

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	1.15
and seven suburban boroughs	0.92
Wellington City	0.95
and four suburban boroughs	0.93
Christchurch City	0.76
and five suburban boroughs	0.72
Dunedin City	0.83
and five suburban boroughs	0.79

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

Compared with April, 1913, the results are,—

	1913.	1914.
Auckland and suburbs	0.81	0.92
Wellington and suburbs	0.79	0.93
Christchurch and suburbs	0.72	0.72
Dunedin and suburbs	0.82	0.79

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 544, against 637 in March—a decrease of 93. The deaths in April were 256—an increase of 5 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 131, females 125. Sixty-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 25 per cent. of the whole number; 58 of these were under one year of age.

There were 74 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 76 in March. 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	..	1	1	1	..	3	3
66	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
67	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
68	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3
69	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..
70	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	1	3	4
71	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
72	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	2	4
73	1	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	4	3
74	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
75	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	4	1
76	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
77	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	2
78	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
79	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
80	3	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	3
83	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1
84	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
86	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1
88	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
97	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Totals ..	18	14	10	3	6	7	9	7	43	31

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during April, 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.	
1.—GENERAL DISEASES.									
(a.) Epidemic Diseases.									
1. Typhoid Fever	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	4
7. Scarlet Fever	1	..	..	..	1
8. Whooping-cough	1	..	..	..	1
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
28. Phthisis	5	..	6	..	2	..	2	15
28. Tuberculosis	1	..	..	..	..	1
34. Renal Tuberculosis	1	1
34. Tubercular Hip-disease	1	..	..	1
37. Syphilis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1