

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

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.			
Auckland City .. .. .	..	..	..	1.13
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	..	..	..	1.01
Wellington City .. .. .	..	..	..	0.74
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	..	..	..	0.67
Christchurch City .. .. .	..	..	..	0.94
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	..	..	..	0.91
Dunedin City .. .. .	..	..	..	1.30
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	..	..	..	1.21

Including the suburban portions, Dunedin is the highest, and Wellington on the lowest.

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

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.01	1.15	1.03	1.01
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.95	0.93	1.02	0.67
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.13	0.93	1.25	0.91
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.28	1.24	1.28	1.21

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 715, as against 701 in June—an increase of 14. The deaths in July were 421—an increase of 59 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 225, females 196. Seventy-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 17.58 per cent. of the whole number. Sixty 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 July, 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 ..	16	11	5	3	14	7	10	8	16	7	61	36
5 and under 10 years ..	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	2	3
10 „ 15 „ ..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	4	3
15 „ 20 „ ..	1	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	2	..	6	2
20 „ 25 „ ..	..	3	3	2	..	..	..	1	1	2	4	8
25 „ 30 „ ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	4	5
30 „ 35 „ ..	3	3	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	7	4
35 „ 40 „ ..	..	3	4	2	1	4	..	..	..	2	5	11
40 „ 45 „ ..	2	3	2	1	3	..	2	3	4	..	13	7
45 „ 50 „ ..	6	2	3	1	3	4	2	1	2	2	16	10
50 „ 55 „ ..	5	4	1	3	4	1	3	4	3	1	16	13
55 „ 60 „ ..	5	5	5	4	..	5	..	1	3	4	13	19
60 „ 65 „ ..	11	7	5	1	4	1	4	3	3	1	27	13
65 years and over ..	35	28	11	12	20	22	18	22	17	15	101	99
Totals ..	88	72	41	31	51	49	45	44	54	37	279	233

\* Excluding Gisborne; returns not yet to hand.

The deaths of 200 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of July, 1921, as against 197 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	2	1	2	3	..	1	..	..	4	7
66	1	1	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	4	3
67	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	2	6
68	3	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	6	4
69	3	1	1	..	1	..	2	1	3	..	10	2
70	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	1	2	3	6
71	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	4
72	1	3	..	1	1	1	2	..	1	1	5	6
73	2	1	..	2	..	3	..	..	1	..	3	6
74	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	1	1	2	5
75	6	2	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	8	5
76	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	3
77	1	1	1	..	3	2	1	2	..	1	6	6
78	..	3	1	..	1	3	2	2	1	1	5	9
79	2	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	5	3
80	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	5	2
81	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	1
82	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	3
83	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	3
84	2	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	2	1	7	3
85	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	..
86	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	5	3
87	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
88	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	1
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1
90	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	2
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
94	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
97	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Totals ..	35	28	11	12	20	22	18	22	17	15	101	99

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