

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

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0.96	
Auckland Metropolitan Area	1.03	
Wellington City	1.07	
Wellington Metropolitan Area	1.02	
Christchurch City	1.42	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	1.25	
Dunedin City	1.43	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.28	

Including the suburban portions, Dunedin is the highest and Wellington the lowest.

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

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.89	0.80	0.93	1.03
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.79	0.63	0.81	1.02
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	1.12	0.80	1.05	1.25
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.06	0.89	0.87	1.28

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 840, as against 863 in June—a decrease of 23. The deaths in July were 471—an increase of 68 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 246, females 225. Seventy-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 15.71 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-five 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 July, 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	8	9	8	9	13	9	8	10	8	8	45	45
5 and under 10 years..	2	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	3	1	5	6
10 " 15 " ..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	4	1
15 " 20 " ..	1	3	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	2	4	8
20 " 25 " ..	3	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	4
25 " 30 " ..	1	1	..	..	..	4	1	1	1	2	3	8
30 " 35 " ..	1	3	1	2	2	2	..	..	1	1	5	8
35 " 40 " ..	7	3	1	3	3	1	2	3	2	2	15	12
40 " 45 " ..	4	3	3	3	6	5	1	2	2	5	16	18
45 " 50 " ..	4	1	4	1	3	3	1	..	4	3	16	8
50 " 55 " ..	2	..	1	4	7	..	3	4	1	..	14	8
55 " 60 " ..	4	3	6	4	3	1	2	1	2	3	17	12
60 " 65 " ..	7	8	5	2	4	4	4	2	..	4	20	20
65 years and over ..	29	37	27	14	22	26	22	22	29	21	129	120
Unknown or not stated	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals	74	75	58	45	67	60	47	45	53	53	299	278

The deaths of 249 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of July, 1920, as against 202 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	5	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	8
66	2	3	2	..	1	1	2	1	2	..	9	5
67	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	3	1	7
68	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	3	3
69	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	4	4
70	3	1	2	..	2	1	2	3	..	1	9	6
71	1	3	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	3	6
72	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	5
73	..	6	4	1	2	..	1	2	..	1	7	10
74	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	3	1	5	3
75	1	1	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	2	6
76	2	5	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	5	8
77	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	2	2	5	5
78	..	2	1	..	..	1	1	1	4	1	6	5
79	1	1	1	2	1	..	1	..	2	..	6	3
80	2	2	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	5
81	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	3	..	1	3	5
82	3	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	9	2
83	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	1	..	4	2
84	..	3	..	1	..	4	1	2	2	1	3	11
85	3	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	6	1
86	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	1	2	..	4	3
87	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..
88	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	..
89	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1
90	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	3	3
91	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
92	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1
94	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
96	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
Totals	29	37	27	14	22	26	22	22	29	21	129	120