

Other detailed trends, as disclosed by the register of live cases, are as follows :

Table 28—Disposition of Registered Cases, All Forms, Both Races, by Years, at 31st December, 1944-48

Year.	Supervised in Institutions.			Supervised Outside Institutions.				Total under Supervision.
	In Hospital.	In Sanatoria.	Total.	In Home.	Huts.	Boarding-house and Nomadic.	Total.	
1944 ..	1,114	661	1,775	5,308	182	466	5,956	7,731
1945 ..	1,116	706	1,822	6,535	181	539	7,255	9,077
1946 ..	1,055	688	1,743	7,067	207	600	7,874	9,617
1947 ..	1,072	648	1,720	7,403	163	535	8,101	9,821
1948 ..	1,023	630	1,653	7,635	196	513	8,344	9,997

It will be noted that since 1944 there has been a progressive decrease in the number being supervised in institutions and a greater increase in the number being supervised outside institutions. There is still insufficient institutional accommodation to cater for more than approximately 50 per cent. of the active cases and insufficient to cater for the extra number of cases found each year requiring institutional care. The reduction in institutional supervision has been forced largely through the necessity to close a number of beds because of shortage of staff.

Patients being supervised in huts, all of whom are Maoris, show an increase, but the increase is no more than the increase which has taken place in the number of Maoris on the register.

The nomadic and boardinghouse group, however, shows a further pleasing decrease. The co-operation of other State Departments in this connection is appreciated.

Table 29—Classification of Registered Cases, All Forms, Both Races, by Years, at 31st December, 1944-48

Year.	Classified.						Classification Unknown.
	Active.			Inactive.			
	Deteriorating and Stationary (a).	Improving (b).	Totals, (a) and (b).	Quiescent and Arrested (c).	Apparently Cured (d).	Totals, (c) and (d).	
1944 ..	1,445	1,321	2,766	2,374	381	2,755	2,201
1945 ..	1,068	1,253	2,321	3,654	488	4,142	2,614
1946 ..	1,293	2,011	3,304	4,610	645	5,255	1,058
1947 ..	1,296	1,965	3,261	4,762	705	5,467	1,093
1948 ..	1,422	1,904	3,326	5,094	762	5,856	815

The figures over the last five years do not show any reduction in the number of "active" cases, and, in fact, indicate a slight rise, comparable to the accretion to the register. However, there has been a further appreciable rise in the number of cases which are classified as "improving," indicating that, in spite of the loss of institutional beds, the control being exercised outside institutions is assisting materially in controlling the spread of infection from "active" cases. The increased number of cases classified with disease apparently cured should be noted.