

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs tends to lower the rate at Auckland and Dunedin, and to raise it at Wellington and Christchurch.

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City .. .. .	1.13
and eight suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.96
Wellington City .. .. .	0.80
and four suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.82
Christchurch City .. .. .	0.67
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.75
Dunedin City .. .. .	0.86
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.82

Including the suburbs, the rate at Auckland is the highest, and at Christchurch the lowest.

Compared with January, 1912, the results are,—

	1912.	1913.
Auckland and suburbs .. .. .	0.73	0.96
Wellington and suburbs .. .. .	0.84	0.82
Christchurch and suburbs .. .. .	0.96	0.75
Dunedin and suburbs .. .. .	0.93	0.82

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 653, against 615 in December—an increase of 38. The deaths in January were 248—an increase of 15 as compared with last month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 119, females 129. Fifty of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 20.16 per cent. of the whole number; 44 of these were under one year of age.

There were 86 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 72 in December. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2
66	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	2	2
67	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
68	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
69	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	3
70	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	2
71	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
72	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	4	1
73	2	1	1	..	2	1	..	1	5	3
74	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	2
75	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3
76	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	2	3
77	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	2
78	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	2
79	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
80	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
81	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
82	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	3	3
83	4	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	4
84	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
85	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
87	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
88	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
89	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3
Totals ..	19	12	6	5	7	16	11	10	43	43

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during January, 1913.

CAUSES OF DEATH	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
I.—GENERAL DISEASES									
(a.) Epidemic Diseases.									
1. Enterica .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
8. Whooping Cough .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
9. Diphtheria .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
10. Influenza .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	3
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
28. Phthisis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	8
29. Military Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1