

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City .. .. .	0.86	
and seven suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.87
Wellington City .. .. .	0.83	
and four suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.92
Christchurch City .. .. .	0.65	
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.56
Dunedin City .. .. .	0.75	
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.72

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

Compared with March, 1914, the results are,—

	1914.	1915.
Auckland and suburbs .. .. .	0.92	0.87
Wellington and suburbs .. .. .	0.74	0.82
Christchurch and suburbs .. .. .	0.83	0.56
Dunedin and suburbs .. .. .	0.77	0.72

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 659, against 566 in February—an increase of 93. The deaths in March were 239—an increase of 36 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 127, females 112. Fifty-one of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 21.34 per cent. of the whole number; 44 of these were under one year of age.

There were 86 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 76 in February. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	3	3
66	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	2
67	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3
68	1	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	3	2
69	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
70	4	2	1	1	2	..	2	..	9	3
71	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
72	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	2
73	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	3	2
74	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	2
75	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1
76	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
77	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2
78	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	2	1
79	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	2
80	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	4	3
81	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
82	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	2
83	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	2
84	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	1
85	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1
86	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
89	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	1
90	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	19	7	9	9	9	11	12	10	49	37

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

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		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.									
9. Diphtheria .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
10. Influenza .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
20. Septicæmia .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
28. Phthisis .. .. .	..	..	3	5	..	1	..	2	11
29. Miliary Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1