

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 .. .. .	1.26	
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.07	
Wellington City .. .. .	1.12	
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.05	
Christchurch City .. .. .	1.31	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.17	
Dunedin City .. .. .	1.38	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.28	

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

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.76	1.26	1.08	1.07
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.84	0.94	0.70	1.05
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.90	1.07	1.05	1.17
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.08	1.35	1.15	1.28

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 813, as against 797 in August—an increase of 16. The deaths in September were 472—a decrease of 50 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 249, females 223. One hundred and two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 21.61 per cent. of the whole number. Sixty-one 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 September, 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 ..	13	5	19	14	16	13	11	11	10	10	69	53
5 and under 10 years..	..	3	2	..	4	3	1	..	2	..	9	6
10 " 15 " ..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	1
15 " 20 " ..	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	5	5
20 " 25 " ..	2	2	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	5	4
25 " 30 " ..	1	4	..	1	3	1	1	..	..	3	5	9
30 " 35 " ..	1	3	..	4	1	3	..	2	..	2	2	14
35 " 40 " ..	1	3	2	1	..	4	1	1	4	5	8	14
40 " 45 " ..	1	3	3	4	3	1	2	..	2	2	11	10
45 " 50 " ..	4	2	5	4	2	1	2	1	2	1	15	9
50 " 55 " ..	2	4	..	3	2	2	7	3	1	6	12	18
55 " 60 " ..	5	3	4	1	1	1	..	1	2	2	12	8
60 " 65 " ..	9	10	6	4	4	7	3	2	6	3	28	26
65 years and over ..	40	29	17	9	22	21	16	24	41	28	136	111
Unknown or not stated ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.. ..	81	74	61	45	61	58	46	46	71	65	320	288

\* Excluding Gisborne; returns not yet received.

The deaths of 247 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of September, 1920, as against 283 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	1	..	3	..	7	1
66	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	4
67	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	1	3	6
68	2	3	1	..	3	..	..	1	2	1	8	5
69	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	4	4
70	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	3	3	5
71	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	2	2	3	5
72	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	3
73	3	4	2	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	8	7
74	2	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	2	2	8	3
75	2	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	6	2
76	2	3	1	1	2	3	1	..	..	1	6	8
77	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	2	1	2	3	6
78	2	2	..	..	1	..	3	1	2	..	8	3
79	5	2	1	1	1	2	..	2	4	1	11	8
80	4	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	4	..	9	4
81	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	4	4
82	2	1	..	..	3	1	..	2	4	2	9	6
83	3	..	1	..	3	2	1	1	1	..	9	3
84	..	1	2	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	5	3
85	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	4	3
86	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	1
87	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	2	3
88	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	3
89	1	..	2	..	2	2	..	2	..	..	5	4
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
91	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
92	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2
93	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
94	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	40	29	17	9	22	21	16	24	41	28	136	111

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