

DEATHS FROM CANCER, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, AND 1905.—TABLE showing the Number of Deaths of Males and Females from Cancer during the Years 1901 to 1905, classified according to the Part of the Body affected.

Part affected.	1901.		1902.		1903.		1904.		1905.	
	Number of Deaths.	Proportion of Specified.	Number of Deaths.	Proportion of Specified.	Number of Deaths.	Proportion of Specified.	Number of Deaths.	Proportion of Specified.	Number of Deaths.	Proportion of Specified.
<i>Males.</i>										
Mouth, lip, tongue, throat, neck, &c.	60	24·69	63	24·14	99	33·56	99	32·46	79	26·69
Stomach ...	97	39·92	112	42·91	96	32·54	107	35·08	107	36·15
Intestines, rectum ...	32	13·17	32	12·26	35	11·87	34	11·15	29	9·80
Liver ...	37	15·23	38	14·56	35	11·87	42	13·77	49	16·55
Kidneys, bladder, urethra, &c.	13	5·35	12	4·60	17	5·76	13	4·26	25	8·45
Leg, foot, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	4	1·35	7	2·30	4	1·35
Lung ...	4	1·64	4	1·53	9	3·05	3	0·98	3	1·01
	243	100·00	261	100·00	295	100·00	305	100·00	296	100·00
Not specified ...	22	...	35	...	30	...	18	...	17	...
Totals ...	265	...	296	...	325	...	323	...	313	...
<i>Females.</i>										
Mouth, tongue, throat, &c. ...	6	2·77	16	7·44	21	9·05	12	5·17	19	8·09
Breast ...	38	17·51	33	15·35	33	14·23	25	10·78	38	16·17
Stomach ...	61	28·11	43	20·00	51	21·98	55	23·71	51	21·70
Intestines, rectum ...	19	8·76	33	15·35	28	12·07	32	13·79	34	14·47
Kidneys, bladder ...	2	0·92	8	3·72	5	2·16	4	1·72	7	2·98
Ovary, uterus, vagina ...	55	25·35	44	20·46	48	20·69	58	25·00	49	20·85
Liver ...	29	13·36	33	15·35	38	16·38	35	15·09	27	11·49
Gall-bladder, spleen, pancreas...	2	0·92	3	1·40	4	1·72	1	0·43	4	1·70
Lung, spine, thigh, shoulder ...	5	2·30	2	0·93	4	1·72	10	4·31	6	2·55
	217	100·00	215	100·00	232	100·00	232	100·00	235	100·00
Not specified ...	33	...	25	...	25	...	16	...	18	...
Totals ...	250	...	240	...	257	...	248	...	253	...

Considering the numbers of persons dying at the different age-periods, the following table of ten years' results shows the age of 30 years to be the time of life at which deaths from cancer begin to be numerous (it is really 35 for males and 30 for females). The maximum of deaths is reached at the period 60 to 65 for males, and 55 to 60 for females. These remarks are given without reference to the numbers of persons living at the various ages.

Deaths from cancer, it will be observed, are very rare among children under 5 years, and not frequent in those above that age.

DEATHS FROM CANCER.—DECENNIAL RETURN.—TABLE showing the Number of Persons (Males and Females) at Different Ages registered as having died from Cancer in New Zealand during the Ten Years 1896 to 1905.

Year.	Under 1 Year.				Total under 1 Year.	1 to 2.	2 to 3.	3 to 4.	4 to 5.	Total under 5 Years.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards.	Total 5 Years and over.	All Ages.								
	Under 1 Month.	1 to 3 Months.	3 to 6 Months.	6 to 12 Months.																																
1896				
1897	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1898		
1899		
1900	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1901	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1902
1903	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1904	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1905

The number of deaths of persons from cancer in each provincial district are given in another table, according to age-groups, but the result merely shows the disease to be one found everywhere throughout the colony—at least, there is no sufficient evidence of climatic conditions affecting the mortality to a great extent in any particular part of the country.