

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

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	1.38	
Auckland Metropolitan Area	1.22	
Wellington City	1.08	
Wellington Metropolitan Area	1.11	
Christchurch City	1.56	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	1.33	
Dunedin City	1.54	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.36	

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

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

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.99	1.23	1.17	1.22
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.91	0.91	0.93	1.11
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.98	1.41	0.97	1.33
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.08	1.50	1.24	1.36

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 797, as against 840 in July—a decrease of 43. The deaths in August were 522—an increase of 51 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 276, females 246. Eighty-two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 15.71 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-eight 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 August, 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 ..	15	15	9	10	7	7	10	9	14	6	55	47
5 and under 10 years ..	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	..	9	6
10 " 15 " ..	4	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	1	5	4
15 " 20 " ..	1	4	..	3	2	1	1	..	1	..	5	8
20 " 25 " ..	1	3	2	2	..	1	..	..	3	1	6	7
25 " 30 " ..	2	1	2	..	1	2	1	6	..	2	6	11
30 " 35 " ..	1	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	..	2	5	10
35 " 40 " ..	7	4	3	1	3	2	2	..	5	5	20	12
40 " 45 " ..	6	2	3	1	1	3	..	..	2	5	12	11
45 " 50 " ..	4	2	4	3	1	5	3	2	3	3	15	15
50 " 55 " ..	7	4	5	3	1	1	2	..	4	2	19	10
55 " 60 " ..	9	1	6	2	1	3	..	1	5	2	21	9
60 " 65 " ..	12	1	2	5	6	8	2	4	3	3	25	21
65 years and over ..	38	27	15	23	32	38	28	18	39	25	152	131
Unknown or not stated ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1
Totals ..	109	68	53	59	59	76	55	43	81	57	357	303

The deaths of 283 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of August, 1920, as against 249 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	4	..	7	4
66	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	1	1	3	3	6
67	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	1	1	2	7	10
68	2	2	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	3	6
69	2	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	6	3
70	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	3	3
71	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
72	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	10	5
73	3	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	5	3
74	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	4	..	5	4
75	..	1	..	3	..	1	2	2	4	2	6	9
76	3	2	..	1	2	4	2	1	2	1	9	9
77	2	..	..	1	2	2	2	..	3	..	9	3
78	3	..	2	1	2	3	1	2	4	2	12	8
79	3	3	1	..	1	4	4	..	1	1	10	8
80	3	3	1	1	1	2	..	4	1	2	6	12
81	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	5	3
82	..	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	6	9
83	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	5
84	3	1	..	..	3	2	2	1	1	2	9	6
85	1	..	..	..	5	1	1	..	..	..	7	1
86	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	5	1
87	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	4	1
88	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	5	1
89	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2
90	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	3
91	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
92	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
98	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1
101	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	38	27	15	23	32	38	28	18	39	25	152	131