

Dealing with the four metropolitan areas only, it is found that the inclusion of the suburban portions lowers the death-rate in Auckland and Dunedin.

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0.78	
Auckland Metropolitan Area		0.65
Wellington City	0.78	
Wellington Metropolitan Area		0.79
Christchurch City	0.72	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area		0.72
Dunedin City	0.84	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area		0.74

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

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

	1917.	1918.	1919.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.79	0.66	0.65
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.78	0.74	0.79
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.94	0.60	0.72
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.77	0.70	0.74

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 589, as against 620 in February—a decrease of 31. The deaths in March were 280—a decrease of 2 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 164, females 116. Forty-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 16.79 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-eight 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 March, 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 ..	8	3	15	7	8	5	1	..	9	10	41	25
5 and under 10 years..	2	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	5	2
10 " 15 " ..	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	1
15 " 20 " ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	3	2
20 " 25 " ..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	3	1	5	4
25 " 30 " ..	1	1	2	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	4
30 " 35 " ..	4	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	3	1	10	3
35 " 40 " ..	1	2	..	3	1	..	..	2	1	2	3	9
40 " 45 " ..	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	5
45 " 50 " ..	3	2	4	1	2	1	1	2	4	5	14	11
50 " 55 " ..	5	2	3	..	..	2	1	3	1	..	10	7
55 " 60 " ..	3	1	2	1	1	1	3	..	..	2	9	5
60 " 65 " ..	3	3	6	4	2	1	4	2	6	1	21	11
65 years and over ..	21	12	4	12	18	18	15	8	18	8	76	58
Unknown or not stated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.. ..	57	30	41	34	34	33	32	19	47	31	211	147

The deaths of 134 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of March, 1919, as against 133 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	2	2	..	1	..	1	3	5
66	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
67	1	..	..	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	5	5
68	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	..	3	5
69	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
70	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	4	2
71	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
72	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	2
73	..	2	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	5
74	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2
75	4	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	5	3
76	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	3	1
77	..	..	..	2	3	2	..	1	..	..	3	5
78	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	5	1
79	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
80	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	3	2
81	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	3	3
82	..	..	..	1	3	1	2	..	2	1	7	3
83	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	1	..	4	2
84	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	3	3
85	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	1
86	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
87	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	2
88	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
90	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
95	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Totals ..	21	12	4	12	18	18	15	8	18	8	76	58