

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

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City .. .. .	0·81	
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0·72	
Wellington City .. .. .	1·01	
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0·86	
Christchurch City .. .. .	0·88	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0·74	
Dunedin City .. .. .	0·96	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0·98	

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

Compared with May, 1917, the results are—

	1917.	1918.
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0·86	0·72
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0·80	0·86
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0·83	0·74
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0·79	0·98

The total births in the four metropolitan areas amounted to 765, as against 764 in April—an increase of 1. The deaths in May were 314—an increase of 17 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 152, females 162. Forty-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14·33 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 May, 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	6	9	13	2	2	3	2	5	7	27	30
5 and under 10 years..	3	1	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	5	5
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	2
15 " 20 " .. .. .	1	2	1	1	1	..	2	1	3	2	8	6
20 " 25 " .. .. .	2	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	4	6
25 " 30 " .. .. .	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	2	2	..	6	3
30 " 35 " .. .. .	3	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	10	7
35 " 40 " .. .. .	..	1	4	3	..	2	2	1	2	2	8	9
40 " 45 " .. .. .	4	1	3	..	..	1	..	3	2	2	9	7
45 " 50 " .. .. .	1	2	2	..	5	3	2	..	3	2	13	7
50 " 55 " .. .. .	2	2	2	2	4	2	1	5	2	3	11	14
55 " 60 " .. .. .	5	4	3	1	..	5	1	..	5	4	14	14
60 " 65 " .. .. .	3	3	3	3	6	2	1	2	2	10	15	20
65 years and over ..	16	23	9	11	9	18	14	18	19	14	67	84
Unknown or not stated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	48	48	44	38	30	39	30	37	47	52	199	214

There were 151 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of May, 1918, as against 146 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	2	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	4	3
66	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
67	2	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	2
68	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
69	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	2	5
70	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	6
71	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	4	2
72	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	4	1
73	1	2	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	4
74	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
75	1	2	1	2	..	..	2	2	1	..	5	6
76	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	3	3
77	..	1	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	3	3
78	..	2	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	6
79	1	2	1	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	4	5
80	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	3	3	5	6
81	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
82	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	4
83	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	3
84	1	4	..	..	..	1	2	2	2	1	5	8
85	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	5
86	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	2	2
87	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	3	2
88	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
89	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	1
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	1
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Totals ..	16	23	9	11	9	18	14	18	19	14	67	84