

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City .. .. .	0.78	
"    and seven suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.73
Wellington City .. .. .	0.70	
"    and four suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.70
Christchurch City .. .. .	0.85	
"    and five suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.77
Dunedin City .. .. .	0.71	
"    and three suburban boroughs .. .. .		0.66

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

Compared with February, 1915, the results are—

	1915.	1916.
Auckland and suburbs .. .. .	0.61	0.73
Wellington and suburbs .. .. .	0.60	0.70
Christchurch and suburbs .. .. .	0.54	0.77
Dunedin and suburbs .. .. .	0.89	0.66

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 623, against 602 in January—an increase of 21. The deaths in January were 232—a decrease of 54 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 117, females 115. Fifty-six of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 24.14 per cent. of the whole number; 44 of these were under one year of age.

There were 62 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 117 in January. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	4	1
66	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1
67	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1
68	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	2
69	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
70	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
71	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	3	2
72	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
73	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	3
74	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
75	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	2
76	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
77	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1
78	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	2
79	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	4	1
80	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
81	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
82	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	1
83	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1
84	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
85	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
86	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
91	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
92	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	14	6	8	3	8	9	9	5	39	23

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during February, 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.	
<b>I. — GENERAL DISEASES.</b>									
<i>(a.) Epidemic Diseases.</i>									
1. Enteric Fever .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
6. Measles .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
8. Whooping-cough .. .. .	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	3
9. Diphtheria .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
10. Influenza .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
14. Dysentery .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
<i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i>									
20. Septicæmia .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
24. Tetanus .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
28. Phthisis .. .. .	..	..	5	..	1	..	3	..	12
28. Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
29. Acute Miliary Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3
30. Tubercular Meningitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3