

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

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0.97	
Auckland Urban Area	0.85	
Wellington City	0.89	
Wellington Urban Area	0.90	
Christchurch City	1.01	
Christchurch Urban Area	0.91	
Dunedin City	0.84	
Dunedin Urban Area	0.82	

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

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

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Auckland Urban Area	1.26	1.08	1.07	0.85
Wellington Urban Area	0.94	0.70	1.05	0.90
Christchurch Urban Area	1.07	1.05	1.17	0.91
Dunedin Urban Area	1.35	1.15	1.28	0.82

The total births registered for the four principal urban areas amounted to 750, as against 760 in August—a decrease of 10. The deaths in September were 386—a decrease of 49 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 218, females 168. Forty-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12.18 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 thirteen urban areas during the month of September, 1921 :—

Age-group.	URBAN AREAS.										Total.	
	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Others.		Males.	Females.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
Under 5 years ..	7	8	11	3	10	3	5	..	13	7	47	21
5 and under 10 years ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	4	3
10 " 15 " ..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	5
15 " 20 " ..	1	..	..	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	6
20 " 25 " ..	3	1	..	2	4	4	..	2	2	1	9	10
25 " 30 " ..	1	4	2	4	..	..	..	1	1	3	4	12
30 " 35 " ..	4	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	6	5
35 " 40 " ..	6	2	4	3	3	5	2	2	3	4	18	16
40 " 45 " ..	2	6	7	3	3	..	1	..	1	2	14	11
45 " 50 " ..	4	4	4	2	1	3	4	..	3	..	16	9
50 " 55 " ..	3	5	5	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	12	14
55 " 60 " ..	3	3	4	2	2	5	3	3	..	2	12	15
60 " 65 " ..	8	5	7	..	1	2	..	3	7	2	23	12
65 years and over ..	30	19	17	7	21	19	16	13	32	18	116	76
Totals ..	74	60	64	33	48	48	32	27	72	49	290	217

The deaths of 199 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the thirteen urban areas during the month of September, 1921, as against 229 in the previous month. The following table shows the classification :—

Age.	URBAN AREAS.										Total.	
	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Others.		Males.	Females.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
65	3	3	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	5	6
66	3	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	2	1	9	2
67	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	6	..
68	3	1	2	..	2	1	..	1	2	1	9	4
69	1	1	..	1	3	..	2	2	3	1	9	5
70	2	..	1	..	2	..	4	..	..	2	9	2
71	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	1	1	4	2
72	1	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	5	2
73	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	5
74	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	1
75	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	2
76	..	..	2	..	3	1	2	1	2	1	9	3
77	2	2	1	..	2	2	..	..	2	1	7	5
78	1	3	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	6
79	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	1
80	2	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	4	4
81	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	2
82	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	4	5
83	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	1	7	2
84	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3
85	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	4	4
86	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	3	1	4	4
87	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	3	1
88	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	1
90	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
92	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	3
93	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	1
94	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Totals ..	30	19	17	7	21	19	16	13	37	20	121	78