

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	1.26		
Auckland Metropolitan Area	1.17		
Wellington City	0.99		
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.93		
Christchurch City	1.02		
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.97		
Dunedin City	1.19		
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.24		

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

Compared with August, 1917 and 1918, the results are—

	1917.	1918.	1919.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.99	1.23	1.17
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.91	0.91	0.93
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.98	1.41	0.97
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.08	1.50	1.24

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 601, as against 703 in July—a decrease of 102. The deaths in August were 420—an increase of 6 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 226, females 119. Fifty-six of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 13.33 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-one 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 August, 1919:—

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	11	9	8	2	2	6	8	10	3	37	32
5 and under 10 years..	1	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	4	4
10 " 15 " ..	2	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	5	2
15 " 20 " ..	2	2	..	..	1	1	1	2	2	1	6	6
20 " 25 " ..	3	2	3	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	8	4
25 " 30 " ..	1	1	1	2	1	3	4	..	1	4	8	10
30 " 35 " ..	4	5	2	6	..	..	2	1	1	..	9	12
35 " 40 " ..	2	5	2	1	..	1	2	3	2	3	8	13
40 " 45 " ..	6	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	3	2	12	7
45 " 50 " ..	2	2	1	..	2	7	2	..	3	5	10	14
50 " 55 " ..	2	5	5	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	13	13
55 " 60 " ..	9	1	..	2	2	1	3	1	..	3	14	8
60 " 65 " ..	6	3	4	4	1	3	3	2	6	5	20	17
65 years and over ..	39	26	17	13	28	22	19	20	31	20	134	101
Unknown or not stated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Totals.. ..	89	67	48	41	44	46	45	40	63	49	289	243

The deaths of 235 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of August, 1919, as against 230 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	..	5	2
66	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4
67	1	1	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	6	2
68	2	..	2	4	1	2	1	1	2	..	8	7
69	2	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	5	2
70	3	2	1	3	..	..	..	1	3	1	7	7
71	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	4	2	5	4
72	3	2	1	..	2	..	..	2	2	1	8	5
73	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	2	4	5
74	..	..	1	..	5	1	..	2	1	..	7	3
75	3	1	2	..	2	..	1	2	..	2	8	5
76	1	1	..	..	2	2	2	1	1	2	6	6
77	1	3	1	1	..	2	2	1	1	1	5	8
78	3	1	1	..	3	1	3	1	..	1	10	4
79	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	3	..	8	..
80	3	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	1	6	7
81	2	1	1	..	..	2	4	1	3	..	10	4
82	2	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	5	4
83	..	2	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	3	4
84	3	2	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	4	4
85	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	4	3
86	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	4	1
87	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2
88	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	1
89	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
91	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
94	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
95	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	39	26	17	13	28	22	19	20	31	20	134	101