

Deaths of Infants under One Year, and Proportion to Births.

Year.	Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age. (Totals for each Year, and Means of 10 Years.)					Total Births registered in each Year, and Mean of 10 Years.	Proportion of Deaths of Infants under 1 Year to every 1,000 Births.
	Under 1 Month.	1 Month and under 3 Months.	3 Months and under 6 Months.	6 Months and under 12 Months.	Total under 12 Months.		
1895	575	333	329	400	1,637	18,546	88·3
1896	566	229	304	340	1,439	18,612	77·3
1897	512	240	269	333	1,354	18,737	72·3
1898	573	289	306	342	1,510	18,955	79·7
1899	619	389	378	420	1,806	18,835	95·9
1900	607	288	293	281	1,469	19,546	75·2
1901	610	272	392	289	1,563	20,491	76·3
1902	665	344	313	390	1,712	20,655	82·9
1903	692	346	367	365	1,770	21,829	81·1
1904	669	260	356	331	1,616	22,766	71·0
Means of ten years	609	299	331	349	1,588	19,897	80·0

NOTE.—The total number of deaths of infants for the period included in the table is 15,876.

Deaths of Children under Five Years, and Proportion to Deaths at all Ages.

Year.	Deaths of Children under 1 to 5 Years of Age. (Totals for each Year, and Means of 10 Years.)						Total Deaths at all Ages for each Year, and Mean of 10 Years.	Deaths under 5 Years : Per Cent. of Mortality at all Ages.
	Under 1 Year.	1 Year and under 2 Years.	2 Years and under 3 Years.	3 Years and under 4 Years.	4 Years and under 5 Years.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.		
1895	1,637	555	102	88	57	2,139	6,863	31·17
1896	1,439	215	59	76	64	1,853	6,432	28·81
1897	1,354	187	84	69	38	1,732	6,595	26·26
1898	1,510	200	91	72	47	1,920	7,244	26·50
1899	1,806	291	111	74	56	2,338	7,680	30·44
1900	1,469	205	93	64	58	1,889	7,200	26·24
1901	1,563	208	185	68	52	1,976	7,634	25·88
1902	1,712	307	118	92	61	2,290	8,375	27·34
1903	1,770	275	126	111	64	2,346	8,528	27·51
1904	1,616	169	83	63	43	1,974	8,087	24·41
Means of ten years	1,588	231	95	78	54	2,046	7,464	27·46

NOTE.—The total number of deaths included in this table of children under 5 years is 20,457.

Although 15,876 infants (under one year) were lost to the colony by death during the decade, and 20,457 children under five, the third table shows much more satisfactory results for this colony than for New South Wales or Victoria in the matter of the preservation of infant life. Dealing with averages of five years, in New Zealand only 82 infants under one year are found to die out of every 1,000 born, against 109 in New South Wales and 105 in Victoria.

Year.	Proportion of Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age to every 1,000 Births.		
	New Zealand.	New South Wales.	Victoria.
1899	95·9	118·7	110·9
1900	75·2	103·3	95·3
1901	76·3	103·7	102·9
1902	82·9	109·7	108·6
1903	81·1	110·4	106·4
Means of five years	82·3	109·2	104·8