

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0.83	
and seven suburban boroughs		0.79
Wellington City	0.89	
and four suburban boroughs		0.88
Christchurch City	0.64	
and five suburban boroughs		0.61
Dunedin City	0.75	
and five suburban boroughs		0.76

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

Compared with February, 1913, the results are,—

Auckland and suburbs	1913.	1914
Wellington and suburbs	0.89	0.79
Christchurch and suburbs	0.78	0.88
Dunedin and suburbs	0.80	0.61
	1.04	0.76

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 575, against 624 in January—a decrease of 49. The deaths in February were 233—an increase of 19 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 123, females 110. Fifty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 22.75 per cent. of the whole number; 43 of these were under one year of age.

There were 75 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 55 in January. 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	4	1
66	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	3	1
67	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	4	1
69	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
70	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	4
71	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	2
72	2	1	2	..	1	1	1	..	6	2
73	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	3
74	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	2
75	..	1	2	..	1	..	1	1	4	2
76	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
77	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1
78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
79	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
80	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	2
82	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
83	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	3	2
84	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
85	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
87	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	1
88	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
89	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
95	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	12	9	10	7	7	6	15	9	44	31

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

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		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. Typhoid Fever	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
7. Scarlet Fever	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
8. Whooping-cough	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	4
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
20. Septicæmia	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
28. Phthisis	1	..	4	..	2	..	4	11
28. Tuberculosis	1	..	..	..	..	1
30. Tubercular Meningitis	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
31. Tubercular Peritonitis	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2