

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 Dunedin.

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.			
Auckland City	0.76
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.81
Wellington City	0.78
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.78
Christchurch City	0.71
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.79
Dunedin City	0.93
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.91

Including the suburban portions, Dunedin is the highest, and Wellington the lowest.
 Compared with June, 1918, 1919, and 1920, the results are—

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Auckland Metropolitan Area	0.80	0.93	0.86	0.81
Wellington Metropolitan Area	0.63	0.81	0.87	0.78
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	0.80	1.05	1.26	0.79
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	0.89	0.87	0.86	0.91

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 701, as against 751 in May—a decrease of 50. The deaths in June were 362—an increase of 22 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 194, females 168. Fifty-one of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14.09 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-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 June, 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 ..	14	7	10	8	4	5	..	3	5	7	33	30
5 and under 10 years ..	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	3	6
10 " 15 " ..	2	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	4
15 " 20 " ..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	5
20 " 25 " ..	3	..	1	2	1	..	2	..	1	1	8	3
25 " 30 " ..	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	4	1	12
30 " 35 " ..	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	..	..	2	6	8
35 " 40 " ..	2	3	2	..	4	1	1	4	..	1	9	9
40 " 45 " ..	4	2	3	3	3	3	1	1	6	..	17	9
45 " 50 " ..	3	4	3	..	..	4	1	..	4	4	11	12
50 " 55 " ..	5	..	2	2	1	4	2	..	5	1	15	7
55 " 60 " ..	9	3	6	2	4	3	..	4	1	4	20	16
60 " 65 " ..	2	2	5	..	3	1	3	1	6	1	19	5
65 years and over ..	28	22	15	12	15	19	20	18	22	26	100	97
Totals ..	76	52	49	35	38	45	31	36	51	55	245	223

The deaths of 197 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of June, 1921, as against 170 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	..	3	..	2	..	2	1	2	..	10	1
66	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	5	2
67	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	1	5	2
68	..	1	2	3	1	..	..	3	2	1	5	8
69	3	1	2	..	2	2	1	..	..	1	8	4
70	1	1	..	..	1	2	2	1	1	2	5	6
71	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	4
72	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	5	3
73	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	3	3
74	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	7	1
75	1	1	..	2	..	1	3	..	..	1	4	5
76	..	2	..	1	..	2	2	..	3	1	5	6
77	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	1	4	3	7
78	1	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	4	3
79	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	2	5
80	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	4
81	1	2	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	4	3
82	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	4	2
83	2	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	1	3	5
84	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	2	6
85	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	2	3
86	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	3	4
87	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	8
88	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
89	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	3
90	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
91	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
92	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
98	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
104	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
106	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	28	22	15	12	15	19	20	18	22	26	100	97