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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0·73	
" and seven suburban boroughs		0·63
Wellington City	0·79	
" and four suburban boroughs		0·79
Christchurch City	0·98	
" and five suburban boroughs		0·94
Dunedin City	0·97	
" and three suburban boroughs		0·90

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

Compared with April, 1915, the results are—	1915.	1916.
Auckland and suburbs	0·81	0·63
Wellington and suburbs	0·78	0·79
Christchurch and suburbs	0·74	0·94
Dunedin and suburbs	0·93	0·90

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 579, against 658 in March—a decrease of 79. The deaths in April were 256—a decrease of 7 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 126, females 130. Fifty-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 21·09 per cent. of the whole number; 44 of these were under one year of age.

There were 92 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 82 in March. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	..	1	1	1	1	3	..	..	2	5
66	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
67	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
68	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
69	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1
70	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	1	3
71	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..
72	1	..	1	..	1	1	2	2	5	3
73	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	1
74	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	1	4
75	2	1	..	..	3	3	..	1	5	5
76	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	3	2	4
77	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	1	3	3
78	..	..	1	1	..	3	1	..	2	4
79	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
80	..	..	1	1	2	1	1	..	4	2
81	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
82	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	1
83	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
84	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
85	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
86	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
87	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
88	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
90	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
91	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
92	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	10	8	9	10	14	16	12	13	45	47

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

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Auckland and Suburban Boroughs.		Wellington and Suburban Boroughs.		Christchurch and Suburban Boroughs.		Dunedin and Suburban Boroughs.		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.									
6. Measles	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
7. Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2
9. Diphtheria	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
14. Dysentery	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
28. Pulmonary Tuberculosis.. ..	..	3	..	3	..	3	..	2	11
29. Acute Miliary Tuberculosis ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
30. Tubercular Meningitis	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	3
31. Intestinal Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1