

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs tends to lower the rate at Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.
 Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.

Auckland City	0.80	
and seven suburban boroughs		0.81
Wellington City	0.80	
and four suburban boroughs		0.79
Christchurch City	0.75	
and five suburban boroughs		0.72
Dunedin City	0.84	
and five suburban boroughs		0.82

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

Compared with April, 1912, the results are,—

	1912.	1913.
Auckland and suburbs	0.82	0.81
Wellington and suburbs	0.64	0.79
Christchurch and suburbs	0.79	0.72
Dunedin and suburbs	0.87	0.82

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 605, against 577 in March—an increase of 28. The deaths in April were 231—a decrease of 37 as compared with last month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 139, females 92. Forty of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 17.34 per cent. of the whole number; 37 of these were under one year of age.

There were 76 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 73 in March. 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	..
66	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	1
67	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	1
68	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	3	3
69	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
70	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
71	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
72	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	4	1
73	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2
74	2	..	1	..	4	..	..	2	7	2
75	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	4	1
76	2	..	2	1	..	1	1	..	5	2
77	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
78	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
79	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
80	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1
81	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
82	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	4	2
83	..	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	2
84	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	2
85	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1
86	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
87	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
89	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Totals ..	15	7	8	7	12	5	13	9	48	28

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during April, 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. Enteric Fever	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
8. Whooping Cough	1	..	..	1
9. Diphtheria	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
10. Influenza	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
<i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i>									
24. Tetanus	1	..	..	1
28. Phthisis	2	..	7	4	..	2	15
28. Tuberculosis	1	..	..	..	1
30. Tubercular Meningitis	1	..	..	1
31. " Peritonitis	1	..	..	..	1
35. General Tuberculosis	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
39. Cancer of Lip, Tongue	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
40. " Liver, Stomach	5	..	3	2	..	2	12
41. " Intestines, Rectum	2	..	4	6
42. " Uterus	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
43. " Breast	1	..	..	1	..	1	3
45. " Other Organs	1	..	1	1	..	..	3
47. Rheumatic Fever	1	1	..	..	2
50. Diabetes	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
54. Anæmia	1	..	..	..	..	..	1