

Besides advantages of climate, New Zealand possesses a population younger in age-constitution than that of most other countries—conditions favourable to a low rate of mortality. Another table is given comparing death-rates at twelve age-periods for 1909 with those of England and Wales. Here the extremely low rate of mortality among children under five years of age is remarkable, and the difference at some of the groups at the more advanced ages is considerable. The New Zealand rate for males is higher than that for females at all groups excepting 15–20, 20–25, and 25–30; while for England and Wales the female rate is greater than that for males at 10–15 years, and is lower in every other instance.

Death-rate per 1,000 Persons living, according to Sex, for the Year 1911, compared with England and Wales.

Ages.	Deaths per 1,000 Persons living.			
	New Zealand.		England and Wales.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Under 5 years	18·30	14·89	47·32	40·14
5 years and under 10 years	2·04	1·73	3·46	3·37
10 15	1·75	1·19	2·04	2·07
15 20	2·05	2·32	3·04	2·72
20 25	2·73	3·18	3·85	3·21
25 30	3·29	4·40	4·46	3·73
30 35	4·52	4·21	5·53	4·56
35 40	5·62	4·63	7·11	5·90
40 45	7·33	5·27	9·27	7·41
45 50	8·90	7·28	12·49	9·86
50 55	13·71	9·76	17·41	13·24
55 60	17·01	14·94	24·56	19·09
60 65	26·39	21·51	36·07	27·73
65 70	46·19	31·99	52·09	39·47
70 75	62·86	52·49	80·90	66·72
75 80	99·01	90·58	119·64	99·53
80 85	162·40	137·50	171·99	151·58
85 and upwards	282·01	226·19	270·69	232·68
All ages	10·46	8·21	15·58	13·67

Index of Mortality in New Zealand for 1913.

Ages.	Estimated Mean Population.	Number of Deaths.	Death-rate per 1,000.	Percentage of Population of Sweden, 1890 (Standard).	Index of Mortality in New Zealand per 1,000.
Under 1 year	25,827	1,653	64·00	2·55	1·63
1 and under 20 years	402,634	971	2·41	39·80	0·96
20 and under 40 years	385,234	1,550	4·02	26·96	1·08
40 and under 60 years	179,885	1,821	10·12	19·23	1·95
60 years and upwards	75,064	4,124	54·94	11·46	6·30
Totals	1,068,644	10,119	9·47	100·00	11·92

A similar calculation for the States of the Australian Commonwealth has been made for 1912. The results, when compared with the actual rates, exhibit to what degree the age-constitution of the population affects the death-rate. The figures for New Zealand are also given.

	Year 1912.	
	Index.	Actual.
New South Wales	13·63	10·86
Victoria	14·94	12·23
Queensland	13·91	10·96
South Australia	12·76	10·28
Western Australia	14·55	11·06
Tasmania	13·69	10·73
New Zealand	11·27	8·87

Comparative Death-rate for the Period 1904 to 1913.

Country.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
New Zealand	9·57	9·27	9·31	10·95	9·57	9·22	9·71	9·39	8·87	9·47
Queensland	10·06	10·40	9·50	10·31	10·26	9·70	9·71	10·65	10·96	10·39
New South Wales	10·67	10·18	9·95	10·63	10·20	9·89	9·89	10·37	10·86	10·89
Victoria	11·97	12·17	12·55	11·86	12·71	11·45	11·49	11·45	12·23	11·11
South Australia*	10·46	10·45	10·71	10·30	10·26	9·82	10·21	9·82	10·28	10·82
Western Australia	12·04	10·98	12·12	11·47	11·17	10·27	10·11	10·19	11·06	9·34
Tasmania	10·79	10·00	10·91	10·81	11·36	9·68	11·10	10·13	10·73	10·87

* Excluding the Northern Territory.