

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	0.82	
Auckland Urban Area	0.78	0.65
Wellington City	0.82	0.68
Wellington Urban Area	0.53	0.69
Christchurch City	0.53	0.51
Christchurch Urban Area		
Dunedin City		
Dunedin Urban Area		

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

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
Auckland Urban Area	0.64	0.64	0.73	0.75	0.65
Wellington Urban Area	0.83	0.92	0.68	0.86	0.68
Christchurch Urban Area	0.60	0.61	0.69	0.72	0.69
Dunedin Urban Area	0.74	0.74	0.87	0.57	0.51

The total births registered for the four principal urban areas amounted to 739, as against 818 in January—a decrease of 79. The deaths in February were 285—a decrease of 43 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 151, females 134. Thirty-six of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 12.46 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty 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 February, 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 ..	4	7	8	4	8	3	2	..	8	5	30	19
5 and under 10 years ..	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	8	4
10 " 15 " ..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	2
15 " 20 " ..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	2	3
20 " 25 " ..	1	2	1	2	1	1	..	1	1	2	4	8
25 " 30 " ..	1	1	2	3	1	1	..	1	4	2	8	8
30 " 35 " ..	5	3	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	9	8
35 " 40 " ..	2	2	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	6	4
40 " 45 " ..	3	4	4	3	1	..	3	..	3	1	14	8
45 " 50 " ..	3	6	..	1	2	1	2	1	1	..	8	9
50 " 55 " ..	7	..	3	1	3	3	2	3	4	5	19	12
55 " 60 " ..	2	1	4	2	..	6	..	1	1	3	7	13
60 " 65 " ..	5	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	4	6	16	15
65 years and over ..	21	15	7	10	11	20	10	6	24	24	73	75
Totals ..	56	46	42	31	31	42	22	15	56	54	207	188

The deaths of 148 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the fifteen urban areas during the month of February, 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	2	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	4	4	6
66	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	1
67	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2
68	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	2	2
69	2	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	4	2
70	..	3	2	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	3	7
71	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..
72	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	5
73	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	3
74	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	2	2	5
75	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	1
76	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4
77	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	1	3	4
78	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	6	1
79	2	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	2	4	4
80	..	1	..	1	1	3	..	..	1	..	5	2
81	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	1	3	3
82	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	3	5
83	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	2	2	5	4
84	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	4	3	6
85	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
86	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	3
87	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1
88	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1
89	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
90	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	3	..
93	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
94	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Total ..	21	15	7	10	11	20	10	6	24	24	73	75