

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs tends to lower the rate at each of the four centres.

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City	0.95
and seven suburban boroughs	70.9
Wellington City	0.70
and four suburban boroughs	0.68
Christchurch City	1.18
and five suburban boroughs	1.12
Dunedin City	0.72
and five suburban boroughs	65

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

Compared with August, 1912, the results are,—

	1912	1913.
Auckland and suburbs	0.89	0.79
Wellington and suburbs	1.02	0.68
Christchurch and suburbs	1.04	1.12
Dunedin and suburbs	0.76	0.65

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 606, against 577 in July—an increase of 29. The deaths in August were 238—a decrease of 45 as compared with last month. Of the total deaths males contributed 140, females 98. Forty-one of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 17.23 per cent. of the whole number; 32 of these were under one year of age.

There were 94 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 124 in July. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
66	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
67	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	3	1
68	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
69	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
70	2	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	5	5
71	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	3	1
72	1	..	1	..	3	1	1	..	6	1
73	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	2
75	1	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	5	1
76	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	6	1
77	2	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	5	2
78	1	1	1	..	2	2	1	1	5	4
79	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
80	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
81	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
82	..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	4
83	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	4	1
84	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1
85	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	4	1
86	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1
89	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	18	8	12	7	22	9	12	6	64	30

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during August, 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.	
1.—GENERAL DISEASES.									
(a.) Epidemic Diseases.									
6. Measles	1	..	1
8. Whooping Cough	1	..	1
9. Diphtheria	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
10. Influenza	1	1
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
20. Septicæmia	2	..	2
24. Tetanus	1	..	..	..	..	1
28. Phthisis	2	..	1	..	4	9
28. Tuberculosis	2	..	1	..	3	6
30. Tubercular Meningitis	1	..	..	1
31. Tubercular Peritonitis	1	1	..	..	..	..	2