

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	0.91	
Auckland Urban Area		0.93
Wellington City	0.62	
Wellington Urban Area		0.60
Christchurch City	0.98	
Christchurch Urban Area		0.90
Dunedin City	0.88	
Dunedin Urban Area		0.76

Including the suburban portions, Auckland 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	0.72	0.94	1.00	0.87	0.93
Wellington Urban Area	0.86	0.92	0.87	0.69	0.60
Christchurch Urban Area	0.74	0.83	1.11	0.77	0.90
Dunedin Urban Area	0.98	0.92	1.11	0.65	0.76

The total births registered for the four principal urban areas amounted to 809, as against 663 in April—an increase of 146. The deaths in May were 362—an increase of 29 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 177, females 185. Forty-four of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 15.44 per cent. of the whole number. Thirty-two 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 May, 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	14	6	4	5	1	2	4	16	6	37	29
5 and under 10 years ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	3
10 " 15 " ..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	4
15 " 20 " ..	..	3	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	1	5	5
20 " 25 " ..	3	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	4	4
25 " 30 " ..	1	2	..	1	1	1	3	3	..	2	5	9
30 " 35 " ..	1	3	1	1	..	2	..	1	5	3	7	10
35 " 40 " ..	3	2	..	1	4	2	1	3	4	1	12	9
40 " 45 " ..	4	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	9	9
45 " 50 " ..	4	4	1	2	3	2	..	1	4	4	12	13
50 " 55 " ..	7	3	2	3	3	4	3	2	2	4	17	16
55 " 60 " ..	7	6	3	2	3	6	1	..	6	2	20	16
60 " 65 " ..	2	9	3	1	5	3	1	1	1	5	12	19
65 years and over ..	27	27	15	14	21	20	12	12	17	22	92	95
Totals ..	69	78	32	33	49	46	27	28	59	56	236	241

The deaths of 187 persons of 65 years and upwards were registered for the fifteen urban areas during the month of May, 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	..	1	..	2	2	5
66	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	4
67	3	1	2	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	6	5
68	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
69	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	3	2	5
70	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	2
71	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
72	2	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	4	5
73	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	1	5	4
74	2	2	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	1	5	5
75	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	6	6
76	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	1	2	7
77	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	4
78	3	2	2	..	1	2	1	..	1	1	8	5
79	..	3	..	..	2	2	1	1	1	..	4	6
80	1	2	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	3	5
81	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	4	2
82	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	4	2	8	4
83	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	3	2
84	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	2	2
85	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	4	2
86	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	1	2	1	3	6
87	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	2
88	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	3
89	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
90	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
92	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
95	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
96	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total ..	27	27	15	14	21	20	12	12	17	22	92	95