

Ages.					Males.	Females.	Total.
50 years and under	55 years	..	..	..	258	137	395
55	60	..	..	..	237	173	410
60	65	..	..	..	284	207	491
65	70	..	..	..	464	254	718
70	75	..	..	..	515	260	775
75	80	..	..	..	415	264	679
80	85	..	..	..	241	130	371
85	90	..	..	..	115	86	201
90	95	..	..	..	22	30	52
95	100	..	..	..	7	15	22
100 years	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Totals					5,324	3,719	9,043

The average age at death of persons of either sex, in each of the ten years 1899–1908, was as follows:—

	Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.
1899	37.73 years.	33.54 years.	1904	41.47 years.	38.44 years.
1900	40.31 "	36.14 "	1905	43.03 "	39.13 "
1901	41.64 "	37.68 "	1906	44.39 "	39.35 "
1902	41.07 "	34.88 "	1907	40.43 "	36.66 "
1903	39.56 "	35.43 "	1908	42.50 "	39.14 "

Deaths and Death-rates of the Four Principal Cities and their Suburbs.

The total number of deaths registered for the four centres in 1908 was 2,643—viz., 2,143 in the cities, and 500 in the suburbs.

By including the suburbs the death-rate for last year is lowered at all of the four centres. The rates for the year are,—

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Mean Population.
Auckland City	12.43
" and seven suburban boroughs	10.41
Wellington City	9.18
" and three suburban boroughs	9.10
Christchurch City	9.70
" and three suburban boroughs	9.52
Dunedin City	11.93
" and six suburban boroughs	10.50

If the deaths for the cities, including suburban boroughs, be compared for five years, the figures are as below. It will be observed that the rates for 1908 are substantially lower than those for 1907, which last were, however, unusually high.

	Deaths per 1,000 of Population.				
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.
Auckland (including suburbs)	10.20	10.52	9.90	11.43	10.41
Wellington "	10.43	10.21	9.19	11.28	9.10
Christchurch "	10.44	10.89	11.25	14.37	9.52
Dunedin "	11.82	10.12	11.35	12.02	10.50

If the number of deaths of infants under one year be excluded, the mortality among the rest of the population is found to have been for 1907 and 1908 in the following ratio to the 1,000 living:—

	1907.	1908.
Auckland (including suburbs)	8.76	8.07
Wellington "	8.06	6.83
Christchurch "	10.52	7.66
Dunedin "	9.60	8.66

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Subjoined is a classified statement of the deaths of infants under one year during 1908, with the ratio of the deaths in each class to the 1,000 births during the year:—

Year.	Sex.	Under 1 Month.	1 and under 3 Months.	3 and under 6 Months.	6 and under 12 Months.	Total under 12 months.
<i>Number of Deaths.</i>						
1908	Male	477	134	205	191	1,007
	Female	333	108	142	171	754
<i>Deaths to the 1,000 Births.</i>						
1908	Male	35.68	10.02	15.33	14.29	75.32
	Female	26.49	8.59	11.30	13.60	59.98