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West Coast Region

Population/ Dwellings

Number of people counted

Total population

- 31,326 people usually live in West Coast Region. This is an increase of 1,026 people, or 3.4 percent, since the 2001 Census.
- Its population ranks 16th in size out of the 16 regions in New Zealand.
- West Coast Region has 0.8 percent of New Zealand's population.

Population of West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census

	Region/City/District	New Zealand
Male	15,912	1,965,618
Female	15,417	2,062,329
Total	31,326	4,027,947

Māori ethnic population

- 2,916 Māori usually live in West Coast Region, an increase of 369 people, or 14.5 percent, since the 2001 Census.
- Its Māori population ranks 16th in size out of the 16 regions in New Zealand.
- 0.5 percent of New Zealand's Māori population usually live in West Coast Region.

Māori Population of West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census

	Region/City/District	New Zealand
Male	1,461	274,860
Female	1,455	290,469
Total	2,916	565,326

Note: The Māori ethnic population is the count for people of the Māori ethnic group. It includes those people who stated Māori as being either their sole ethnic group or one of several ethnic groups.

Number of dwellings counted

- There are 13,020 occupied dwellings and 2,313 unoccupied dwellings in West Coast Region.
- For New Zealand as a whole, there are 1,478,709 occupied dwellings and 159,276 unoccupied dwellings.
- There are 144 dwellings under construction in West Coast Region, compared with 13,557 under construction throughout New Zealand.

Dwellings in West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census

Dwelling status	Region/City/District	New Zealand
Occupied		
Private dwelling	12,768	1,471,746
Non-private dwelling	249	6,963
Total	13,020	1,478,709
Unoccupied	2,313	159,276
Under construction	144	13,557
Total	15,477	1,651,542

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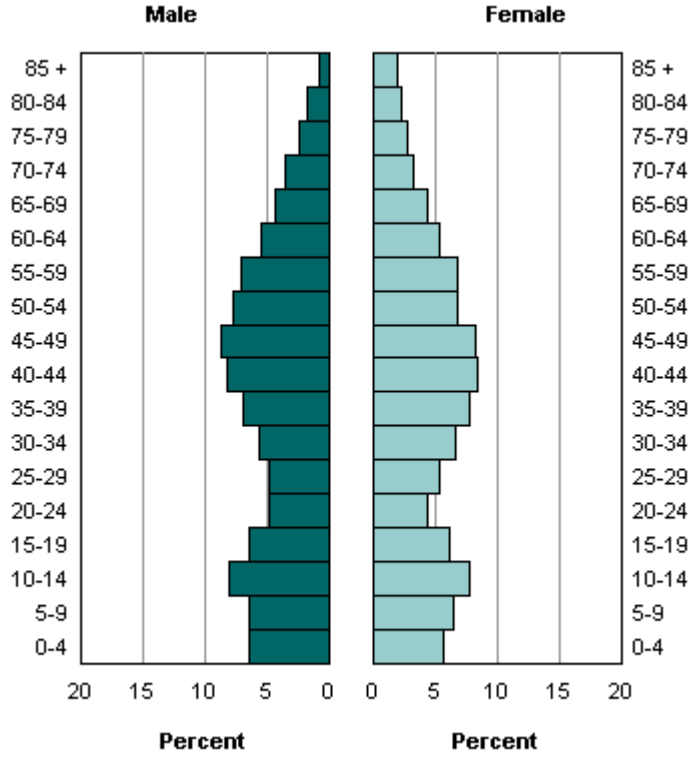
West Coast Region

Age & sex

Total population

- The median age (half are younger, and half older, than this age) is 40.2 years for people in West Coast Region. For New Zealand as a whole, the median age is 35.9 years.
- 13.8 percent of people in West Coast Region are aged 65 years and over, compared with 12.3 percent of the total New Zealand population.
- 20.4 percent of people are aged under 15 years in West Coast Region, compared with 21.5 percent for all of New Zealand.

Total Population (Age group and sex)
West Coast Region, 2006 Census



Total Population (Age group and sex)
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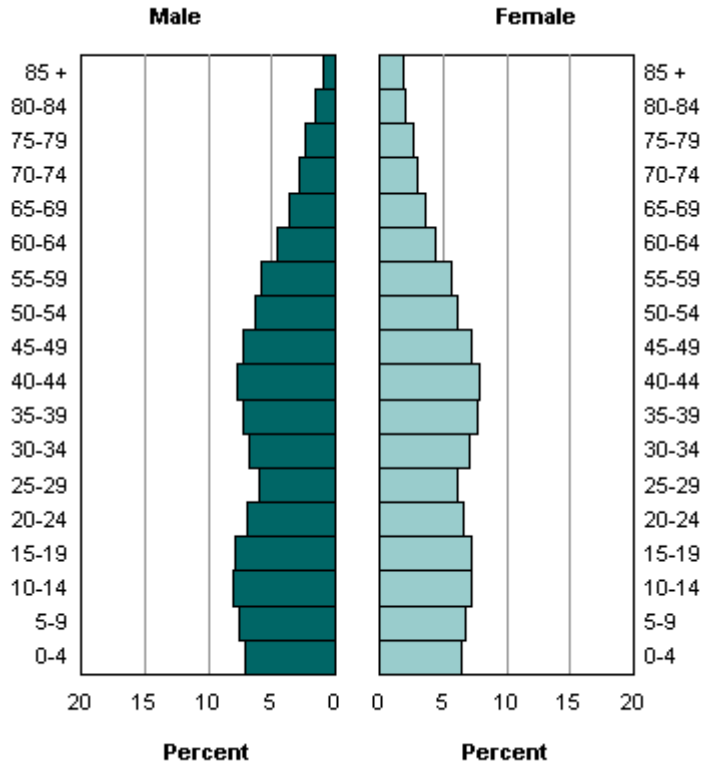


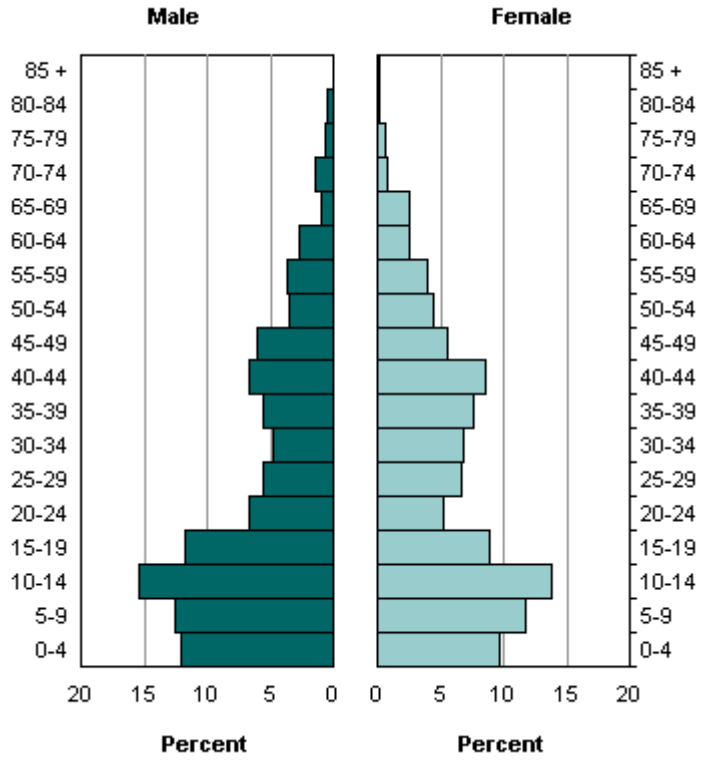
Māori ethnic population

An error was found in the calculation for median age for the Māori ethnic group population in this publication. The median age figure for this group replaces the figure previously published on 28 September 2007.

- The median age of Māori (half are younger, and half older, than this age) is 21.7 years in West Coast Region, compared with a median of 22.7 years for all Māori in New Zealand.
- 4.1 percent of Māori are aged 65 years and over in West Coast Region, compared with 4.1 percent of New Zealand's Māori population.
- 37.6 percent of Māori in West Coast Region are aged under 15 years, compared with 35.4 percent for all Māori in New Zealand.

Māori Population (Age group and sex)

West Coast Region, 2006 Census



Māori Population (Age group and sex)

New Zealand, 2006 Census

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West Coast Region

Cultural diversity

Ethnic groups, birthplace and languages spoken

Ethnic groups

- 79.6 percent of people in West Coast Region belong to the European ethnic group, compared with 67.6 percent for New Zealand as a whole.
- 9.7 percent of people in West Coast Region belong to the Māori ethnic group, compared with 14.6 percent for all of New Zealand.

Ethnic Groups in West Coast Region, 2006 Census

	Male (%)	Female (%)
European	78.9	80.3
Māori	9.4	9.6
Pacific peoples	1.0	0.9
Asian	1.0	1.5
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	0.2	0.2
Other ethnicity		
New Zealander	17.2	16.1
Other ethnicity–other	0.0	0.0
Total	17.3	16.1

Ethnic Groups in New Zealand, 2006 Census

	Male (%)	Female (%)
European	66.7	68.4
Māori	14.6	14.7
Pacific peoples	7.0	6.8
Asian	9.0	9.4
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	1.0	0.8
Other ethnicity		
New Zealander	11.8	10.4

Other ethnicity–other	0.0	0.0
Total	11.9	10.5

Birthplace

- 9.4 percent of people in West Coast Region were born overseas, compared with 22.9 percent for New Zealand as a whole.
- For people born overseas who are now living in West Coast Region, the most common birthplace was England, and England is the most common birthplace for all of New Zealand.
- 1.5 percent of Māori in West Coast Region were born overseas, compared with 1.6 percent for New Zealand as a whole.

Languages spoken

Total population

- Apart from English, the next most common language spoken in West Coast Region is Māori, which is spoken by 2.0 percent of people. For New Zealand as a whole, the most common language apart from English is Māori, spoken by 4.1 percent of people.
- 92.7 percent of people in West Coast Region speak only one language, compared with 80.5 percent of people for all of New Zealand.

Māori ethnic population

- Apart from English, the next most common language spoken by Māori in West Coast Region is Māori, which is spoken by 12.7 percent of Māori. Excluding English, the most common language spoken by Māori throughout New Zealand is Māori, which is spoken by 23.7 percent.
- 84.7 percent of Māori in West Coast Region speak only one language, compared with 73.4 percent of Māori throughout New Zealand.

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West Coast Region

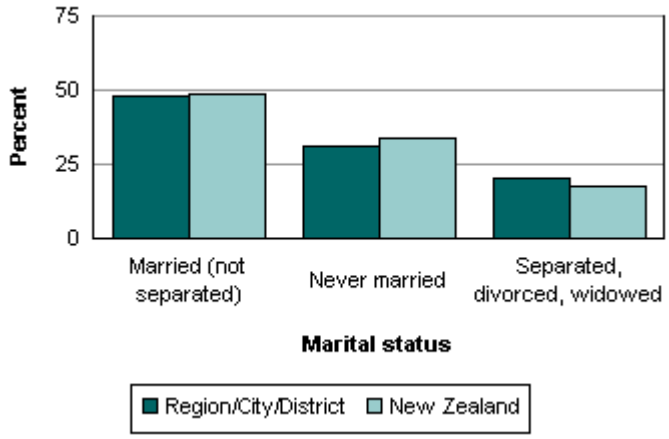
Marital status

Total population aged 15 years and over

- 31.3 percent of people aged 15 years and over living in West Coast Region have never married, 48.3 percent are married, and 20.4 percent are separated, divorced or widowed.
- 35.1 percent of people aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region who have never been married live with a partner.

Marital Status for People Aged 15 Years and Over

West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census



Māori ethnic population aged 15 years and over

- For Māori aged 15 years and over living in West Coast Region, 49.8 percent have never married, 31.9 percent are married, and 18.4 percent are separated, divorced or widowed.
- 36.6 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region who have never been married live with a partner.

Marital Status for Māori Aged 15 Years and Over

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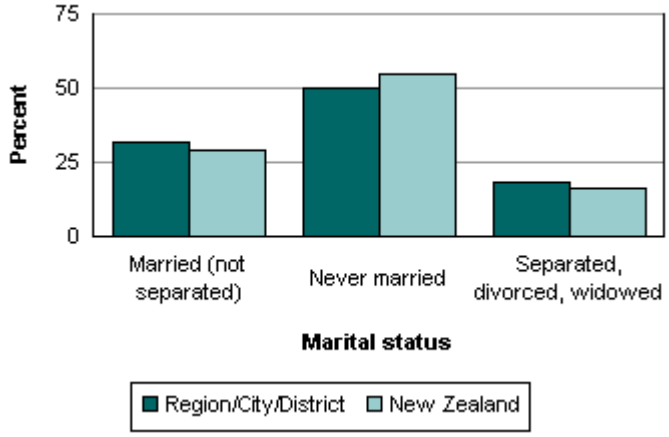

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West Coast Region

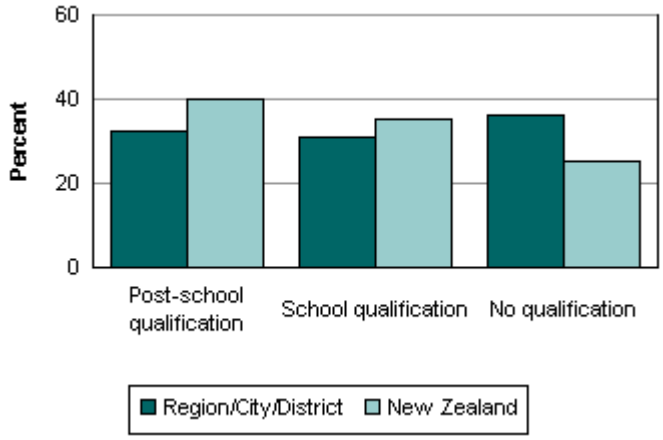
Education

Total population aged 15 years and over

- 32.6 percent of people aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region have a post-school qualification, compared with 39.9 percent of people throughout New Zealand.
- In West Coast Region, 36.3 percent of people aged 15 years and over have no formal qualifications, compared with 25.0 percent for New Zealand as a whole.

Highest Qualification for People Aged 15 Years and Over

West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census

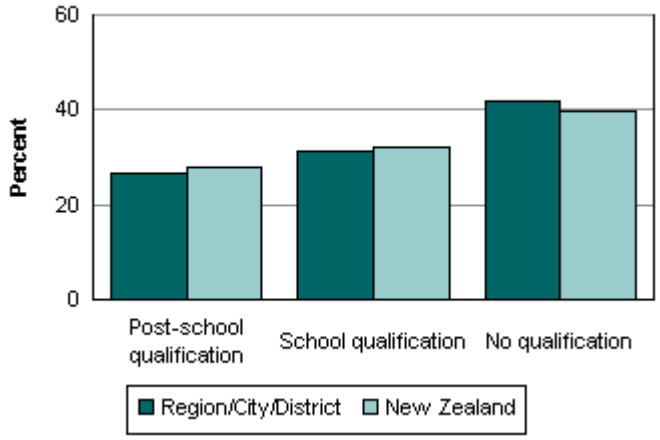


Māori ethnic population aged 15 years and over

- In West Coast Region, 26.7 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over have a post-school qualification, compared with 27.9 percent for Māori throughout New Zealand.
- 42.0 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region have no formal qualifications, compared with 39.9 percent of New Zealand's Māori population.

Highest Qualification for Māori Aged 15 Years and Over

West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census



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West Coast Region

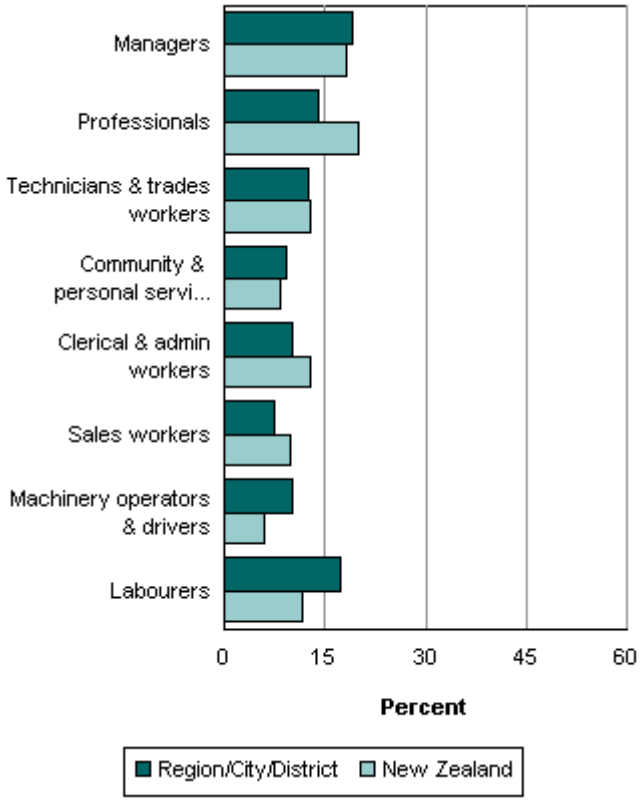
Work

Total population aged 15 years and over

- The unemployment rate in West Coast Region is 3.2 percent for people aged 15 years and over, compared with 5.1 percent for all of New Zealand.
- The most common occupational group in West Coast Region is 'Managers', and 'Professionals' is the most common occupational group in New Zealand.

Occupation(1) for Employed People Aged 15 Years and Over

West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census



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Māori ethnic population aged 15 years and over

- The unemployment rate of Māori aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region is 7.0 percent, compared with 11.0 percent for New Zealand's Māori population.
- The most common occupational group for Māori in West Coast Region is 'Labourers', and 'Labourers' is the most common occupational group for Māori in New Zealand.

Occupation(1) for Employed Māori Aged 15 Years and Over

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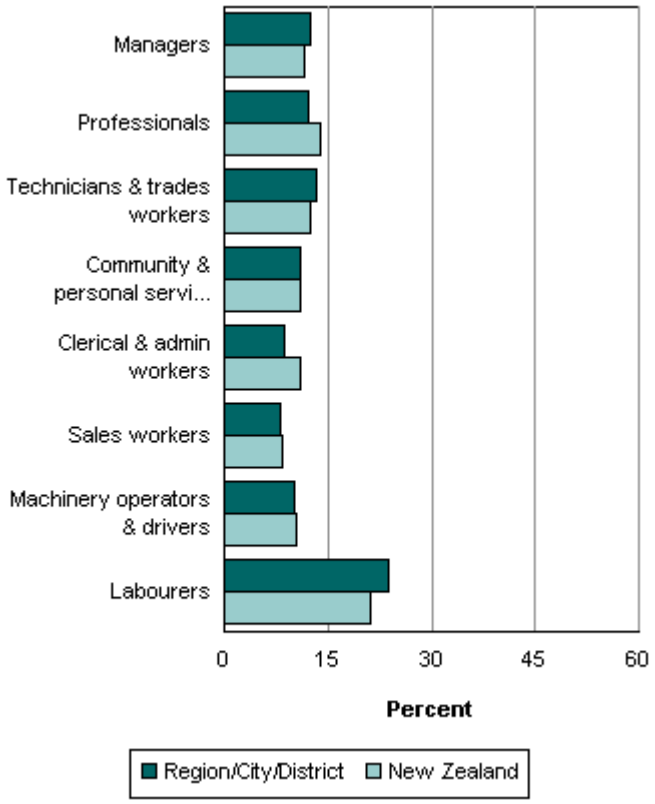

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West Coast Region

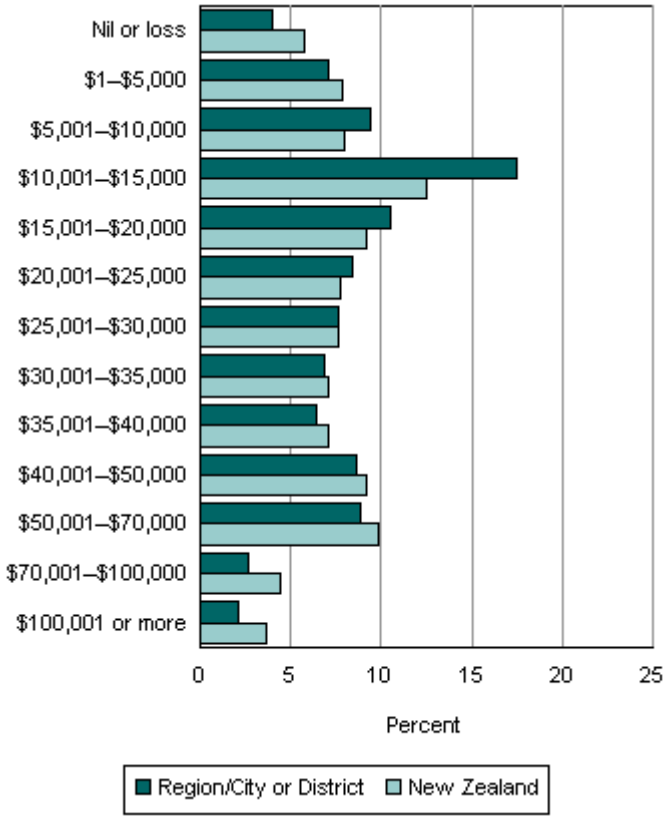
Income

Total population aged 15 years and over

- For people aged 15 years and over, the median income (half earn more, and half less, than this amount) in West Coast Region is $20,400. This compares with a median of $24,400 for all of New Zealand.
- 49.4 percent of people aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region have an annual income of $20,000 or less, compared with 43.2 percent of people for New Zealand as a whole.
- In West Coast Region, 12.8 percent of people aged 15 years and over have an annual income of more than $50,000, compared with 18.0 percent of people throughout New Zealand.

Income for People Aged 15 Years and Over

West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census



Māori ethnic population aged 15 years and over

- For Māori aged 15 years and over, the median income (half earn more, and half less, than this amount) in West Coast Region is $19,100, compared with a median of $20,900 for all Māori in New Zealand.
- In West Coast Region, 52.2 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over have an annual income of $20,000 or less, compared with 48.3 percent of Māori throughout New Zealand.
- 8.1 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region have an annual income of more than $50,000, compared with 10.2 percent of all Māori in Zealand.

Income for Māori Aged 15 Years and Over

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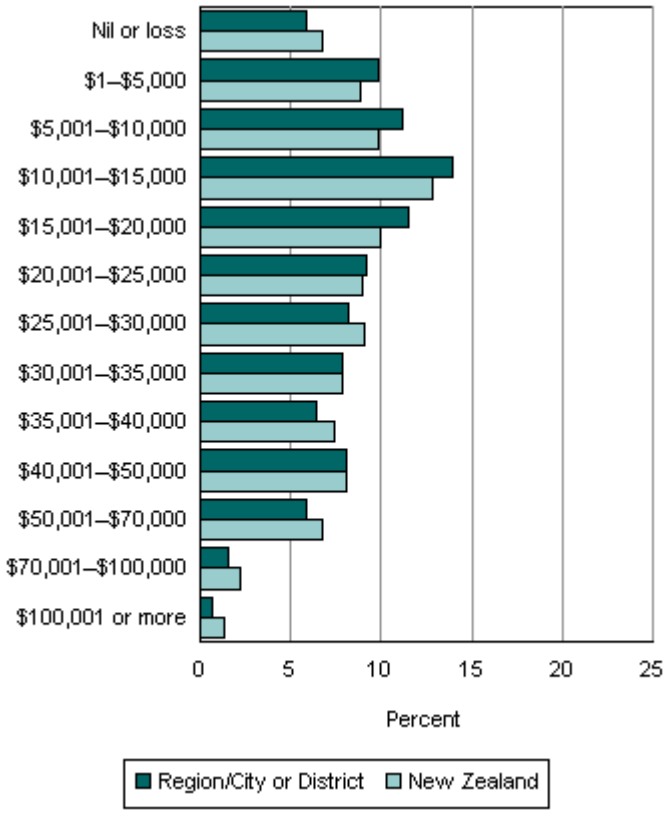

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West Coast Region

Families

- Couples with children make up 38.7 percent of all families in West Coast Region, while couples without children make up 46.0 percent of all families.
- In New Zealand, couples with children make up 42.0 percent of all families, while couples without children make up 39.9 percent of all families.
- 15.4 percent of families in West Coast Region are one-parent-with-children families, compared with 18.1 percent of families for New Zealand as a whole.

Family Types in West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census

Family type	Region/City/District (%)	New Zealand (%)
Couple without child(ren)	46.0	39.9
Couple with child(ren)	38.7	42.0
One parent with child(ren)	15.4	18.1
Total	100.0	100.0

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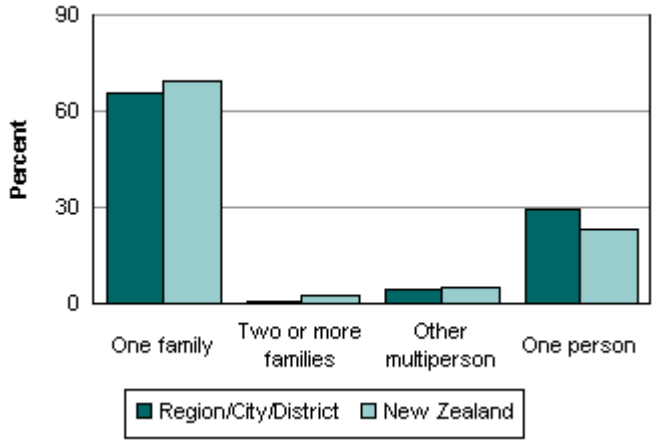
West Coast Region

Households

- One-family households make up 65.7 percent of all households in West Coast Region. For New Zealand as a whole, one-family households make up 69.1 percent of all households.
- 3,597 people (or 29.4 percent) live in one-person households in West Coast Region. Throughout New Zealand, one-person households make up 23.0 percent of all households.
- The average household size in West Coast Region is 2.3 people, compared with an average of 2.7 people for all of New Zealand.

Household Composition, West Coast Region and New Zealand

2006 Census



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West Coast Region

Phones, net & fax

Households

- 49.8 percent of households in West Coast Region have access to the Internet, compared with 60.5 percent of households throughout New Zealand.
- In West Coast Region 62.6 percent of households have access to a cellphone, compared with 74.2 percent of households for New Zealand as a whole.

Household(1) Access to Phones, Internet and Fax Machines in West Coast Region, 2006 Census

	Region/City/District (%)	New Zealand (%)
No access	4.1	2.0
Cellphone	62.6	74.2
Telephone	87.8	91.6
Fax machine	23.2	26.0
Internet	49.8	60.5

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Household[1] Access to Phones, Internet and Fax Machines

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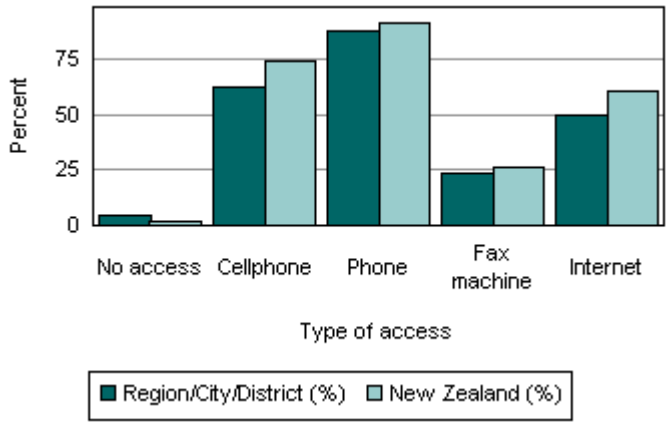

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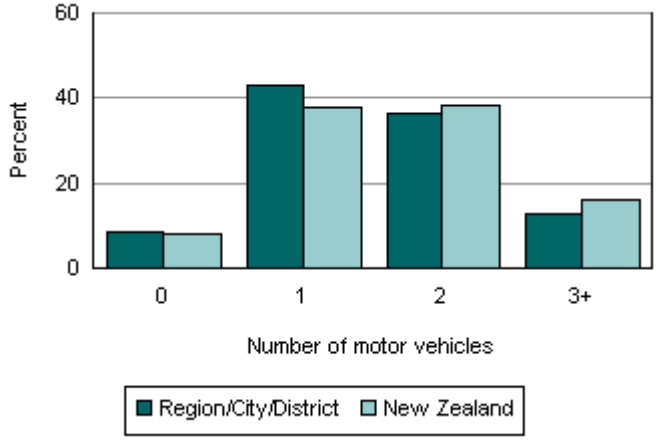
West Coast Region

Transport

Household access to motor vehicles

- 12.6 percent of households in West Coast Region have access to three or more motor vehicles, compared with 15.9 percent of all households in New Zealand.

Household Access to Motor Vehicles
West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census



Main means of travel to work

- Excluding driving a private car, truck or van, the second most common means of travel to work on census day for people in West Coast Region was driving a company car, truck or van. For New Zealand as a whole, the second most common means of travel to work was driving a company car, truck or van.

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West Coast Region

Housing

- In West Coast Region, 61.9 percent of households in private occupied dwellings own the dwelling, with or without a mortgage.
- For New Zealand as a whole, 54.5 percent of households in private occupied dwellings own the dwelling, with or without a mortgage.

Ownership of Dwelling by Household

West Coast Region and New Zealand, 2006 Census

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age	means of heating dwelling
birthplace	means of travel to work
education/qualifications	number of occupants in dwelling
ethnic group	number of motor vehicles
home ownership	number of rooms
hours worked	occupation
income	sex
industry	... and more
languages spoken	

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