

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

| | Death-rates per 1,000 of Population. | |
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| Auckland City | 1.41 | |
| " and seven suburban boroughs | | 1.11 |
| Wellington City | 0.74 | |
| " and four suburban boroughs | | 0.74 |
| Christchurch City | 0.78 | |
| " and five suburban boroughs | | 0.72 |
| Dunedin City | 1.19 | |
| " and five suburban boroughs | | 1.05 |

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

Compared with March, 1912, the results are,—

| | 1912. | 1913 |
|----------------------------------|-------|------|
| Auckland and suburbs | 0.76 | 1.11 |
| Wellington and suburbs | 0.68 | 0.74 |
| Christchurch and suburbs | 0.71 | 0.72 |
| Dunedin and suburbs | 0.66 | 1.05 |

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 577, against 560 in February—an increase of 17. The deaths in March were 268—an increase of 12 as compared with last month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 136, females 132. Sixty-nine of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 25.71 per cent. of the whole number; 56 of these were under one year of age.

There were 73 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 74 in February. The following table shows the classification:—

| Age. | Auckland. | | Wellington. | | Christchurch. | | Dunedin. | | Total. | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. |
| 65 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 66 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 |
| 67 | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| 68 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| 69 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 2 |
| 70 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 4 | 2 |
| 71 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 3 | .. |
| 72 | 1 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 3 |
| 73 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 |
| 74 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 75 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| 76 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 77 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 1 |
| 78 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| 79 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 |
| 80 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 81 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 2 |
| 82 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. |
| 83 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| 84 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 85 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 86 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 87 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| 90 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 100 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| Totals .. | 11 | 11 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 32 | 41 |

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

| CAUSES OF DEATH | AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS. | | WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS. | | CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS. | | DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS. | | 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. | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>(a.) Epidemic Diseases.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Typhoid Fever | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 |
| 9. Diphtheria | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 |
| 9A. Croup | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 18. Erysipelas | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| <i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 28. Phthisis | .. | 6 | .. | 5 | .. | 6 | .. | 4 | 21 |
| 30. Tubercular Meningitis | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 31. " Peritonitis | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 36. Rickets | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 39. Cancer of Lip | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 40. " Stomach, Liver | .. | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 7 |
| 41. " Bowel | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 3 |
| 42. " Uterus | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| 43. " Breast | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 3 |
| 44. " Face | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 45. " Other Organs | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 5 |
| 47. Rheumatic Fever | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 |
| 50. Diabetes | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | 6 |
| 51. Exophthalmic Goitre | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 52. Addison's Disease | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 54. Anæmia | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 |
| 55. Toxæmia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 |