96	3.22	2.96	3.12
All areas, February, and two months, 1930	16.04	17.05	7.43	7.84	2.74	3.43	3.55	3.63

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of February, 1931 :—

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	6	3	7	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	23
5 and under 10 years .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	3
10 " 15 "	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
20 " 25 "	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
25 " 30 "	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
30 " 35 "	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6
35 " 40 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
40 " 45 "	4	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10
45 " 50 "	5	2	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	17
50 " 55 "	1	6	3	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	16
55 " 60 "	3	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	12
60 " 65 "	6	8	4	3	2	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	2	..	30
65 " 70 "	7	3	3	4	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	22
70 " 75 "	11	3	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	23
75 " 80 "	6	6	3	4	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	25
80 " 85 "	5	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	12
85 " 90 "	2	..	6	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	13
90 " 95 "	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
95 " 100 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	66	41	39	31	9	3	4	2	5	12	1	6	6	5	230