

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

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.			
Auckland City .. .. .	1.03			
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.91			
Wellington City .. .. .	0.93			
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.89			
Christchurch City .. .. .	1.16			
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.02			
Dunedin City .. .. .	1.25			
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.20			

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

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Compared with August, 1918, 1919, and 1920, the results are—				
Auckland Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.23	1.17	1.22	0.91
Wellington Metropolitan Area .. .. .	0.91	0.93	1.11	0.89
Christchurch Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.41	0.97	1.33	1.02
Dunedin Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1.50	1.24	1.36	1.20

The total births registered for the four metropolitan areas amounted to 760, as against 715 in July—an increase of 45. The deaths in August were 435—an increase of 14 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 214, females 221. Seventy-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 17.24 per cent. of the whole number. Fifty-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 August, 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	12	10	10	9	9	5	8	16	11	52	50
5 and under 10 years ..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	2	3
10 " 15 " ..	..	..	3	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	4	4
15 " 20 " ..	1	4	..	..	1	1	..	4	1	..	3	9
20 " 25 " ..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	4	4
25 " 30 " ..	1	..	..	4	..	1	3	1	3	1	7	7
30 " 35 " ..	..	4	1	4	3	3	1	1	2	5	7	17
35 " 40 " ..	2	4	2	1	..	..	3	..	5	3	12	8
40 " 45 " ..	2	6	3	3	6	1	4	..	1	3	16	13
45 " 50 " ..	5	1	6	..	1	..	..	1	4	2	16	4
50 " 55 " ..	4	3	3	2	3	4	..	1	3	3	13	13
55 " 60 " ..	6	1	7	5	5	1	..	1	3	4	21	12
60 " 65 " ..	8	5	2	..	1	5	4	5	2	5	17	20
65 years and over ..	29	32	13	14	26	22	15	27	37	14	120	109
Totals ..	71	73	51	45	56	51	36	52	80	52	294	273

The deaths of 229 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of August, 1921, as against 200 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	..	1	..	1	1	2	..	7	3
66	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	1
67	1	2	..	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	6	2
68	2	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	1	2	6	4
69	1	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	4	4
70	..	2	..	1	1	4	..	2	1	..	2	9
71	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	3	1	..	4	5
72	..	2	2	1	2	..	1	..	..	2	5	5
73	2	1	1	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	5	5
74	1	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	6	1	9	3
75	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	1	3	7
76	1	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	4	4
77	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	5	1	9	3
78	2	3	..	..	..	1	3	3	2	2	7	9
79	1	2	..	1	1	3	..	2	..	2	2	10
80	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	2
81	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	2	2	1	6	4
82	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	4
83	2	..	..	..	2	4	1	..	..	..	5	4
84	2	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	1	..	4	3
85	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	2	..	6	1
86	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	1	1	4	4
87	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
88	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	3	1
89	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1
90	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	3
91	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3
92	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	2	2
94	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
98	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	29	32	13	14	26	22	15	27	37	14	120	109