

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 30th April, 1931.	Live Births registered, May, 1931.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still Births registered, May, 1931.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN MAY, 1931.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, May, 1931.
					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	215,730	248	1.15	7	3	3	67	5	..	80	158	0.73	
Wellington	142,540	207	1.45	7	3	1	46	1	..	31	82	0.57	
Christchurch	127,070	149	1.17	4	5	..	42	1	..	35	83	0.66	
Dunedin	86,410	100	1.16	3	..	..	25	1	..	25	51	0.58
Hamilton	18,040	29	1.61	1	..	..	4	..	..	4	8	0.44
Gisborne	15,840	26	1.64	..	..	..	6	..	..	3	9	0.57
Napier	19,000	13	0.68	1	3	..	6	1	..	2	12	0.63	
Hastings	16,580	33	1.99	..	2	..	8	..	..	6	16	0.97
New Plymouth	18,020	30	1.66	..	1	..	7	..	..	6	14	0.78
Wanganui	27,530	43	1.56	1	2	..	14	1	..	9	26	0.94	
Palmerston North	22,730	29	1.28	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	5	0.22
Nelson	12,480	18	1.44	1	..	..	8	..	..	6	14	1.12
Timaru	18,340	21	1.15	1	1	..	6	..	..	2	9	0.49
Invercargill	23,940	49	2.05	..	4	..	3	2	..	4	13	0.54	
Totals	764,250	995	1.30	26	24	4	246	12	..	214	500	0.65	

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for May, 1931, and five months ended May, 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.	
	May, 1931.	Five Months, 1931.	May, 1931.	Five Months, 1931.	May, 1931.	Five Months, 1931.	May, 1931.	Five Months, 1931.
Auckland	13.79	14.39	8.79	7.72	3.23	3.09	2.82	2.39
Wellington	17.43	18.05	6.90	6.70	1.93	2.52	3.38	3.82
Christchurch	14.06	15.90	7.89	7.55	4.03	2.61	2.68	3.44
Dunedin	13.89	14.53	7.02	7.53	1.00	2.10	3.00	2.68
Hamilton	19.29	19.82	5.32	9.18	..	6.04	3.45	5.37
Gisborne	19.70	21.36	6.82	6.67	..	2.84	..	2.13
Napier	8.21	10.61	7.58	22.99	30.77	13.09	7.69	3.57
Hastings	23.88	16.21	11.58	18.67	6.06	5.36	..	1.79
New Plymouth	19.98	19.71	9.32	7.06	3.33	4.73	..	2.03
Wanganui	18.74	18.39	11.33	8.46	6.98	6.63	2.33	1.90
Palmerston North	15.31	16.26	2.64	6.23	..	..	..	3.90
Nelson	17.31	20.78	13.46	10.58	..	3.70	5.56	2.78
Timaru	13.74	16.08	5.89	7.72	4.76	5.43	4.76	3.10
Invercargill	24.56	20.05	6.52	7.12	12.24	6.00	..	3.00
All areas, May, and five months, 1931	15.62	16.22	7.85	8.10	3.62	3.37	2.61	3.02
All areas, May, and five months, 1930	17.26	16.50	8.08	7.75	2.97	3.12	3.80	3.28

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the urban areas during the month of May, 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	4	5	..	..	..	3	2	1	2	..	..	1	4	28
5 and under 10 years	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
15 " 20 "	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
20 " 25 "	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	8
25 " 30 "	3	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
30 " 35 "	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
35 " 40 "	1	6	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	11
40 " 45 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
45 " 50 "	3	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	19
50 " 55 "	4	1	3	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	12
55 " 60 "	9	5	4	4	1	..	..	2	1	3	..	2	2	1	34
60 " 65 "	4	8	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	26
65 " 70 "	11	3	4	4	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	1	1	1	28
70 " 75 "	8	2	4	1	1	1	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	1	24
75 " 80 "	7	4	5	3	..	..	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	..	30
80 " 85 "	7	7	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	26
85 " 90 "	2	1	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	10
90 " 95 "	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
95 " 100 "	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
100 years and over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	73	50	47	25	4	6	9	10	8	16	4	8	7	7	274