

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 .. .. .	0.87	
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.72	
Wellington City .. .. .	1.22	
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.13	
Christchurch City .. .. .	0.81	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.72	
Dunedin City .. .. .	0.96	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.93	

Including the suburban portions, the rate at Wellington is the highest, Dunedin next highest, Auckland and Christchurch with equal rates following.

Compared with January, 1917, 1918, and 1919, the results are—

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.89	0.85	0.71	0.72
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.64	0.59	1.74	1.13
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.76	0.99	0.87	0.72
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.92	0.87	0.92	0.93

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 893, as against 819 in December—an increase of 74. The deaths in January were 335—a decrease of 29 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 189, females 146. Forty-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 13.13 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-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 January, 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 .. .. .	3	2	14	6	4	8	6	1	10	5	37	22
5 and under 10 years.. .. .	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
10 " 15 " .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	2	3
15 " 20 " .. .. .	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2
20 " 25 " .. .. .	2	3	3	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	7
25 " 30 " .. .. .	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	2	1	6	3
30 " 35 " .. .. .	1	2	1	4	3	1	1	1	..	3	6	11
35 " 40 " .. .. .	3	4	4	..	2	1	3	2	4	2	16	9
40 " 45 " .. .. .	4	2	5	2	3	1	1	1	4	5	17	11
45 " 50 " .. .. .	8	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	1	3	17	14
50 " 55 " .. .. .	3	7	7	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	17	15
55 " 60 " .. .. .	5	2	4	3	1	1	1	..	1	6	12	12
60 " 65 " .. .. .	2	4	6	5	1	3	1	2	8	4	18	18
65 years and over .. .. .	19	15	13	12	14	8	18	13	23	18	87	66
Unknown or not stated .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	51	45	66	42	35	32	37	27	56	49	245	195

\* Excluding Gisborne. Returns not yet received.

The deaths of 153 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of January, 1920, as against 183 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	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	3	1
66	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	3	4
67	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	3	4
68	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	3
69	..	1	..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	4
70	3	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	2	1	8	4
71	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
72	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	2	6	2
73	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	3
74	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	6	1
75	1	..	2	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	4	4
76	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	4
77	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	2	4	2	7	5
78	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	4	3
79	2	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	4	4
80	1	2	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	6	3
81	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	2
82	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	1
83	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	4
84	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	4	2
85	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1
86	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	2
87	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	2
88	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	1
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
92	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
99	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals .. .. .	19	15	13	12	14	8	18	13	23	18	87	66

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