

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	1.03	
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.94	0.94
Wellington City	0.91	
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.92	0.92
Christchurch City	0.79	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.83	0.83
Dunedin City	0.96	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.92	0.92

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

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

	1917.	1918.	1919.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.86	0.72	0.94
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.80	0.86	0.92
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.83	0.74	0.83
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.79	0.98	0.92

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 672, as against 617 in April—an increase of 55. The deaths in May were 354—an increase of 33 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths, males contributed 197, females 157. Twenty-nine of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 8.19 per cent. of the whole number. Twenty 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 May, 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 ..	5	5	7	1	1	2	4	4	9	6	26	18
5 and under 10 years..	2	..	3	..	2	1	2	2	..	..	9	3
10 " 15 " ..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5
15 " 20 " ..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	3
20 " 25 " ..	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	..	2	8	6
25 " 30 " ..	..	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	..	1	7	9
30 " 35 " ..	5	2	5	4	2	1	1	2	1	2	14	11
35 " 40 " ..	2	3	3	2	..	..	1	1	1	..	7	6
40 " 45 " ..	2	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	6	7
45 " 50 " ..	4	1	3	1	5	2	3	..	3	5	18	9
50 " 55 " ..	3	2	4	5	3	2	1	1	5	1	16	11
55 " 60 " ..	6	3	..	3	1	4	..	2	1	1	8	13
60 " 65 " ..	5	3	6	1	2	3	4	2	7	3	24	12
65 years and over ..	27	32	15	14	23	13	13	11	27	12	105	82
Unknown or not stated	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Totals..	65	61	55	33	42	35	35	28	56	38	253	195

The deaths of 187 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of May, 1919, as against 171 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	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	5	1
66	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	2
67	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	4	3
68	2	..	4	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	7	3
69	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	1
70	2	..	..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	4
71	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	4
72	1	3	..	..	..	1	2	1	2	..	5	5
73	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	4	2
74	2	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	6	2
75	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	2	..	6	1
76	1	2	2	..	..	1	2	1	1	1	6	5
77	..	2	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	4
78	1	1	1	..	1	2	2	1	1	1	6	5
79	..	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	4	4
80	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	4	5
81	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	4
82	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	5	4
83	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	2	5	3
84	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	4	2
85	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	6	1
86	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	2
87	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	3	2
88	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
89	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	3
90	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
91	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	2
93	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
94	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
99	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	27	32	15	14	23	13	13	11	27	12	105	82