

The proportions of deaths of children under one year of age to every 100 births for 1909 and 1910 at the chief centres are,—

	1909.	1910.
Auckland (including suburbs)	6·18	7·90
Wellington "	8·42	8·45
Christchurch "	6·28	6·94
Dunedin "	4·86	7·91

The percentage of deaths of children under 5 to the total number of deaths is—in Dunedin, 22·61; in Christchurch, 20·66; in Auckland, 27·40; in Wellington, 27·02.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

A comparison of the causes of deaths in 1910 and 1909 arranged according to an abridged classification, the percentage of each group to the total deaths, and the proportion per 10,000 persons living, is given in the following table:—

Class.	Number of Deaths.		Proportion to Total Deaths.		Proportion per 10,000 living.	
	1910.	1909.	1910.	1909.	1910.	1909.
I. General diseases	Total. 2,393	Total. 2,187	Per Cent. 24·83	Per Cent. 24·41	24·10	22·50
II. Diseases of the nervous system and of the organs of special sense	1,008	920	10·46	10·27	10·15	9·47
III. Diseases of the circulatory system	1,412	1,369	14·65	15·28	14·22	14·09
IV. Diseases of the respiratory system	911	784	9·45	8·75	9·18	8·07
V. Diseases of the digestive system	1,026	843	10·64	9·41	10·34	8·67
VI. Diseases of the genito-urinary system and adnexa	436	407	4·52	4·54	4·39	4·19
VII. Puerperal condition	117	135	1·21	1·51	1·18	1·39
VIII. Diseases of the skin and of the cellular tissue	33	50	0·34	0·56	0·33	0·51
IX. Diseases of the organs of locomotion	18	25	0·19	0·28	0·18	0·26
X. Malformations	65	64	0·67	0·71	0·65	0·66
XI. Infancy	719	676	7·46	7·55	7·24	6·96
XII. Old-age]	660	556	6·85	6·21	6·66	5·72
XIII. Violence	667	778	6·92	8·68	6·72	8·00
XIV. Ill-defined causes	174	165	1·81	1·84	1·75	1·70
Totals	9,639	8,959	100·00	100·00	97·09	92·19

The next table shows the number of deaths from each principal cause for the five years 1906–10, and the proportion per 10,000 of the population.

Cause.	Number of Deaths.					Proportion of 10,000 of Mean Population.				
	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.
Typhoid fever	48	53	90	55	62	0·54	0·58	0·95	0·57	0·62
Measles	12	101	19	26	1	0·13	1·10	0·20	0·27	0·01
Scarlet fever	18	25	60	26	13	0·20	0·27	0·63	0·27	0·13
Whooping-cough	26	307	42	41	148	0·29	3·34	0·44	0·42	1·49
Influenza	132	223	64	47	141	1·47	2·43	0·68	0·48	1·42
Tuberculosis of the lungs	556	612	607	588	550	6·21	6·66	6·42	6·05	5·54
Other forms of tuberculosis	164	244	232	212	181	1·83	2·65	2·45	2·18	1·82
Cancer	623	674	657	711	742	6·96	7·33	6·95	7·32	7·47
Diabetes	104	87	100	104	123	1·16	0·95	1·06	1·07	1·24
Simple meningitis	138	130	136	131	142	1·54	1·41	1·44	1·35	1·43
Convulsions of children under 5 years of age	106	104	96	131	107	1·18	1·13	1·02	1·35	1·08
Apoplexy	272	330	341	316	389	3·04	3·59	3·61	3·25	3·92
Pneumonia	444	572	453	458	448	4·96	6·22	4·80	4·71	4·51
Gastritis and enteritis	335	518	478	362	457	3·74	5·64	5·06	3·73	4·60
Diarrhoeal diseases	97	314	198	102	164	1·08	3·42	2·20	1·05	1·65
Cirrhosis of liver	44	42	52	47	38	0·49	0·46	0·55	0·48	0·38
Appendicitis	69	86	81	66	98	0·77	0·93	0·86	0·68	0·99
Bright's disease and acute nephritis	241	268	263	261	256	2·69	2·92	2·78	2·69	2·58
Violence, suicide	83	102	103	118	100	0·93	1·11	1·09	1·21	1·01
„ accident	575	611	570	660	567	6·42	6·65	6·03	6·79	5·71
Other causes	4,252	4,663	4,401	4,497	4,912	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	8,339	10,066	9,043	8,959	9,639	93·11	109·52	95·69	92·19	97·09