

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

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	1.08	
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.95	
Wellington City	0.98	
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.92	
Christchurch City	1.36	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	1.28	
Dunedin City	1.00	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.99	

Including the suburban portions, Christchurch is the highest and Wellington the lowest. Compared with November, 1917, 1918, and 1919, the results are—

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.91	7.44	0.82	0.95
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.70	1.95	0.82	0.92
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.75	4.40	0.90	1.28
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.92	3.11	0.86	0.99

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 825, as against 792 in October—an increase of 33. The deaths in November were 431—a decrease of 36 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 227, females 204. Seventy-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 17.40 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, 1920:—

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 ..	12	6	12	10	13	10	5	7	9	10	51	43
5 and under 10 years..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	2	5
10 " 15 " ..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1
15 " 20 " ..	..	2	2	..	1	4	..	1	..	..	4	7
20 " 25 " ..	2	2	..	4	1	3	1	..	2	3	6	12
25 " 30 " ..	..	2	2	5	..	1	..	..	2	1	4	9
30 " 35 " ..	3	4	3	1	..	3	1	3	..	4	7	15
35 " 40 " ..	6	2	1	3	1	1	3	2	1	3	12	11
40 " 45 " ..	5	4	1	2	3	6	3	..	2	1	14	13
45 " 50 " ..	..	4	5	1	1	3	1	3	2	..	9	11
50 " 55 " ..	3	1	4	3	6	7	1	1	4	2	18	14
55 " 60 " ..	6	5	4	1	3	4	..	3	2	2	15	15
60 " 65 " ..	5	7	3	4	3	..	..	1	2	5	13	17
65 years and over ..	32	21	11	9	30	24	23	10	18	17	114	81
Unknown or not stated ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Totals.. ..	76	61	50	43	63	67	38	33	46	50	273	254

The deaths of 195 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of November, 1920, as against 230 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	2	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	5
66	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	5	4
67	2	..	..	..	2	3	2	..	1	..	7	3
68	5	4	1	..	3	..	1	..	2	..	10	6
69	1	..	..	1	1	2	1	1	1	..	4	4
70	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	..	1	1	6	7
71	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	5	2
72	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	3	6	5
73	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	3
74	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	1	1	2	5	5
75	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
76	1	..	2	..	2	2	1	1	1	1	7	4
77	2	2	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	6	4
78	1	..	..	1	3	1	1	..	1	2	6	4
79	3	1	..	..	3	1	1	..	1	..	8	2
80	2	..	1	1	3	2	1	..	2	..	9	3
82	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	1	1	3	5
83	1	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	5	3
84	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	4	2
85	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
86	3	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	3
87	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	4	1
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
90	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
92	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Totals ..	32	21	11	9	30	24	23	10	18	17	114	81