

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

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0.75	
Auckland Urban Area	0.81	
Wellington City	0.69	
Wellington Urban Area	0.64	
Christchurch City	0.75	
Christchurch Urban Area	0.73	
Dunedin City	0.84	
Dunedin Urban Area	0.82	

Including the suburban portions, Dunedin 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	0.70	0.96	0.88	0.71	0.81
Wellington Urban Area	0.69	0.63	0.58	0.67	0.64
Christchurch Urban Area	0.70	0.86	0.74	0.61	0.73
Dunedin Urban Area	1.05	0.77	0.68	0.60	0.82

The total births registered for the four principal urban areas amounted to 663, as against 835 in March—a decrease of 172. The deaths in April were 333—a decrease of 1 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 181, females 153. Fifty-six of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 16.82 per cent. of the whole number. Forty-four 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 April, 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 ..	9	10	4	5	13	6	5	4	6	6	37	31
5 and under 10 years ..	..	3	..	..	1	2	1	4	1	..	3	9
10 " 15 " ..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	3	3
15 " 20 " ..	1	2	2	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	5	5
20 " 25 " ..	3	4	..	1	..	2	1	..	1	1	5	8
25 " 30 " ..	3	..	..	2	2	1	2	2	..	2	7	7
30 " 35 " ..	4	3	4	5	2	1	..	2	2	3	12	14
35 " 40 " ..	3	1	1	2	1	1	..	2	..	2	5	8
40 " 45 " ..	3	3	4	..	2	..	4	4	1	1	13	8
45 " 50 " ..	6	2	1	..	3	1	1	1	3	..	14	4
50 " 55 " ..	3	2	3	1	3	1	2	2	3	2	14	8
55 " 60 " ..	3	5	4	2	3	1	2	1	4	1	16	10
60 " 65 " ..	7	1	5	2	1	1	1	2	4	3	18	9
65 years and over ..	25	21	9	11	16	11	9	8	24	19	83	70
Totals ..	70	58	38	31	48	29	24	35	55	41	235	194

The deaths of 153 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the fifteen urban areas during the month of April, 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	3	1	..	1	1	1	5	5
66 ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2
67 ..	1	3	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	4	4
68 ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
69 ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	3
70 ..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	4	2
71 ..	4	3	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	7	5
72 ..	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	2
73 ..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	3	1	5	4
74 ..	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	3
75 ..	1	1	1	..	2	..	2	..	1	4	7	5
76 ..	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	4	3
77 ..	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	4	4
78 ..	2	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	3	5
79 ..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
80 ..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	2	4
81 ..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	3	3
82 ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	1
83 ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	2
84 ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1
85 ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
86 ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1
87 ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	1	3	2
88 ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
89 ..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	5	2
90 ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
91 ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
92 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
94 ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
96 ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Total ..	25	21	9	11	16	11	9	8	24	19	83	70