

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

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	9.73	
Auckland Metropolitan Area		7.44
Wellington City	1.65	
Wellington Metropolitan Area		1.95
Christchurch City	5.07	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area		4.40
Dunedin City	3.06	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area		3.11

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

Compared with November, 1917, the results are—

	1917.	1918.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.91	7.44
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.70	1.95
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.75	4.40
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.92	3.11

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 597, as against 704 in October—a decrease of 107. The deaths in November were 1,803—an increase of 1,404 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 1,090, females 713. One hundred and twelve of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 6.21 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-two 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 November, 1918:—

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	30	26	14	8	6	15	5	8	16	14	71	71
5 and under 10 years..	5	4	1	1	3	3	..	3	4	6	13	17
10 " 15 "	8	3	..	1	3	3	2	1	6	5	19	13
15 " 20 "	12	2	6	3	13	3	8	6	9	9	48	33
20 " 25 "	38	30	6	9	21	12	11	6	25	13	101	70
25 " 30 "	74	50	11	3	37	21	13	11	44	21	179	106
30 " 35 "	109	54	23	8	38	21	17	15	62	31	249	129
35 " 40 "	99	30	13	7	35	16	16	10	45	23	208	86
40 " 45 "	66	36	16	3	21	8	4	5	29	21	136	73
45 " 50 "	42	30	9	2	11	7	3	2	20	10	85	51
50 " 55 "	24	26	4	4	12	7	4	9	11	8	55	54
55 " 60 "	15	17	7	3	6	4	2	3	13	8	43	35
60 " 65 "	21	13	2	3	5	5	3	6	11	6	42	33
65 years and over ..	57	50	11	7	32	38	23	18	33	32	156	145
Unknown or not stated	10	4	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	14	5
Totals	610	385	124	62	245	163	111	103	329	208	1,419	921

The deaths of 301 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of November, 1918, as against 200 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	4	7	2	2	2	1	1	..	1	3	10	13
66	1	3	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	2	6
67	..	5	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	..	5	5
68	3	4	1	..	2	1	..	1	..	2	6	8
69	3	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	4	4
70	2	2	..	..	5	..	1	..	1	2	9	4
71	3	1	1	..	..	3	3	1	1	1	8	6
72	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	4	3	5	7
73	4	2	1	..	1	2	1	1	1	..	8	5
74	..	1	1	..	2	3	2	1	..	..	5	5
75	4	2	1	..	4	1	5	..	2	2	16	5
76	2	2	..	..	..	3	..	1	4	..	6	6
77	2	4	1	..	..	3	..	1	1	3	4	11
78	4	..	1	..	1	2	..	1	..	1	6	4
79	1	..	1	1	..	2	4	2	1	4	7	9
80	4	3	..	1	1	2	..	1	2	..	7	7
81	3	1	..	..	2	3	..	..	1	1	5	5
82	2	2	..	1	4	2	1	..	1	2	8	7
83	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	3	2
84	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	1	6	1
85	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	5
86	3	2	..	..	1	2	1	..	3	1	8	5
87	3	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	7	2
88	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	3	4
89	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
90	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	2
91	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
92	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2
93	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	2
95	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..
98	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
104	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals	57	50	11	7	32	38	23	18	33	32	156	145