

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City	0.86
and seven suburban boroughs	0.82
Wellington City	1.16
and four suburban boroughs	1.16
Christchurch City	1.00
and five suburban boroughs	0.92
Dunedin City	0.97
and five suburban boroughs	0.94

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

Compared with August, 1913, the results are,—

	1913.	1914.
Auckland and suburbs	0.79	0.82
Wellington and suburbs	0.68	1.16
Christchurch and suburbs	1.12	0.92
Dunedin and suburbs	0.65	0.94

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 629, against 601 in July—an increase of 28. The deaths in August were 291—a decrease of 13 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 152, females 139. Fifty-nine of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 20.27 per cent. of the whole number; 47 of these were under one year of age.

There were 106 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 114 in July. 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	..	..	2	3	2
66	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	3
68	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	2
69	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
70	2	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	5	2
71	2	1	2	..	3	1	..	1	7	3
72	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1
73	1	1	..	2	..	3	1	..	2	6
74	..	1	3	..	1	1	..	1	4	3
75	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	2
76	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
77	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1
78	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	..	4	4
79	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	1	2	3
80	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	1
81	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	3
82	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	3
83	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	3
84	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
86	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	1
87	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
88	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	1
90	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
94	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
97	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	16	15	19	9	12	14	8	13	55	51

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during August, 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.									
6. Measles	1	..	..	..	..	1
9. Diphtheria	1	..	..	..	..	1
10. Influenza	1	..	..	2	..	..	3
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
20. Septicæmia	1	..	1	..	2
23. Phthisis	7	..	12	..	1	..	26