

the lowest recorded in the history of the Administration, while it will be seen that the births are above the average. In 1918, the year I arrived in Niue, deaths totalled 178. Since then, except for 1923, there has been a steady decrease. In my opinion further improvement is quite possible, and the figures are an indication that given a conscientious medical service the island may some day regain its former population.

VITAL AND MIGRATION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1924.

	Aboriginal Natives.		Persons other than Aboriginal Natives.		Total.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
Births	60	54	..	..	114
Deaths	27	42	..	..	69
Arrivals	17	15	7	6	45
Departures	1	..	14	12	27

Population.—At 31st December, 1923, 3,780 ; at 31st December, 1924, 3,843 : increase for year 1924, 63.

Return of Births and Deaths for the Year 1924.

Village.	Births.			Deaths.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Alofi	14	7	21	9	2	11
Makefu	3	1	4	2	3	5
Tuapa	6	7	13	1	6	7
Hikutavake	5	3	8	..	2	2
Mutalau	8	8	16	4	6	10
Lakepa	6	3	9	1	..	1
Liku	4	3	7	3	4	7
Hakupu	5	9	14	4	11	15
Fatiau	1	1	2	1	..	1
Avatele	7	8	15	1	4	5
Tamakautoga	1	4	5	1	4	5
Totals	60	54	114	27	42	69

Return of Deaths at Different Ages, 1924.

	Under 1 Year.	2-5 Years.	6-10 Years.	11-15 Years.	16-20 Years.	21-25 Years.	26-30 Years.	31-35 Years.	36-40 Years.	41-5 Years.	46-50 Years.	51-55 Years.	56-60 Years.	Over 60.	Totals.
	Alofi	1	2	1	..	1	..	1	2	1	2	11
Makefu	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	5
Tuapa	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	7
Hikutavake .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
Mutalau	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	4	10
Lakepa .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Liku	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	7
Hakupu	1	..	2	2	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	5	15
Fatiau	1	1
Avatele	1	1	1	1	1	5
Tamakautoga	1	1	1	2	5
Totals	7	8	..	3	4	1	4	..	6	2	7	4	4	19	69

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