

Population of the Dominion.\*

RETURN of the Estimated Population of the Dominion of New Zealand on the 31st December, 1918.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated population (exclusive of Maoris and residents of Cook and other Pacific islands) on 31st December, 1917	537,360	560,312	1,097,672
Increase during 1918—			
By excess of births over deaths .. .. .	3,421	6,082	9,503
By excess of immigration over emigration (including members of Expeditionary Forces)	1,295	-90†	1,205
Estimated population (exclusive of Maoris and residents of Cook and other Pacific islands) on 31st December, 1918	542,076	566,304	1,108,380
Maori population, Census, 1916 .. .. .	25,933	23,843	49,776
Population of Cook and other Pacific islands, Census, 1916 .. .. .	6,552	6,245	12,797
Total estimated population of the Dominion on 31st December, 1918 ..	574,561	596,392	1,170,953

\* Subject to revision. † Decrease—Excess of emigration.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN 1918.

Both birth and death rates for 1918 are abnormal, the former on account of the war, the latter owing to the unprecedented influenza epidemic of the last quarter of the year.

The number of births registered during 1918 (25,867) is the lowest recorded in any year since 1907, and the rate (23.45 per 1,000) is the lowest in the history of registration in New Zealand, the next lowest being that for 1899 (25.12 per 1,000).

On the other hand, the number of deaths registered in 1918 (16,364) is easily a record, being 5,768 or over 50 per cent. more than in 1916, which previously ranked highest. The rate (14.84 per 1,000), though greatly above the normal of recent years, was nevertheless exceeded on several occasions prior to 1875.

The numbers and rates of births and deaths for the last ten years are as under:—

Year.	Numbers.		Rate per 1,000 of the Mean Population.	
	Births.	Deaths.	Births.	Deaths.
1909 .. .. .	26,524	8,959	27.29	9.22
1910 .. .. .	25,984	9,639	26.17	9.71
1911 .. .. .	26,354	9,534	25.97	9.39
1912 .. .. .	27,508	9,214	26.48	8.87
1913 .. .. .	27,935	10,119	26.14	9.47
1914 .. .. .	28,338	10,148	25.99	9.31
1915 .. .. .	27,850	9,965	25.33	9.06
1916 .. .. .	28,509	10,596	25.94	9.64
1917 .. .. .	28,182	10,528	25.64	9.58
1918* .. .. .	25,867	16,364	23.45	14.84

\* Subject to revision.

Census and Statistics Office,  
Wellington, 21st February, 1919.

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Mining Privileges struck off the Register.—Notice under the Mining Amendment Act, 1914.

Office of the Mining Registrar, Reefton, 7th January, 1919.

NOTICE is hereby given that the mining privileges mentioned in the Schedule hereto have been struck off the Register, no cause to the contrary having been shown within the prescribed period of three months.

THOS. MORGAN, Deputy Mining Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

Privilege.	Locality.	Registered Holder.
Water-race No. 333 .. .. .	Two heads from Flowers Creek ..	Wo Quin.
"    335 .. .. .	"    " .. .. .	Patrick McGeady, sen.
"    548 .. .. .	Two heads from Soldiers Creek ..	Chow Yoak and party.
"    555 .. .. .	Ten heads from Boatman's Creek ..	Richard H. J. Reeves.
"    593 .. .. .	Two heads from Moonlight Gully ..	Cummings and McQuilkin.
"    594 .. .. .	One head from Yankees Gully .. ..	"    "
"    633 .. .. .	One head from Cascade Creek .. ..	James Connolly.
"    738 .. .. .	Eight heads from Denny's Creek ..	John Shannon.
"    755 .. .. .	"    " .. .. .	Chow Gow and party.
"    855 .. .. .	Five heads from Landing Creek .. ..	George James Willis.
"    1234 .. .. .	One head from Rooney's Gully .. ..	McBean and Duggan.
"    1296 .. .. .	Four heads from Antonio's Creek ..	James Hannigan.
"    1331 .. .. .	Five heads from Redjacks Creek ..	George Erickson.
"    1471 .. .. .	One head from Blackwater Creek ..	Michael Maloney.
"    1482 .. .. .	Twenty-five heads from Slab Hut Creek	George L. Tacon.
"    1529 .. .. .	Four heads from Lloyds Old Race ..	James M. Hannah.
"    1530 .. .. .	"    Lobs Hole Creek .. .. .	"    "
"    1536 .. .. .	"    Lloyds Old Race .. .. .	"    "