

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs lowers the rate at Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin, but raises it at Wellington.

		Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City ..	.. .. .	0.86	
" and seven suburban boroughs ..	.. .. .	0.79	0.79
Wellington City ..	.. .. .	0.82	
" and four suburban boroughs ..	.. .. .	0.83	0.83
Christchurch City ..	.. .. .	0.76	
" and five suburban boroughs ..	.. .. .	0.74	0.74
Dunedin City ..	.. .. .	0.77	
" and five suburban boroughs ..	.. .. .	0.74	0.74

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

Compared with October, 1914, the results are—

		1914.	1915.
Auckland and suburbs ..	.. .. .	0.82	0.79
Wellington and suburbs ..	.. .. .	0.93	0.83
Christchurch and suburbs ..	.. .. .	0.95	0.74
Dunedin and suburbs ..	.. .. .	0.82	0.74

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 593, against 563 in September—an increase of 30. The deaths in October were 246—a decrease of 57 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 129, females 117. Fifty of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 20.33 per cent. of the whole number; 34 of these were under one year of age.

There were 84 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 96 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	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	5
66	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	1
67	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..
68	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	2
69	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
70	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	1
71	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	2
72	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	3
73	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
74	..	2	1	..	1	2	..	..	2	4
75	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
76	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	3	3	4
77	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	3
78	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..
79	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
80	1	1	..	1	2	1	1	..	4	3
81	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	2
82	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
83	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
84	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	2
85	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
86	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2
89	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
90	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	14	14	7	7	11	13	7	11	39	45

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

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.									
<i>(a.) Epidemic Diseases.</i>									
1. Typhoid Fever	1	..	1	..	..	2
6. Measles	1	..	..	..	1	..	3
7. Scarlet Fever	1	..	1
8. Whooping-cough	2	..	2	..	5	..	11
9. Diphtheria	2	..	..	1	..	..	3
10. Influenza	1	..	..	..	..	1
18. Erysipelas	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
19. German Measles	1	..	..	1
<i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i>									
28. Phthisis	4	..	11	..	2	19
31. Tubercular Peritonitis	1	..	..	2	..	3
34. Tubercular Glands	1	..	1
35. Disseminated Tuberculosis	1	..	..	..	1	..	2