

Of the total of 1,018 cases notified during the year, records are available of the age-grouping of 852, of which 515 were in Auckland District and 377 in Wellington District.

TABLE 2.—SHOWING DISTRIBUTION BY AGE-GROUPS, OF 852 CASES OF POLIOMYELITIS, 1916.

						Auckland District.	Wellington District.
Under 5 years	..	..	..	..	..	322	200
5 to 10 years	..	..	..	..	..	84	65
10 to 15 years	..	..	..	..	..	43	27
15 to 20 years	..	..	..	..	..	35	19
20 to 30 years	..	..	..	..	..	23	18
30 to 40 years	..	..	..	..	..	5	7
40 years and over	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	515	377

TABLE 3.—SHOWING DEATHS, BY AGE-GROUPS, FROM POLIOMYELITIS AMONG 852 CASES, 1916.

						Auckland District.	Wellington District.
Under 5 years	..	..	..	..	..	23	20
5 to 10 years	..	..	..	..	..	11	3
10 to 15 years	..	..	..	..	..	5	4
15 to 20 years	..	..	..	..	..	8	9
20 years and over	..	..	..	..	..	6	10
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	53	46

TABLE 4.—ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS, 1924-25: TABLE SHOWING NOTIFICATIONS, BY HEALTH DISTRICTS AND WEEK OF NOTIFICATION.

Week ended	North Auckland.	Central Auckland.	South Auckland.	Coromandel-Opoitiki.	Taranaki-Horowhenua.	Wairarapa-East Cape.	Central Wellington.	Nelson-Marlborough.	West Coast.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
24th November, 1924	1	..	..	1
1st December, 1924	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
8th December, 1924	6	..	..	..	..	..	6
15th December, 1924	2	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	13
22nd December, 1924	2	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	11
29th December, 1924	3	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	12
5th January, 1925..	1	17	..	..	..	1	..	19
12th January, 1925	..	1	7	1	2	1	17	..	..	..	..	..	30
19th January, 1925	..	2	8	1	15	8	26	..	..	..	..	..	60
26th January, 1925	15	4	2	12	9	14	1	..	1	..	58
2nd February, 1925	..	5	24	5	..	22	6	10	4	1	11	..	88
9th February, 1925	..	8	32	2	2	24	8	8	4	1	13	2	104
16th February, 1925	..	7	8	13	1	47	9	10	9	..	33	1	138
23rd February, 1925	..	5	12	2	..	26	7	4	1	..	19	2	79
2nd March, 1925	3	10	4	5	30	3	1	3	3	28	8	98
9th March, 1925	7	6	7	3	21	6	6	6	..	48	8	118
16th March, 1925	3	3	3	..	20	8	3	2	..	24	3	70
23rd March, 1925	4	2	6	4	34	9	2	4	2	33	9	109
30th March, 1925	3	3	11	4	16	14	..	2	..	23	6	82
6th April, 1925	3	2	5	4	12	3	..	1	..	8	9	48
13th April, 1925	3	..	3	..	12	4	1	..	..	7	9	39
20th April, 1925	3	2	2	2	4	1	1	3	1	6	3	28
27th April, 1925	1	1	2	3	3	..	..	..	1	7	1	19
4th May, 1925	3	..	4	1	1	..	..	..	6	2	17
11th May, 1925	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	3	..	13
18th May, 1925	1	..	2	..	1	1	1	..	4	2	..	13
25th May, 1925	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	7	1	13
1st June, 1925	1	..	3	2	1	..	2	5	..	14
8th June, 1925	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	7
15th June, 1925	1	4	1	6
22nd June, 1925	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	5
29th June, 1925	1	..	1

The year 1917 showed an incidence above the average, but the disease remained sporadic until 1920, when 76 cases occurred, widely distributed, 28 of the cases being in Auckland. In 1921 a minor epidemic was experienced. Of the 267 cases notified, the North Island, with approximately double the population of the South Island, was responsible for 132. The increased incidence the following year was mainly in the North Island. Only a few cases were notified between 1922 and December, 1924, when the second major epidemic commenced.