

It is unfortunate that owing to parts of what will in all probability ultimately become Greater Auckland being still in the embryonic stage of local government nominally as Road Boards, general statistics for purposes of comparison are only available for Auckland City and the Boroughs of Birkenhead, Devonport, Grey Lynn, Mount Eden, Newmarket, and Parnell. The periods covered in compiling general vital statistics are for the calendar year. For infectious diseases the period still commences on the 1st April, the beginning of the departmental year.

The populations upon which the year's statistics are treated are:—

Auckland City (mean of 1907)	41,916
Auckland with the surrounding boroughs	70,068
The population of Greater Auckland by the census of 1906 was ...	82,101

Birth-rate.

The births in Auckland City were	1,242
In Auckland and suburban boroughs (Road Boards not included) ...	1,924
	Per 1,000 of Mean Population.
Auckland City	29·63
Auckland and suburban boroughs	27·46

The satisfactory increase in the birth-rate referred to in three previous reports as to Auckland District is thus maintained.

It is again observed that both the birth and death rates and the infantile-death rate are greater within the city than in the surrounding boroughs, the increase as to the two last factors being proportional to the aggregation of population per acre. Deaths occurring in hospital are omitted except where deceased previously resided in the city or suburban boroughs.

Death-rate.

	Per 1,000 of Mean Population.
Auckland City	13·38
Auckland and suburban boroughs	11·43

The increase during the last year is due to the prevalence of epidemic diseases such as enteric fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria, whooping-cough, measles, and infantile diarrhoea, all of which have been rife in this district.

For the last five years,—

	Auckland City.	Auckland and Suburban Boroughs.
1903	12·97	12·23
1904	11·11	10·20
1905	12·15	10·52
1906	12·51	9·90
1907	13·38	11·43
The deaths in Auckland in 1907-8 were	561	
And in Auckland and suburban boroughs	801	

Infantile Mortality.

In Auckland and suburban boroughs,—

Deaths of infants under one year were	187
Between one year and five years	76
	263

Deaths of children under one year to every 100 births for five years,—

	Auckland City.	Auckland and Suburban Boroughs.
1903	12·08	12·15
1904	6·93	7·01
1905	10·13	9·15
1906	9·92	8·58
1907	10·55	9·72

Slight increase due to infectious or preventable diseases.

Natural Increase of Population.

	Total Births.	Total Deaths.	Natural Increase.	Natural Increase per 1,000 of Mean Population.
Auckland City	1,242	561	681	16·25
Auckland and suburban boroughs	1,924	801	1,123	16·03