

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	1.13		
Auckland Metropolitan Area	1.08		
Wellington City	0.73		
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.70		
Christchurch City	1.11		
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	1.05		
Dunedin City	1.07		
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.15		

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

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

	1917.	1918.	1919.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.76	1.26	1.08
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.84	0.94	0.70
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.90	1.07	1.05
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.08	1.35	1.15

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 516, as against 601 in August—a decrease of 85. The deaths in September were 388—a decrease of 32 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 193, females 195. Forty-six of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 11.86 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty 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, 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 ..	7	9	5	3	6	6	6	4	6	6	30	28
5 and under 10 years..	1	1	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	6
10 " 15 " ..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	3	2
15 " 20 " ..	..	2	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	1	7
20 " 25 " ..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	4
25 " 30 " ..	2	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	1	1	6	4
30 " 35 " ..	3	5	1	4	1	3	..	4	2	2	7	18
35 " 40 " ..	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	10	7
40 " 45 " ..	2	4	3	..	3	1	2	..	4	2	14	7
45 " 50 " ..	6	7	3	3	2	2	3	4	1	1	15	17
50 " 55 " ..	6	4	2	..	..	3	1	2	5	2	14	11
55 " 60 " ..	6	2	3	1	..	6	..	2	4	1	13	12
60 " 65 " ..	7	4	5	..	2	4	2	3	6	1	22	12
65 years and over ..	33	25	8	14	26	23	19	20	32	22	118	104
Unknown or not stated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.. ..	79	66	35	32	43	54	36	43	64	44	257	239

The deaths of 222 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of September, 1919, as against 235 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	2	..	1	..	..	2	1	2	..	6	4
66	5	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	8	3
67	1	2	2	..	1	..	1	1	1	2	6	5
68	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	1	3	..	4	4
69	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
70	1	1	..	..	3	3	..	2	1	..	5	6
71	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	2	..	5	3
72	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	2
73	2	3	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	1	5	6
74	5	..	1	..	3	1	..	2	1	1	10	4
75	..	1	..	..	1	4	1	1	..	2	2	7
76	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	2	2	4	5	9
77	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	2	1	..	4	5
78	3	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	1	8	5
79	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	2	4	4
80	2	2	1	..	1	1	2	1	2	2	8	6
81	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	2	3	2
82	2	1	..	2	1	1	2	..	1	1	6	5
83	2	2	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	4	4
84	1	2	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	5	3
85	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	5	2
86	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	2
87	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	3
88	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
89	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	3	4
90	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	..
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
92	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Totals ..	33	25	8	14	26	23	19	20	32	22	118	104