

Dealing with the four principal urban 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 | 0.84 | |
| Auckland Urban Area | 0.77 | |
| Wellington City | 0.73 | |
| Wellington Urban Area | 0.68 | |
| Christchurch City | 0.79 | |
| Christchurch Urban Area | 0.78 | |
| Dunedin City | 0.86 | |
| Dunedin Urban Area | 0.72 | |

Including the suburban portions, Christchurch is the highest and Wellington the lowest. Compared with the corresponding month of the four preceding years, the results are—

| | 1918. | 1919. | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Auckland Urban Area | 0.85 | 0.71 | 0.72 | 0.74 | 0.77 |
| Wellington Urban Area | 0.59 | 1.74 | 1.13 | 0.67 | 0.68 |
| Christchurch Urban Area | 0.99 | 0.87 | 0.72 | 0.70 | 0.78 |
| Dunedin Urban Area | 0.87 | 0.92 | 0.93 | 0.90 | 0.72 |

The total births registered for the four principal urban areas amounted to 818, as against 793 in December—an increase of 25. The deaths in January were 328—a decrease of 29 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 176, females 152. Thirty-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 10.67 per cent. of the whole number. Twenty-three of these were under one year of age.

The following table shows the deaths in various age-groups occurring in the fifteen urban areas during the month of January, 1922:—

| 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 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 29 | 24 |
| 5 and under 10 years | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 10 " 15 " | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| 15 " 20 " | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | 2 | 6 | 5 |
| 20 " 25 " | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| 25 " 30 " | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 3 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| 30 " 35 " | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 8 | 6 |
| 35 " 40 " | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | .. | .. | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| 40 " 45 " | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | .. | 14 | 6 |
| 45 " 50 " | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| 50 " 55 " | 8 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 14 |
| 55 " 60 " | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 | .. | .. | 5 | 3 | 16 | 15 |
| 60 " 65 " | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 5 | .. | 4 | 2 | 20 | 17 |
| 65 years and over | 26 | 23 | 10 | 17 | 13 | 16 | 20 | 7 | 17 | 15 | 86 | 78 |
| Totals | 65 | 56 | 37 | 36 | 37 | 45 | 37 | 15 | 48 | 45 | 224 | 197 |

The deaths of 164 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the fifteen urban areas during the month of January, 1922. 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 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | 3 |
| 66 | 1 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 5 | 3 |
| 67 | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| 68 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| 69 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 1 |
| 70 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 71 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 2 |
| 72 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 73 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| 74 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 3 |
| 75 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | 1 |
| 76 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 77 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 78 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | 2 |
| 79 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 3 |
| 80 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| 81 | 2 | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 5 | 5 |
| 82 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 2 |
| 83 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| 84 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| 85 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 86 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 87 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 88 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| 89 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 2 |
| 90 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| 91 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 92 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 94 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 96 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Total | 26 | 23 | 10 | 17 | 13 | 16 | 20 | 7 | 17 | 15 | 86 | 78 |