

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

		Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0.66		
and seven suburban boroughs	0.54		
Wellington City	0.67		
and four suburban boroughs	0.64		
Christchurch City	0.82		
and five suburban boroughs	0.78		
Dunedin City	0.97		
and five suburban boroughs	0.92		

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

Compared with January, 1914, the results are,—

		1914.	1915.
Auckland and suburbs	0.73	0.54	
Wellington and suburbs	0.68	0.64	
Christchurch and suburbs	0.72	0.78	
Dunedin and suburbs	0.67	0.92	

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 595, against 671 in December—a decrease of 76. The deaths in January were 218—a decrease of 37 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 122, females 96. Forty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 22.06 per cent. of the whole number; 37 of these were under one year of age.

There were 65 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 93 in December. 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	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1
67	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
68	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	1
69	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	2	3
70	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	1
71	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2
72	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	3	2
73	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	1	2	3
74	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
75	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	3	1
76	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	5	..
77	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	3	1
78	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	3	2
79	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
81	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1
82	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
83	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
85	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
87	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Totals ..	12	6	3	3	12	8	13	8	40	25

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during January, 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.									
7. Scarlet Fever	1	..	1
10. Influenza	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
20. Pyæmia, Septicæmia	1	..	1	..	..	2
28. Phthisis	3	..	1	..	4	..	2	10
35. General Tuberculosis	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	3