The inclusion of the suburban boroughs lowers the rate at all four cities.

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0·86	
" and seven suburban boroughs		0·74
Wellington City	0 95	
" and four suburban boroughs		0·93
Christchurch City	0·86	
" and five suburban boroughs		0·84
Dunedin City	1·15	
" and five suburban boroughs		0·99

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

Compared with August, 1914, the results are—	1914.	1915.
Auckland and suburbs	0·82	0·74
Wellington and suburbs	1·16	0 93
Christchurch and suburbs	0·92	0 84
Dunedin and suburbs	0·94	0·99

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 575, against 600 in July—a decrease of 25. The deaths in August were 273—a decrease of 1 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 135, females 138. Fifty-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 20·15 per cent. of the whole number; 43 of these were under one year of age.

There were 88 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 106 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	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
66	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	..
67	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	1	2	3
68	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	2
69	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	5	1
70	..	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	4
71	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	4	1
72	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	2
73	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	1
74	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	1	3	2
75	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	4
76	2	2	..	..	..	1	2	1	4	4
77	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2
78	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	5
79	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	3
80	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1
81	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2
82	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
84	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
85	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	3	2
86	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
87	..	..	1	..		..	1	..	2	..
88	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
90	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
94	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
98	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	11	8	10	9	11	12	12	15	44	44

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during August, 1915.

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.	
I.—General Diseases.									
(a.) Epidemic Diseases.									
1. Typhoid Fever	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
6. Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
7. Scarlet Fever	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
8. Whooping-cough	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	5
9. Diphtheria	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
10. Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
20. Septicæmia	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
28. Phthisis	..	9	..	2	..	5	..	7	23
28. Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
29. Miliary Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
30. Tubercular Meningitis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
31. Tuberculosis of Intestine ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1