

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	0.93	
Auckland Metropolitan Area		0.80
Wellington City	0.67	
Wellington Metropolitan Area		0.63
Christchurch City	0.81	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area		0.80
Dunedin City	0.90	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area		0.89

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

Compared with June, 1917, the results are—

	1917.	1918.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.86	0.80
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.80	0.63
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.83	0.80
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.79	0.89

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 549, as against 765 in May—a decrease of 216. The deaths in June were 302—a decrease of 12 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 156, females 146. Thirty-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12.25 per cent. of the whole number. Twenty-eight 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 June, 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	9	3	3	3	4	3	4	7	6	24	26
5 and under 10 years.. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	3
10 " 15 "	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	7	1
15 " 20 "	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	1	5
20 " 25 " .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	3	3
25 " 30 "	1	2	1	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	4	6
30 " 35 " .. .. .	..	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	7	7
35 " 40 "	3	2	2	1	..	1	4	1	3	1	12	6
40 " 45 "	2	2	1	1	3	2	3	1	4	..	13	6
45 " 50 "	7	1	2	..	3	..	1	..	2	..	15	1
50 " 55 "	5	4	2	1	2	2	2	..	4	1	15	8
55 " 60 "	2	4	3	2	1	3	1	2	6	2	13	13
60 " 65 "	4	3	3	2	2	..	1	4	5	1	15	10
65 years and over	26	15	8	16	17	22	13	13	26	22	90	88
Unknown or not stated .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals.. .. .	62	45	29	31	35	39	30	31	66	37	222	183

There were 178 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of June, 1918, as against 151 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	3	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	1	4	5
66	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1
67	1	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	4	4
68	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	2	1	4	6
69	4	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	5	4
70	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	1	2	5
71	1	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	2	3	5
72	1	..	2	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	4	3
73	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	4	1	6	3
74	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2
75	3	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	5
76	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	3	2	6	5
77	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	4	4
78	2	2	..	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	4	6
79	2	..	2	2	1	..	1	..	1	1	7	3
80	2	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	4	3
81	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	2	4
82	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	..	5	2
83	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	3	1
84	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	2	2
85	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	3
86	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	4
87	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	1
88	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	1
89	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1
90	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
91	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1
92	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
93	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
94	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
95	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals.. .. .	26	15	8	16	17	22	13	13	26	22	90	88