

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	0.74	
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.71	
Wellington City	2.05	
Wellington Metropolitan Area	1.74	
Christchurch City	0.97	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.87	
Dunedin City	0.96	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.92	

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

Compared with January, 1918, the results are—

	1918.	1919.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.85	0.71
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.59	1.74
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.99	0.87
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.87	0.92

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 670, as against 724 in December—a decrease of 54. The deaths in January were 405—a decrease of 732 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 221, females 184. Fifty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 13.09 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-nine 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 January, 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	9	10	7	11	6	5	3	2	6	4	31	32
5 and under 10 years..	2	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	10	6
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	..	2	2	..	1	1	1	2	..	5	4
20 " 25 " .. .. .	..	2	5	3	1	1	..	2	2	1	8	9
25 " 30 "	3	2	8	9	1	..	2	2	..	1	14	14
30 " 35 "	2	2	5	7	1	1	2	..	4	3	14	13
35 " 40 "	4	1	13	4	2	..	2	2	2	4	23	11
40 " 45 "	1	1	7	5	3	..	..	3	1	3	12	12
45 " 50 "	1	3	5	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	11	11
50 " 55 "	4	1	5	6	4	3	3	..	1	3	17	13
55 " 60 "	3	2	5	3	2	2	1	1	4	2	15	10
60 " 65 "	2	4	7	4	2	5	..	2	5	6	16	21
65 years and over ..	22	13	15	18	19	16	17	11	32	16	105	74
Unknown or not stated ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.. .. .	53	42	89	77	45	36	34	29	62	47	283	231

The deaths of 179 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of January, 1919, as against 223 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	1	1	1	..	2	..	2	..	6	2
66	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	3
67	..	1	..	3	1	1	..	1	..	2	1	8
68	1	1	..	1	2	..	2	..	1	1	6	3
69	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	2	2	6	4
70	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	5	2
71	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	2
72	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	5	..
73	2	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	4	3
74	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	5	1
75	2	..	1	2	..	2	2	1	4	1	9	6
76	1	1	3	3	1	2	..	..	6	..	11	6
77	1	1	2	1	..	..	3	1	2	..	8	3
78	3	..	3	..	3	2	..	1	1	2	10	5
79	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
80	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	4
81	2	1	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	6
82	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
83	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	2	..	5	2
84	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	2	2
85	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	2
86	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	3	1
87	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	1
90	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
91	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
93	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2
98	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	22	13	15	18	19	16	17	11	32	16	105	74