

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 .. .. .	0.75	
and eight suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.69
Wellington City .. .. .	0.68	
and four suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.63
Christchurch City .. .. .	0.79	
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.78
Dunedin City .. .. .	0.99	
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.89

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

Compared with May, 1913, the results are,—

	1913.	1914
Auckland and suburbs .. .. .	1.03	0.69
Wellington and suburbs .. .. .	0.61	0.63
Christchurch and suburbs .. .. .	0.81	0.78
Dunedin and suburbs .. .. .	1.05	0.89

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 572, against 544 in April—an increase of 28. The deaths in May were 225—a decrease of 31 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 129, females 96. Thirty-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 15.56 per cent. of the whole number; 25 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, the same as in April. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
66	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
67	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	3
68	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	4	1
69	2	1	..	..	1	1	2	..	5	2
70	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	2
71	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	3	1
72	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	6	..
73	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	..
74	..	1	1	..	1	2	1	..	3	3
75	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
76	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
77	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	3	2
78	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2
79	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	2
80	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	1
81	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
82	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
83	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
84	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
85	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
86	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	3
87	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
88	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
89	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
92	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
93	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
94	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
95	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	15	6	5	4	9	11	15	9	44	30

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during May, 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.	
1.—GENERAL DISEASES.									
(a.) Epidemic Diseases.									
7. Scarlet Fever .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
8. Whooping-cough .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
9. Diphtheria .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
20. Septicæmia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	3
28. Phthisis .. .. .	..	..	5	..	1	2	..	6	14
30. Tuberculous Meningitis .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	4
39. Cancer of the Palate .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
40. " Stomach .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3