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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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HON. A. H. NORDMEYER, MINISTER OF HEALTH

## REPORT

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The DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF HEALTH to the Hon. the MINISTER OF HEALTH, Wellington.

I HAVE the honour to lay before you the annual report of the Department for the year 1945-46.

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### VITAL STATISTICS

*Population.*—The mean population of the Dominion for 1945 was 1,691,520 (Europeans 1,593,513, Maoris 98,007).

*Births.*—The total births were 41,651, representing a birth-rate of 24.62 per 1,000 of mean population.

The number of European births was 37,007, with a rate of 23.22. This figure compares favourably with the rate of 21.59 in 1944. The number of Maori births was 4,644, which represents the high rate of 47.38.

*Deaths.*—In 1945, 17,686 deaths were registered, giving a crude death-rate of 10.46 per 1,000 of mean population. There were 16,051 deaths of Europeans, with a rate of 10.07, and 1,635 deaths of Maoris, with a rate of 16.68.

*Infant Mortality.*—The infant-mortality rate was 34.79 per 1,000 live births. There was the usual marked difference between the European and the Maori sections of the community—the relative rates being 27.99 for Europeans and 88.93 for Maoris.