

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 and seven suburban boroughs	0.80	0.71
Wellington City and four suburban boroughs	0.89	0.88
Christchurch City and five suburban boroughs	1.11	1.04
Dunedin City and five suburban boroughs	0.96	0.90

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

Compared with October, 1912, the results are,—

	1912.	1913.
Auckland and suburbs	0.86	0.71
Wellington and suburbs	0.75	0.88
Christchurch and suburbs	0.82	1.04
Dunedin and suburbs	1.12	0.90

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 635, against 683 in September—a decrease of 48. The deaths in October were 255—a decrease of 61 as compared with last month. Of the total deaths males contributed 116, females 139. Fifty of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 22.22 per cent. of the whole number; 34 of these were under one year of age.

There were 92 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 121 in September. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	..	2	..	1	2	..	1	1	3	4
66	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2
67	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
68	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	2
69	..	2	..	..	1	2	1	..	2	4
70	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	1
71	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
72	1	2	2	..	3	..	..	1	6	3
73	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	4	3
74	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	2
75	1	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	5	1
76	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	2	4
77	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	1	4	2
78	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
79	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	1	3
80	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
81	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
82	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	2
83	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	3
85	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	3	3	5
87	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	1
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Totals ..	9	9	8	9	21	12	6	18	44	48

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during October, 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>									
1. Typhoid fever	1	..	..	..	..	1
6. Measles	2	1	3
8. Whooping Cough	5	..	1	..	1	2	..	9
9. Diphtheria	1	..	..	..	..	1
10. Influenza	1	1	..	2
<i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i>									
23. Phthisis	4	..	3	..	2	..	6	15
28. Tuberculosis	2	..	3	..	4	..	..	9
29. Acute Phthisis	1	..	..	..	..	1