

TABLE III.—NOTIFICATIONS OF AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, 1918–27.

Year.	Mean Population.	Notifications.	Deaths.	Rates per 10,000 of Mean Population.		Deaths per 100 Notifications.
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1918	1,103,022	1,072	638	9.72	5.78	59.5
1919	1,142,889	984	585	8.61	5.12	59.5
1920	1,192,620	1,305	671	10.94	5.63	51.4
1921	1,223,901	1,207	609	9.86	4.98	50.5
1922	1,251,895	1,129	594	9.02	4.74	52.6
1923	1,274,551	1,002	619	7.86	4.86	61.8
1924	1,298,635	1,072	573	8.25	4.41	53.5
1925	1,329,759	1,247	560	9.38	4.21	44.9
1926	1,352,927	1,318	592	9.74	4.38	44.9
1927	1,374,439	1,343	533	9.77	3.88	39.7

NOTE.—Population and death figures are exclusive of Maoris. Notifications probably include a small number of Maori cases.

Table IV gives the death-rate from non-pulmonary tuberculosis over the same period, and this also shows a steady decline from 2.96 per 10,000 in 1872 to 0.98 in 1927.

TABLE IV.—DEATHS FROM OTHER TUBERCULAR DISEASES, 1872–1927.

Year.	Number of Deaths.	Rate per 10,000 Mean Population.	Year.	Number of Deaths.	Rate per 10,000 Mean Population.
1872	81	2.96	1900	175	2.30
1873	96	3.34	1901	179	2.30
1874	121	3.79	1902	185	2.32
1875	222	6.19	1903	199	2.43
1876	181	4.67	1904	201	2.38
1877	186	4.61	1905	182	2.09
1878	187	4.45	1906	164	1.83
1879	188	4.20	1907	244	2.65
1880	198	4.17	1908	169	1.79
1881	212	4.30	1909	169	1.74
1882	157	3.08	1910	157	1.58
1883	169	3.19	1911	175	1.73
1884	188	3.40	1912	163	1.57
1885	184	3.23	1913	172	1.61
1886	205	3.52	1914	164	1.50
1887	200	3.35	1915	147	1.34
1888	171	2.82	1916	177	1.61
1889	150	2.45	1917	171	1.56
1890	130	2.09	1918	194	1.76
1891	168	2.67	1919	177	1.55
1892	176	2.74	1920	180	1.51
1893	184	2.78	1921	184	1.50
1894	176	2.59	1922	209	1.67
1895	208	3.00	1923	173	1.36
1896	157	2.22	1924	163	1.26
1897	167	2.31	1925	124	0.93
1898	172	2.34	1926	135	1.00
1899	202	2.69	1927	135	0.98

In commenting on these figures the Government Statistician writes: “As regards pulmonary tuberculosis, the figures prior to 1908 are not altogether comparable with those for the years 1908 to 1927, as they did not apparently include deaths certified as being due to ‘tuberculosis’ (not further defined), which have since been treated as due to pulmonary tuberculosis. From 1872 to 1884, inclusive, the general heading ‘Tuberculosis’ included the subheading ‘Hydrocephalus,’ which from 1885 to 1907 was altered to ‘Tubercular meningitis, acute hydrocephalus,’ becoming in 1908 ‘Tubercular meningitis.’ To what extent the headings ‘Hydrocephalus’ and ‘Acute hydrocephalus’ included non-tubercular hydrocephalus it is impossible to say, though deaths from ‘tubercular meningitis, acute hydrocephalus’ in 1907 numbered 115, as against only 83 from ‘tubercular meningitis,’ in 1908. On the other hand, it is possible that up to and including 1884, a number of deaths from tubercular meningitis were included in the subheadings ‘Cephalitis’ and ‘Brain-disease,’ &c. of the heading ‘Diseases of the nervous system.’”

The decline in the death-rate is shown more clearly in Graph A.