

STATISTICS

The accompanying tables show the trend over the years in various branches of maternal welfare :—

Table 31—Number of Births, Birth-rates, Neo-natal Death, Still-birth and Maternal Death-rates

(Average rates for each year from 1944 to 1948)

	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Number of live births per annum E.	33,599	37,007	41,871	44,816	44,193
M.	4,508	4,644	5,776	4,988	4,956
Live-birth rate E.	21.59	23.22	25.24	26.42	25.52
M.	45.32	46.09	56.49	46.86	45.09
Total E.	23.01	24.58	27.05	27.63	26.69
M.	23.23	22.84	21.75	19.92	18.52
Still-birth rate per 1,000 total births .. E.	20.60	19.59	19.08	18.08	15.77
M.	19.30	26.05	18.35	17.84	28.85
Neo-natal death-rate per 1,000 live births .. E.	43.35	41.98	40.42	37.63	34.00
M.					
Still-birth rate and neo-natal death-rate combined, per 1,000 total births .. E.	2.71	2.24	2.05	1.07	1.26
M.					
Maternal-mortality rate (including septic abortion) per 1,000 live births .. E.	2.14	1.94	1.76	0.85	1.06
M.					
Maternal-mortality rate (excluding septic abortion) per 1,000 live births .. E.					
M.					

E. = European : M. = Maori.

Table 32—Puerperal Mortality, 1948 (European), Showing Number of Deaths and Their Proportion to Live Births

	Number of Deaths.	Death-rate Per 1,000 Live Births.
Puerperal sepsis following childbirth	4	0.09
Accidents of labour—		
Placenta prævia	5	0.40
Post-partum hæmorrhage	3	
Puerperal embolism and thrombosis and pyelitis without puerperal sepsis	18	
Other—		
Obstetrical shock and heart-failure	6	0.32
Ruptured uterus	4	
Toxæmia of pregnancy—		
Eclampsia	5	0.16
Puerperal toxæmia (pre-eclamptic)	9	
Acute yellow atrophy of liver	14	
Accidents of pregnancy—		
Abortion (non-septic)	3	0.09
Ectopic gestation	3	
Ante-partum hæmorrhage, without delivery	1	
Parturition (unspecified)	4	
Total maternal deaths (excluding septic abortion)	47	1.06