

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Metropolitan Areas, and Total for Nine Suburban Areas, registered during the Year 1920—continued.

Causes of Death.	Auckland Metropolitan Area.		Wellington Metropolitan Area.		Christchurch Metropolitan Area.		Dunedin Metropolitan Area.		Nine Suburban Areas.		Total.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and Over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and Over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and Over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and Over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
<b>XIII.—EXTERNAL VIOLENCE.</b>											
155. Suicide by Poisoning .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
156. " Asphyxia .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	4
157. " Hanging .. ..	..	3	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	3	12
158. " Drowning .. ..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	6
159. " Firearms .. ..	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	4	..	1	10
160. " Cutting or Piercing Instruments .. ..	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	2	9
161. " Jumping from High Places .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
163. Other Suicides .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
164. Poisoning (Food excepted) .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
166. Conflagrations .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
167. Burns, Scalds .. ..	1	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	7
168. Accidental Asphyxia .. ..	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	2	1	9
169. " Drowning .. ..	..	10	1	6	1	9	1	2	1	16	47
170. Traumatism by Firearms .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3
172. " Fall .. ..	..	4	..	2	..	3	1	5	..	3	18
173. " Mines, Quarries .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
174. " Machines .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
175. " other Crushing .. ..	..	21	..	15	..	4	..	11	..	14	65
176. Injuries by Animals .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
177. Starvation .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
181. Electricity .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
182. Homicide by Firearms .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
183. " Cutting Instruments .. ..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
184. " other Means .. ..	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	6
Totals .. ..	2	61	2	35	5	36	6	27	6	56	236
<b>XIV.—ILL-DEFINED DISEASES.</b>											
187. Ill-defined Organic Disease .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
188. Syncope .. ..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	4	8
189. Cause not Stated or Ill-defined .. ..	1	16	..	25	..	6	..	5	1	9	63
Totals .. ..	1	17	..	25	1	7	..	6	2	13	72
Grand totals .. ..	234	1,402	240	841	222	1,020	134	776	248	1,141	6258

## VITAL STATISTICS OF METROPOLITAN AND SUBURBAN AREAS, 1917-1920.

## Births.

Metropolitan or Suburban Area.	Number of Births.				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.			
	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
<b>Metropolitan Areas—</b>								
Auckland .. ..	2,986	2,911	2,603	3,260	22.33	21.77	19.47	22.17
Wellington .. ..	2,405	2,205	2,012	2,402	25.25	23.15	21.13	23.64
Christchurch .. ..	2,129	1,875	1,835	2,357	22.96	20.22	19.79	22.44
Dunedin .. ..	1,544	1,284	1,233	1,602	22.47	18.69	17.94	21.72
Totals .. ..	9,064	8,275	7,683	9,621	23.22	21.20	19.68	22.51
<b>Suburban Areas—</b>								
Gisborne .. ..	414	345	330	349	32.70	27.25	26.07	23.82
Napier .. ..	386	369	367	452	25.51	24.39	24.25	27.22
New Plymouth .. ..	304	266	265	390	31.04	27.16	27.05	35.27
Wanganui .. ..	505	459	481	600	25.87	23.52	24.65	27.02
Palmerston North .. ..	397	359	327	402	28.34	25.63	23.35	26.25
Nelson .. ..	234	219	214	225	23.49	21.98	21.48	21.47
Grey Valley Boroughs .. ..	203	159	174	227	24.24	18.99	20.78	26.40
Timaru .. ..	370	307	290	348	26.98	22.38	21.14	23.16
Invercargill .. ..	447	479	370	477	25.03	26.82	20.71	24.97
Totals .. ..	3,260	2,962	2,818	3,470	26.94	24.47	23.28	26.08
Grand totals .. ..	12,324	11,237	10,501	13,091	24.10	21.97	20.53	23.36