

Dealing with the four metropolitan areas only, it is found that the inclusion of the suburban portions lowers the death-rate in each case.

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City .. .. .	1.16	
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.01	
Wellington City .. .. .	1.05	
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.95	
Christchurch City .. .. .	1.41	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.13	
Dunedin City .. .. .	1.30	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.28	

Including the suburban portions, the rate at Dunedin is the highest and at Wellington the lowest.

Compared with July, 1917, the results are—

	1917.	1918.
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.91	1.01
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.03	0.95
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.19	1.13
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.12	1.28

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 738, as against 549 in June—an increase of 189. The deaths in July were 418—an increase of 116 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 238, females 180. Sixty-two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 8.40 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-six of these were under one year of age.

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the four metropolitan, and total of nine suburban, areas during the month of July, 1918:—

Age-group.	METROPOLITAN AREA.								NINE SUBURBAN AREAS.		Total.	
	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.				
Under 5 years ..	10	6	14	2	12	8	7	3	16	7	59	26
5 and under 10 years..	2	3	2	..	3	1	1	3	4	1	12	8
10 " 15 " ..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3
15 " 20 " ..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	4
20 " 25 " ..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	4
25 " 30 " ..	..	6	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	1	2	10
30 " 35 " ..	2	4	1	2	3	1	..	1	1	1	7	9
35 " 40 " ..	2	1	2	2	1	3	3	..	6	4	14	10
40 " 45 " ..	2	2	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	8	11
45 " 50 " ..	3	3	3	2	3	..	3	2	4	1	16	8
50 " 55 " ..	2	4	6	..	2	4	3	2	1	2	14	12
55 " 60 " ..	5	1	3	..	3	1	5	2	3	2	19	6
60 " 65 " ..	9	5	4	..	6	5	2	..	6	7	27	17
65 years and over ..	32	26	15	19	24	17	28	19	38	25	137	106
Unknown or not stated	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals..	70	65	54	36	61	44	53	35	83	54	321	234

There were 243 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of July, 1918, as against 178 in the previous month. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	METROPOLITAN AREA.								NINE SUBURBAN AREAS.		Total.	
	Auckland		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.				
65 ..	..	1	2	..	2	..	1	2	..	1	5	4
66 4	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	3
67 2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	3
68 3	1	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	1	..	8	2
69 ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	3	1	6	5
70 2	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	5	2
71 ..	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	1	..	1	3	4
72 2	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	1	5	3
73 4	2	2	..	..	1	..	2	1	2	2	11	5
74 1	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	1	2	6
75 2	4	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	1	1	5	7
76 1	..	..	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	6	7
77 ..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	2
78 2	1	..	3	2	3	2	1	..	4	..	10	8
79 1	2	1	..	..	3	1	..	2	2	1	5	6
80 ..	1	..	2	1	1	..	2	..	3	1	6	4
81 3	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	3	5	5
82 1	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	5
83 1	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	2
84 ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	6	..
85 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	5	2
86 ..	2	1	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	5
87 ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	3	3
88 1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	3	5
89 ..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	1	3
90 ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	5	1
91 ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
93 ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	2
95 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
96 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
97 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
99 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Totals ..	32	26	15	19	24	17	28	19	38	25	137	106