

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City .. .. .	0.89	
and seven suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.73
Wellington City .. .. .	0.73	
and four suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.65
Christchurch City .. .. .	0.71	
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.72
Dunedin City .. .. .	0.83	
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.67

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

Compared with January, 1913, the results are,—

	1913.	1914.
Auckland and suburbs .. .. .	0.96	0.73
Wellington and suburbs .. .. .	0.82	0.65
Christchurch and suburbs .. .. .	0.75	0.72
Dunedin and suburbs .. .. .	0.82	0.67

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 624, against 635 in December—a decrease of 11. The deaths in January were 214—a decrease of 30 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 116, females 98. Thirty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 17.76 per cent. of the whole number; 27 of these were under one year of age.

There were 55 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 69 in December. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	3	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	5	1
66	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
67	..	1	..	1	2	1	1	..	3	3
68	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
69	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
70	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1
71	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
72	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
73	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
74	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2
76	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
77	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1
78	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
79	..	2	..	..	3	1	..	..	3	3
80	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
81	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	3
84	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
87	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
92	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
Totals ..	11	8	6	2	9	12	3	4	29	26

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during January, 1914.

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.									
(a.) Epidemic Diseases.									
1. Enteric Fever .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
6. Measles .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
8. Whooping-cough .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
9. Diphtheria .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
24. Tetanus .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
28. Phthisis .. .. .	..	5	..	2	..	2	..	6	15
28. Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
30. Tubercular Meningitis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
34. Tuberculosis of Kidney .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1