

Vital Statistics of Urban Areas.

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

	Estimated Population, 30th April, 1931.	Live Births registered December, 1931.	Proportion of Live Births to the 1,000 of Population.	Still Births registered December, 1931.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN DECEMBER, 1931.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, December, 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	228	1.06	10	2	1	85	1	1	73	163	0.76	
Wellington	142,540	197	1.38	4	4	1	43	5	2	36	91	0.64	
Christchurch	127,070	160	1.26	2	1	1	48	2	1	46	99	0.78	
Dunedin	86,410	115	1.33	5	3	..	37	1	..	28	69	0.80	
Hamilton	18,040	20	1.11	..	2	..	3	..	2	3	10	0.55	
Gisborne	15,840	22	1.39	..	..	..	5	1	..	5	11	0.69
Napier	19,000	26	1.37	1	1	..	5	..	..	3	9	0.47
Hastings	16,530	25	1.51	..	..	..	7	..	..	5	12	0.72
New Plymouth	18,020	28	1.55	..	1	..	6	1	..	6	14	0.78	
Wanganui	27,530	28	1.02	2	1	..	8	..	..	5	14	0.51
Palmerston North	22,730	32	1.41	2	..	..	10	1	..	11	22	0.97
Nelson	12,480	8	0.64	..	1	..	4	2	..	4	11	0.88	
Timaru	18,340	24	1.31	1	..	..	8	1	..	3	12	0.65
Invercargill	23,940	35	1.46	1	1	..	6	..	..	6	13	0.54
Totals	764,250	948	1.24	28	17	3	275	15	6	234	550	0.72	

The equivalent annual rates per 1,000 of mean population for December, 1931, and twelve months ended December, 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.	
	Dec., 1931.	Twelve Months, 1931.	Dec., 1931.	Twelve Months, 1931.	Dec., 1931.	Twelve Months, 1931.	Dec., 1931.	Twelve Months, 1931.
Auckland	12.68	14.44	9.07	8.97	1.32	2.95	4.39	2.79
Wellington	16.58	17.85	7.66	8.02	4.57	3.03	2.03	3.81
Christchurch	15.10	16.76	9.34	8.86	1.88	3.09	1.25	3.09
Dunedin	15.97	14.74	9.58	8.90	3.48	3.61	4.35	2.12
Hamilton	13.30	19.73	6.65	9.09	10.00	6.46	..	3.09
Gisborne	16.67	21.15	8.33	8.27	4.54	3.58	..	2.69
Napier	16.42	13.11	5.68	13.89	3.85	6.02	3.85	3.61
Hastings	18.09	18.03	8.69	13.51	..	4.35	..	2.01
New Plymouth	18.65	20.64	9.32	7.94	7.14	4.30	..	2.96
Wanganui	12.20	16.16	6.10	8.46	3.57	4.94	7.14	2.92
Palmerston North	16.89	17.77	11.61	8.01	3.13	1.98	6.25	3.47
Nelson	7.69	17.71	10.58	12.02	37.50	4.98	..	4.52
Timaru	15.70	16.63	7.85	7.74	4.17	4.26	4.17	4.26
Invercargill	17.54	19.17	6.52	7.14	2.86	5.23	2.86	2.40
All areas, December, and twelve months, 1931	14.88	16.20	8.63	8.87	3.38	3.50	2.95	3.07
All areas, December, and twelve months, 1930	18.02	16.72	9.44	9.03	4.35	3.87	2.58	3.22

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

Age-group.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christ-church.	Dunedin.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Hastings.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Palmerston North.	Nelson.	Timaru.	Invercargill.	Total.
<i>Males.</i>															
Under 5 years	3	5	2	3	2	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	20
5 and under 10 years	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
10 " 15 "	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7
15 " 20 "	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5
20 " 25 "	2	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
25 " 30 "	4	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	9
30 " 35 "	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
35 " 40 "	4	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	12
40 " 45 "	4	4	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
45 " 50 "	6	2	2	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	16
50 " 55 "	9	6	5	3	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	28
55 " 60 "	6	1	3	1	..	..	..	3	1	2	1	..	..	1	19
60 " 65 "	16	6	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	30
65 " 70 "	7	3	5	4	..	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	26
70 " 75 "	6	4	8	7	1	..	..	1	2	2	1	..	2	2	36
75 " 80 "	8	2	10	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	27
80 " 85 "	3	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	11
85 " 90 "	3	2	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	12
90 " 95 "	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
95 " 100 " .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
100 years and over .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	88	48	50	40	5	5	6	7	7	9	10	5	8	7	295