

Dealing with the four metropolitan areas only, it is found that the inclusion of the suburban portions lowers the death-rate in Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	1.20	
Auckland Metropolitan Area	1.26	
Wellington City	0.98	
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.94	
Christchurch City	1.09	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	1.07	
Dunedin City	1.47	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.35	

Including the suburban portions, the rate at Dunedin is the highest and at Wellington the lowest. Compared with September, 1917, the results are—

	1918.	1917.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	1.26	0.76
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.94	0.84
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	1.07	0.90
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.35	1.08

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 658, as against 716 in August—a decrease of 58. The deaths in September were 450—a decrease of 35 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 245, females 205. Seventy-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 16.44 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-seven 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 September, 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 ..	18	16	7	8	5	6	7	7	13	4	50	41
5 and under 10 years..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	4	1
10 " 15 " ..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	2	3	6
15 " 20 " ..	3	1	2	1	..	1	3	1	2	1	10	5
20 " 25 " ..	2	1	1	..	2	..	..	2	1	..	6	3
25 " 30 " ..	1	4	2	2	5	..	..	1	3	1	11	8
30 " 35 " ..	2	..	1	1	2	2	3	..	4	1	12	4
35 " 40 " ..	1	2	3	3	..	5	1	..	3	3	8	13
40 " 45 " ..	3	5	3	3	2	2	1	1	..	1	9	12
45 " 50 " ..	8	9	3	3	..	..	2	1	1	4	14	17
50 " 55 " ..	7	3	4	1	1	1	3	2	1	5	16	12
55 " 60 " ..	6	..	3	3	1	1	1	6	2	4	13	14
60 " 65 " ..	1	6	5	..	4	4	5	3	2	4	17	17
65 years and over ..	35	31	19	11	28	24	25	16	20	18	127	100
Totals..	89	79	53	37	52	47	51	42	55	48	300	253

There were 227 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of September, 1918, as against 272 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	1	3	..	2	..	1	1	1	3	8	5
66	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	1
67	1	3	2	..	1	..	1	2	1	1	6	6
68	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	2
69	2	1	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	7	2
70	2	4	1	2	3	1	1	..	..	..	7	7
71	3	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	6	1
72	2	1	..	..	3	2	..	..	1	1	6	4
73	3	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	2	1	9	3
74	2	3	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	6	4
75	1	1	1	1	..	1	2	1	..	1	4	5
76	1	1	1	1	2	5	2	..	1	1	7	8
77	..	..	1	..	2	2	1	2	..	1	4	5
78	7	2	..	1	1	1	2	..	1	1	11	5
79	1	1	..	..	2	1	2	2	2	1	7	5
80	1	2	3	1	..	1	2	1	1	1	7	6
81	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	3	1	5	3
82	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	4
83	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	4
84	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	2	3
85	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	4
86	2	..	1	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	5	3
87	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
88	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
89	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
90	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
91	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	3
92	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
94	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
95	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	35	31	19	11	28	24	25	16	20	18	127	100