

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	1.28	
and seven suburban boroughs		1.03
Wellington City	0.65	
and four suburban boroughs		0.61
Christchurch City	0.76	
and five suburban boroughs		0.81
Dunedin City	1.08	
and five suburban boroughs		1.05

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

Compared with May, 1912, the results are,—		1912.	1913.
Auckland and suburbs		0.86	1.03
Wellington and suburbs		0.72	0.61
Christchurch and suburbs		0.94	0.81
Dunedin and suburbs		0.68	1.05

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 621, against 605 in April—an increase of 16. The deaths in May were 258—an increase of 27 as compared with last month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 124, females 134. Forty-one of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 15.89 per cent. of the whole number; 30 of these were under one year of age.

There were 90 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 76 in April. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
66	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	2	2	5
67	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
68	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1
69	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	1	4
70	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	3	2	6
71	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
72	..	3	..	..	..	1	2	1	2	5
73	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	3	3
74	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
75	..	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	3	2
76	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	2	4	3
77	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	1
78	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	5	..
79	..	1	..	1	2	..	1	..	3	2
81	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	3	2
82	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
83	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
84	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
85	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
86	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
88	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	1
93	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
95	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	13	17	7	8	9	9	16	11	45	45

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during May, 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.									
<i>(a.) Epidemic Diseases.</i>									
4. Malaria	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
8. Whooping Cough	1	..	1
9. Diphtheria	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
<i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i>									
28. Phthisis	2	..	4	..	3	..	7	16
28. Tuberculosis	1	..	..	..	..	1
30. Tubercular Meningitis	1	..	..	..	..	1
32. Psoas Abscess	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
32. Tubercular Disease of Spine	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
34. Tuberculosis of Kidneys	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1