

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

| | Death-rates per 1,000 of Population. | |
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| Auckland City | 0.92 | 0.87 |
| and seven suburban boroughs | | |
| Wellington City | 0.91 | 0.87 |
| and four suburban boroughs | | |
| Christchurch City | 1.00 | 0.97 |
| and five suburban boroughs | | |
| Dunedin City | 0.83 | 0.82 |
| and three suburban boroughs | | |

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

| Compared with October, 1914 and 1915, the results are— | | 1914. | 1915. | 1916. |
|--|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Auckland and suburbs | | 0.82 | 0.79 | 0.87 |
| Wellington and suburbs | | 0.93 | 0.83 | 0.87 |
| Christchurch and suburbs | | 0.95 | 0.74 | 0.97 |
| Dunedin and suburbs | | 0.82 | 0.74 | 0.82 |

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 748, as against 571 in September—an increase of 177. The deaths in October were 286—a decrease of 25 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 155, females 131. Fifty-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 19.93 per cent. of the whole number; 35 of these were under one year of age.

There were 107 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 117 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 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| 66 | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 3 | 3 |
| 67 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | 4 | 2 |
| 68 | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| 69 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. |
| 70 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 4 |
| 71 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | 2 | 5 |
| 72 | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | .. |
| 73 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 4 | 5 |
| 74 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| 76 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 3 |
| 77 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | 5 | 1 |
| 78 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 |
| 79 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 80 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 |
| 81 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 82 | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 6 | 3 |
| 83 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 84 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 1 |
| 85 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 4 |
| 86 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 88 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 |
| 90 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 102 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 |
| Totals .. | 16 | 20 | 17 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 13 | 9 | 55 | 52 |

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

| 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. | |
| I.—GENERAL DISEASES. | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>(a.) Epidemic Diseases.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Enteric Fever | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| 6. Measles | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 4 |
| 7. Scarlet-fever | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 8. Whooping-cough | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| 9. Diphtheria | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 9A. Croup | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 10. Influenza | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 3 |
| 14. Dysentery | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| <i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 28. Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 1 | 5 | .. | 4 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | 15 |
| 30. Tubercular Meningitis | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 4 |