

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 Auckland and Christchurch.

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0.94	
Auckland Metropolitan Area		0.87
Wellington City	0.68	
Wellington Metropolitan Area		0.69
Christchurch City	0.83	
Christchurch Metropolitan Area		0.77
Dunedin City	0.64	
Dunedin Metropolitan Area		0.65

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

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

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.72	0.94	1.00	0.87
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.86	0.92	0.87	0.69
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.74	0.83	1.11	0.77
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.98	0.92	1.11	0.65

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 751, as against 814 in April—a decrease of 63. The deaths in April were 340—an increase of 54 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 177, females 163. Fifty-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 16.18 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-two 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 May, 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 ..	12	9	5	10	9	4	4	2	10	3	40	28
5 and under 10 years ..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
10 " 15 " ..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	5	1
15 " 20 " ..	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	4	4
20 " 25 " ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	2	6
25 " 30 " ..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	4	2	7
30 " 35 " ..	5	..	1	2	2	1	2	..	2	1	12	4
35 " 40 " ..	5	2	3	2	1	1	..	1	2	3	11	9
40 " 45 " ..	2	2	3	1	1	3	..	1	2	1	8	8
45 " 50 " ..	4	4	4	..	3	2	3	1	1	1	15	8
50 " 55 " ..	3	2	6	2	..	3	1	1	5	1	15	9
55 " 60 " ..	5	1	1	3	5	..	1	1	1	2	13	7
60 " 65 " ..	3	3	4	5	4	3	4	1	2	1	17	13
65 years and over ..	26	38	10	8	19	16	7	14	17	15	79	91
Totals ..	72	65	37	37	45	36	23	25	46	35	223	198

The deaths of 170 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of May, 1921, as against 141 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	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	2
66	3	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	5	2
67	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	1	1	..	5	4
68	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	3
69	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	5
70	4	2	..	..	1	2	1	..	2	2	8	6
71	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
72	1	4	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	5	6
73	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
74	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2
75	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	2	2	3	5
76	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	5
77	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	4	3	6
78	5	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	8	1
79	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	4	4
80	2	1	..	..	1	2	1	1	3	1	7	5
81	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	3
82	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	4	3
83	..	6	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	1	3	9
84	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	2	3
85	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
86	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
87	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	4
88	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	2
89	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1
90	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
91	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
94	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
95	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
Totals ..	26	38	10	8	19	16	7	14	17	15	79	91