

Ninety-seven out of every thousand of male children born, and eighty of every thousand females, are found to have died before attaining the age of one year. The mortality was thus one in ten of male children and one in twelve of females in New Zealand, where conditions are far more favourable to infant life than in Australia, at least so far as relates to the cities. But the year 1907 was exceptionally fatal amongst children, as is exhibited in the further tables on this subject.

It will also be seen from the figures that the chances of living during the first year of age are greater for female than for male infants. Thus, during the year 1907 there were—

100 deaths of males to 81 deaths of females under 1 month of age ;				
100	"	69	"	from 1 to 3 months of age ;
100	"	99	"	from 3 to 6 months of age ;
100	"	85	"	from 6 to 12 months of age ;
100	"	83	"	under 12 months of age.

The rates of infantile mortality—that is, the proportion the death of children under one year of age bear to the births—are higher in the Australian States than in New Zealand.

Dealing with the results for ten years, the deaths of infants under one year are in the large proportion of three-fourths of the total deaths under five, as might be expected, the first year being the tenderest period. (See notes to tables.)

Deaths of Infants under One Year, and Proportion of 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.		
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	1,463	20,491	71·4
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
1905	714	285	290	310	1,599	23,682	67·5
1906	717	247	244	298	1,506	24,252	62·1
1907	763	446	500	519	2,228	25,094	88·79
Means of ten years	663	317	334	354	1,668	21,611	77·18

NOTE.—The total number of deaths of infants for the period included in the table is 16,679.

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.		
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	1,463	208	85	68	52	1,876	7,634	24·57
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
1905	1,599	176	97	61	46	1,979	8,061	24·55
1906	1,506	177	87	58	37	1,865	8,339	22·36
1907	2,228	350	165	94	49	2,886	10,066	28·67
Means of ten years	1,668	236	105	76	51	2,136	8,121	26·30

NOTE.—The total number of deaths included in this table of children under 5 years is 21,363.