

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	1.24	1.10
and seven suburban boroughs	0.80	0.79
Wellington City	0.61	0.63
and four suburban boroughs	1.04	0.93
Christchurch City		
and five suburban boroughs		
Dunedin City		
and three suburban boroughs		

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

Compared with January, 1915, the results are—

	1915.	1916.
Auckland and suburbs	0.54	1.10
Wellington and suburbs	0.64	0.79
Christchurch and suburbs	0.78	0.63
Dunedin and suburbs	0.92	0.93

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 602, against 597 in December—an increase of 5. The deaths in January were 286—a decrease of 5 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 142, females 144. Fifty-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 19.23 per cent. of the whole number; 30 of these were under one year of age.

There were 117 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 110 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	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
66	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	2	3
67	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	3	3
68	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	3
69	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	2	4
70	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
71	1	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	2	4
72	1	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	2	4
73	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	3	3
74	1	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	4	2
75	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1
76	2	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	6	1
77	1	2	..	..	2	..	2	..	5	2
78	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	2	2
79	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	3
80	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3
81	1	1	..	1	1	2	..	2	2	6
82	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2
83	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1
84	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
85	1	..	1	..	1	2	4	1	7	3
86	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
87	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
88	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	2
89	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
91	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	24	20	9	11	9	18	12	14	54	63

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during January, 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>									
7. Scarlet Fever	1	1	..	1	..	3
8. Whooping-cough	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	6
9. Diphtheria	1	..	..	1
10. Influenza	3	..	..	..	..	3
13. Choleraic Diarrhoea	1	..	1
18. Erysipelas	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i>									
20. Septic Infection..	1	1
28. Phthisis	1	4	..	5	..	2	..	17
29. Military Tuberculosis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
30. Tubercular Meningitis	1	..	1