

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs lowers the death-rate at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0.71	
and seven suburban boroughs		0.64
Wellington City	1.03	
and four suburban boroughs		1.00
Christchurch City	1.07	
and five suburban boroughs		0.97
Dunedin City	1.23	
and three suburban boroughs		1.20

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

Compared with August, 1914 and 1915, the results are—				1914.	1915.	1916.
Auckland and suburbs				0.82	0.74	0.64
Wellington and suburbs				1.16	0.93	1.00
Christchurch and suburbs				0.92	0.84	0.97
Dunedin and suburbs				0.94	0.99	1.20

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 697, as against 526 in July—an increase of 171. The deaths in August were 295—an increase of 57 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 164, females 131. Forty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14.57 per cent. of the whole number; 31 of these were under one year of age.

There were 118 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 93 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	..	2	1	..	1	1	..	4	2
66	1	2	1	2	1	..	..	1	3	5
67	..	1	..	2	2	..	1	1	3	4
68	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1
69	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	2
70	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	2
71	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	4	1
72	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	3	1
73	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	3	2
74	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	3
75	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
76	1	..	2	1	5	2	1	2	9	5
77	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3
78	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	4
79	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	2
80	1	..	..	..	2	1	3	2	6	3
81	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1
82	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	2	2
83	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
84	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
85	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
86	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	2	4
87	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	3
88	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
89	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
94	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Totals ..	18	12	13	15	20	11	12	17	63	55

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during August, 1916.

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.	
1.—GENERAL DISEASES.									
(a.) Epidemic Diseases.									
6. Measles	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
7. Scarlet Fever	2	..	..	..	2
9. Diphtheria	1	1	4	1	..	..	..	8
10. Influenza	2	..	1	3
18. Erysipelas	1	1
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
20. Septicæmia	1	1
28. Phthisis	4	..	6	..	4	..	6	20
30. Tubercular Meningitis	1	1	..	2	1	1	6