

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

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0.65	
Auckland Metropolitan Area		0.71
Wellington City	0.75	
Wellington Metropolitan Area		0.67
Christchurch City	0.76	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area		0.61
Dunedin City	0.64	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area		0.60

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

Compared with April, 1918, 1919, and 1920, the results are—

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.70	0.96	0.88	0.71
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.69	0.63	0.58	0.67
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.70	0.86	0.74	0.61
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	1.05	0.77	0.68	0.60

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 814, as against 728 in March—an increase of 86. The deaths in April were 286—a decrease of 50 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 148, females 138. Forty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 16.78 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-nine 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 April, 1921:—

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 ..	7	12	9	5	6	4	3	2	13	10	38	33
5 and under 10 years..	3	..	..	1	6	1	..	..	2	..	11	2
10 " 15 " ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
15 " 20 " ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	2
20 " 25 " ..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	1	3	5
25 " 30 " ..	4	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	4	4
30 " 35 " ..	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	2	3	6	4
35 " 40 " ..	1	1	1	2	1	3	..	1	1	2	4	9
40 " 45 " ..	3	4	..	3	3	..	..	1	..	2	6	10
45 " 50 " ..	2	5	2	2	1	2	..	..	4	3	9	12
50 " 55 " ..	4	2	6	5	..	3	1	..	..	3	11	13
55 " 60 " ..	4	2	1	3	1	4	1	1	2	1	9	11
60 " 65 " ..	3	..	5	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	14	6
65 years and over ..	25	17	8	11	14	10	9	16	13	18	69	72
Totals ..	61	45	34	35	37	29	16	29	40	45	188	183

The deaths of 141 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of April, 1921, as against 147 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	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	4	4
66	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	4
67	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	1	..	5	1
68	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	2
69	2	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	3	..	8	2
70	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	2	5	3
71	..	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	3	..	3	4
72	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	4	5
73	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	2
74	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	4	3
75	..	2	..	..	3	1	1	1	..	1	4	5
76	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	5
77	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	2
78	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	2	2	6
79	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	3
80	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	2	3
81	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	3
82	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	2
83	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
84	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2
85	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	3
86	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	2
87	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..
88	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
89	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
90	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
91	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
94	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
97	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	25	17	8	11	14	10	9	16	13	18	69	72