

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Metropolitan Areas, and Total for Nine Suburban Areas, registered during the Year, 1918—*continued.*

Causes of Death.	Auckland Metropolitan Area.		Wellington Metropolitan Area.		Christchurch Metropolitan Area.		Dunedin Metropolitan Area.		Nine Suburban Areas.		Total.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and Over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and Over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and Over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and Over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
X.—MALFORMATIONS.											
150. Hydrocephalus .. .. .	..	..	4	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	8
150. Congenital Malformations of the Heart	10	1	2	..	2	1	3	1	9	1	30
150. Patent Foramen Ovale .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
150. Cleft Palate	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
150. Imperforate Anus .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
150. Spina Bifida	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
150. Congenital Malformation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	3
150. " Intestinal Obstruction .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
150. " Pyloric Stenosis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
150. " Stenosis of Lungs .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Totals	15	1	11	1	4	1	5	1	12	1	52
XI.—DISEASES OF EARLY INFANCY.											
151. Congenital Debility, Icterus, Scleroma	36	..	32	..	18	..	12	..	25	..	123
151A. Premature Birth	47	..	44	..	32	..	24	..	62	..	209
152. Other Causes peculiar to Early Infancy	20	..	7	..	8	..	2	..	12	..	49
153. Lack of Care	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Totals	104	..	83	..	58	..	39	..	99	..	383
XII.—OLD AGE.											
154. Senility .. .. .	..	173	..	70	..	135	..	124	..	155	657
XIII.—EXTERNAL VIOLENCE.											
155. Suicide—Poisoning .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
156. " Asphyxia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
157. " Hanging or Strangulation .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	4	12
158. " Drowning .. .. .	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	7
159. " Firearms .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	5
160. " Cutting Instruments .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	3	9
161. " Jumping from High Places .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	3
163. Other Suicides .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
165. Other Acute Poisonings	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	4
166. Accident—Confagration .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2
167. " Burns	1	3	3	2	2	..	..	2	3	1	17
168. " Absorption of Deleterious Gases	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	5
169. " Drowning .. .. .	..	12	..	6	1	8	..	3	1	15	46
170. " Firearms .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	6
172. " Fall .. .. .	..	9	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	17
173. " Mines and Quarry .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2
174. " Machines .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
175. " Crushing .. .. .	..	12	1	8	..	11	..	7	..	15	54
176. Injuries by Animals .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
177. Starvation .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
178. Exposure to Cold .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
185. Fractures (cause not specified) .. .. .	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	5	13
186. Other External Violence	2	2	..	5	..	4	..	3	..	2	18
Totals	4	50	5	36	3	43	..	27	5	58	231
XIV.—ILL-DEFINED DISEASES.											
187. Ill-defined Organic Disease .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
188. Syncope .. .. .	..	2	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	2	9
189. Not Specified or Ill-defined	1	7	1	13	1	8	1	4	..	11	47
Totals	1	11	1	14	1	12	1	4	..	13	58
Grand Totals	277	2,139	226	1,270	154	1,281	92	1,021	232	1,578	8270

BIRTHS AND BIRTH-RATES.

The total number of births registered as occurring in the four metropolitan areas in 1918 was 8,275, the rates being as follow:—

	Birth-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	24.71
Auckland Metropolitan Area	21.77
Wellington City	23.57
Wellington Metropolitan Area	23.15
Christchurch City	20.35
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	20.22
Dunedin City	18.51
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	18.69