

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 .. .. .	0.92	0.82
and seven suburban boroughs .. .. .		
Wellington City .. .. .	0.98	0.93
and four suburban boroughs .. .. .		
Christchurch City .. .. .	1.07	0.95
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .		
Dunedin City .. .. .	0.89	0.82
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .		

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

Compared with October, 1913, the results are,—

	1913.	1914
Auckland and suburbs .. .. .	0.71	0.82
Wellington and suburbs .. .. .	0.88	0.93
Christchurch and suburbs .. .. .	1.04	0.95
Dunedin and suburbs .. .. .	0.90	0.82

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 678, against 572 in September—an increase of 106. The deaths in October were 268—a decrease of 1 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 149, females 119. Forty-one of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 15.30 per cent. of the whole number; 29 of these were under one year of age.

There were 116 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 97 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	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	3	1
66	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3
67	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1
68	..	2	1	2	2	1	..	..	3	5
69	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	4
70	1	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	4	2
71	1	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	3
72	..	..	3	..	2	..	2	1	7	1
73	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	4	2
74	2	..	..	2	3	..	1	..	6	2
75	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	3
76	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1
77	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	2
78	1	1	..	..	1	1	2	2	4	4
79	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	1
80	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
81	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	3
82	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	6	..
83	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1
84	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
85	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	1	5
86	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
87	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	2
88	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
89	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1
90	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Totals ..	17	15	14	14	17	15	13	11	61	55

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

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		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.									
6. Measles .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
7. Scarlet Fever .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
9. Diphtheria .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
9A. Croup .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
10. Influenza .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
18. Erysipelas .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
20. Septicæmia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
28. Phthisis .. .. .	..	3	..	4	..	4	..	3	14
28. Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1