

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	0.73	
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.70	
Wellington City	0.72	
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.69	
Christchurch City	0.88	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.70	
Dunedin City	1.07	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.05	

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

Compared with April, 1917, the results are—

	1917.	1918.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.75	0.70
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.68	0.69
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.76	0.70
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.93	1.05

The total births in the four metropolitan areas amounted to 764, as against 653 in March—an increase of 111.

The deaths in April were 297—an increase of 35 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 144, females 153. Forty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 5.63 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-four 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 April, 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 ..	8	7	6	9	5	..	3	5	11	6	33	27
5 and under 10 years..	1	..	1	..	5	3	1	2	1	2	9	7
10 " 15 " ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	1
15 " 20 " ..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	6
20 " 25 " ..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	4	4
25 " 30 " ..	1	5	1	2	..	3	..	1	1	..	3	11
30 " 35 " ..	1	1	3	4	3	1	1	..	2	1	10	7
35 " 40 " ..	1	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	6	10
40 " 45 " ..	..	4	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	..	8	8
45 " 50 " ..	..	2	2	1	1	2	1	3	3	3	7	11
50 " 55 " ..	3	1	2	..	2	2	1	1	4	2	12	6
55 " 60 " ..	8	4	2	2	2	..	2	2	3	2	17	10
60 " 65 " ..	6	3	2	..	2	1	3	6	1	2	14	12
65 years and over ..	14	16	5	13	15	10	15	16	17	25	66	80
Unknown or not stated	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals..	43	51	30	36	41	24	30	42	48	47	192	200

There were 146 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of April, 1918, as against 125 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	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4
66	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	1
67	1	2	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	8
68	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	2
69	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	5
70	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	2	2
71	..	1	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	3	2
72	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	4	2
73	1	2	..	..	3	..	1	2	2	..	7	4
74	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	..	1	4	4
75	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	2	1	3	3	7
76	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	4	8
77	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	4
78	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	1	4	3
79	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	3	2
80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
81	3	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	3
82	1	1	..	1	2	..	2	1	1	1	6	4
83	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
84	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2
85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	4
86	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
88	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	1
89	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
90	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
95	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
97	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Totals ..	14	16	5	13	15	10	15	16	17	25	66	80