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Timaru District

Population/ Dwellings

Number of people counted

Total population

- 42,870 people usually live in Timaru District. This is an increase of 903 people, or 2.2 percent, since the 2001 Census.
- Its population ranks 28th in size out of the 73 districts in New Zealand.
- Timaru District has 1.1 percent of New Zealand's population.

Population of Timaru District and New Zealand, 2006 Census

	Region/City/District	New Zealand
Male	20,814	1,965,618
Female	22,056	2,062,329
Total	42,867	4,027,947

Māori ethnic population

- 2,619 Māori usually live in Timaru District, an increase of 285 people, or 12.2 percent, since the 2001 Census.
- Its Māori population ranks 53rd in size out of the 73 districts in New Zealand.
- 0.5 percent of New Zealand's Māori population usually live in Timaru District.

Māori Population of Timaru District and New Zealand, 2006 Census

	Region/City/District	New Zealand
Male	1,275	274,860
Female	1,341	290,469
Total	2,619	565,329

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 17,688 occupied dwellings and 1,440 unoccupied dwellings in Timaru District.
- For New Zealand as a whole, there are 1,478,709 occupied dwellings and 159,276 unoccupied dwellings.
- There are 117 dwellings under construction in Timaru District, compared with 13,560 under construction throughout New Zealand.

Dwellings in Timaru District and New Zealand, 2006 Census

Dwelling status	Region/City/District	New Zealand
Occupied		
Private dwelling	17,601	1,471,746
Non-private dwelling	90	6,963
Total	17,688	1,478,709
Unoccupied	1,440	159,276
Under construction	117	13,560
Total	19,245	1,651,542

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Timaru District

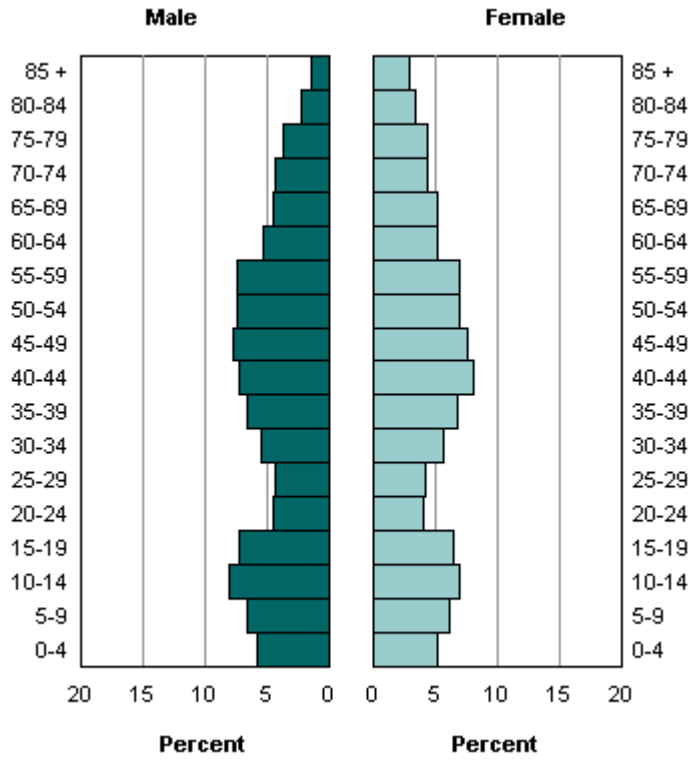
Age & sex

Total population

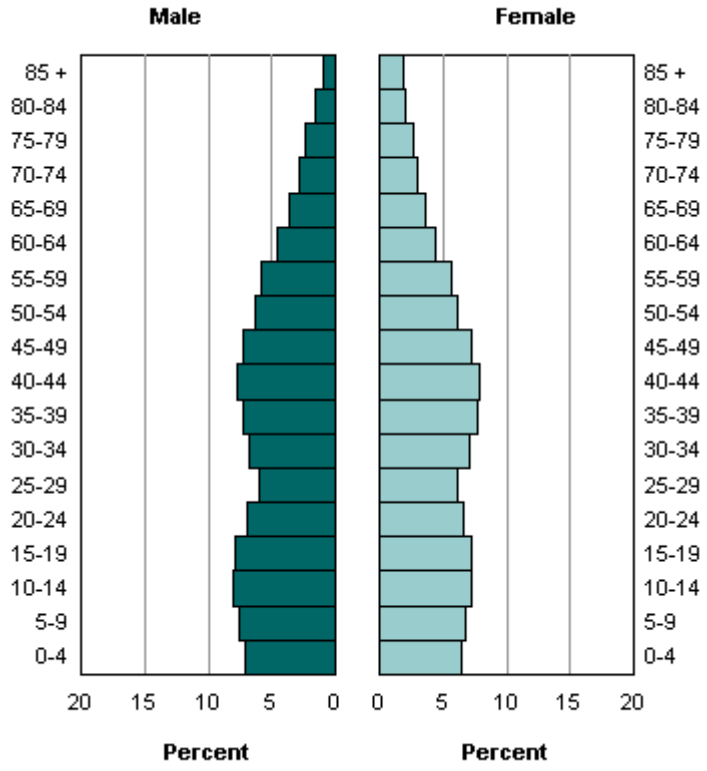
- The median age (half are younger, and half older, than this age) is 42.2 years for people in Timaru District. For New Zealand as a whole, the median age is 35.9 years.
- 18.3 percent of people in Timaru District are aged 65 years and over, compared with 12.3 percent of the total New Zealand population.
- 19.3 percent of people are aged under 15 years in Timaru District, compared with 21.5 percent for all of New Zealand.

An error was found in the calculation for median age for both the total population and the Māori ethnic group population in this publication. The median age figures for these two groups replace those previously published on 28 September 2007.

Total Population (Age group and sex)
Timaru District, 2006 Census



Total Population (Age group and sex)
New Zealand, 2006 Census

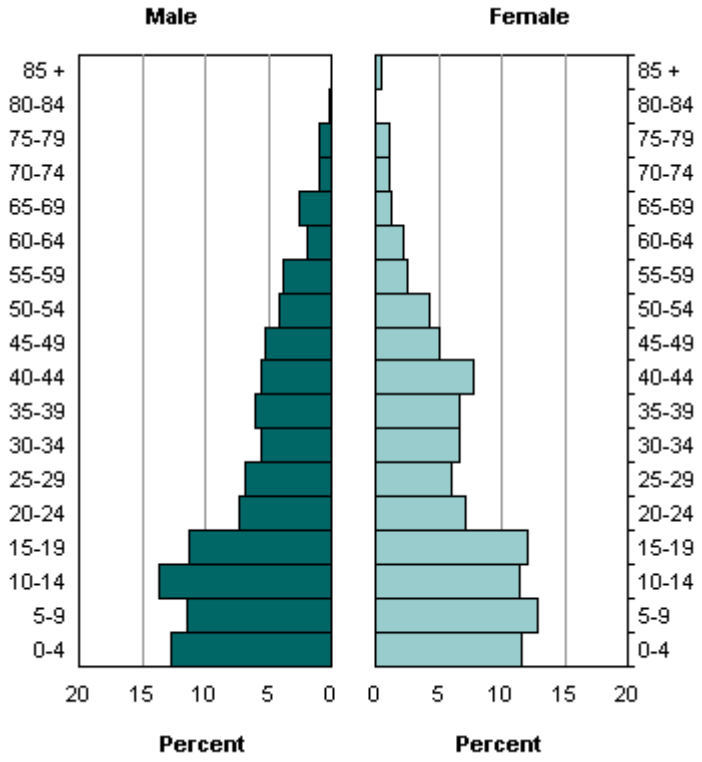


Māori ethnic population

- The median age of Māori (half are younger, and half older, than this age) is 21.3 years in Timaru District, compared with a median of 22.7 years for all Māori in New Zealand.
- 4.4 percent of Māori are aged 65 years and over in Timaru District, compared with 4.1 percent of New Zealand's Māori population.
- 36.8 percent of Māori in Timaru District are aged under 15 years, compared with 35.4 percent for all Māori in New Zealand.

Māori Population (Age group and sex)

Timaru District, 2006 Census



Māori Population (Age group and sex)

New Zealand, 2006 Census

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Timaru District

Cultural diversity

Ethnic groups, birthplace and languages spoken

Ethnic groups

- 81.2 percent of people in Timaru District belong to the European ethnic group, compared with 67.6 percent for New Zealand as a whole.
- 6.2 percent of people in Timaru District belong to the Māori ethnic group, compared with 14.6 percent for all of New Zealand.

Ethnic Groups in Timaru District, 2006 Census

	Male (%)	Female (%)
European	80.0	82.3
Māori	6.3	6.2
Pacific peoples	1.0	0.8
Asian	1.3	1.6
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	0.2	0.2
Other ethnicity		
New Zealander	17.2	15.3
Other ethnicity–other	0.0	0.0
Total	17.2	15.3

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

- 9.7 percent of people in Timaru District were born overseas, compared with 22.9 percent for New Zealand as a whole.
- For people born overseas who are now living in Timaru District, the most common birthplace was England, and England is the most common birthplace for all of New Zealand.
- 1.9 percent of Māori in Timaru District 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 Timaru District is Māori, which is spoken by 1.3 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.
- 93.0 percent of people in Timaru District 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 Timaru District is Māori, which is spoken by 13.5 percent of Māori. Excluding English, the most common language spoken by Māori throughout New Zealand is Māori, which is spoken by 23.7 percent.
- 82.3 percent of Māori in Timaru District speak only one language, compared with 73.4 percent of Māori throughout New Zealand.

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Timaru District

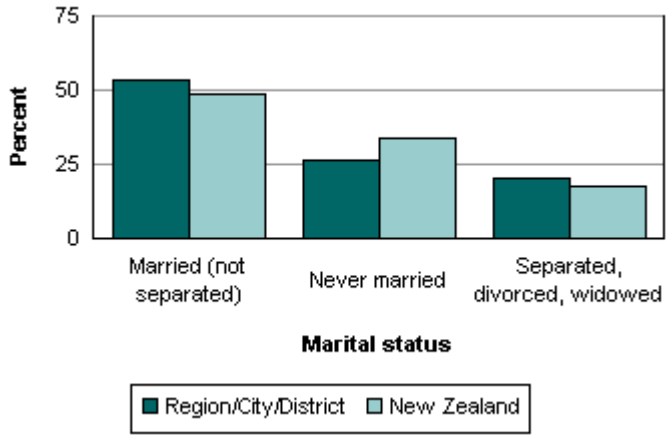
Marital status

Total population aged 15 years and over

- 26.4 percent of people aged 15 years and over living in Timaru District have never married, 53.6 percent are married, and 20.0 percent are separated, divorced or widowed.
- 28.8 percent of people aged 15 years and over in Timaru District who have never been married live with a partner.

Marital Status for People Aged 15 Years and Over

Timaru District and New Zealand, 2006 Census

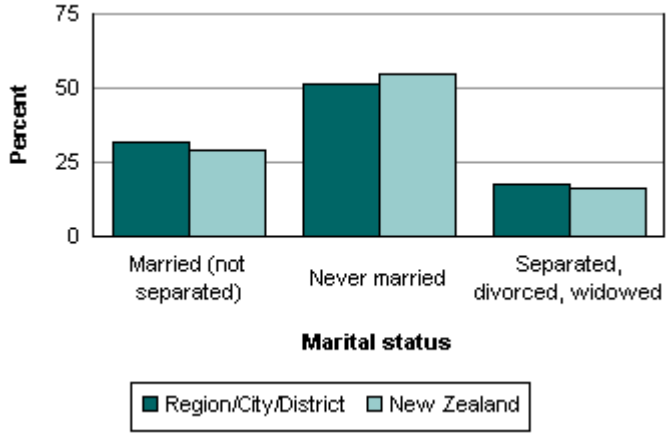


Māori ethnic population aged 15 years and over

- For Māori aged 15 years and over living in Timaru District, 51.1 percent have never married, 31.5 percent are married, and 17.3 percent are separated, divorced or widowed.
- 34.5 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in Timaru District who have never been married live with a partner.

Marital Status for Māori Aged 15 Years and Over

Timaru District and New Zealand, 2006 Census



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Timaru District

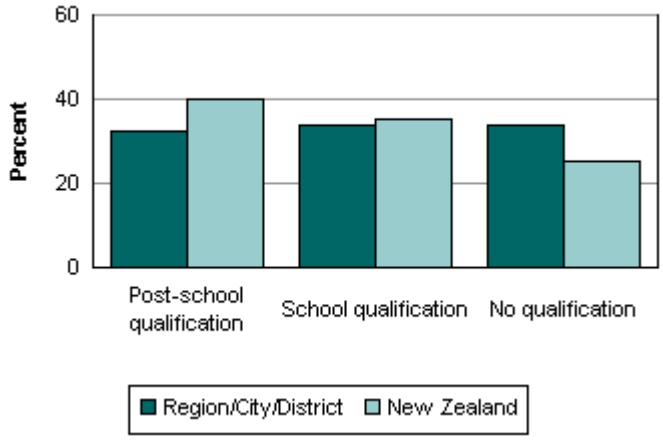
Education

Total population aged 15 years and over

- 32.2 percent of people aged 15 years and over in Timaru District have a post-school qualification, compared with 39.9 percent of people throughout New Zealand.
- In Timaru District, 34 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

Timaru District and New Zealand, 2006 Census



Māori ethnic population aged 15 years and over

- In Timaru District, 25.1 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over have a post-school qualification, compared with 27.9 percent for Māori throughout New Zealand.
- 41.6 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in Timaru District have no formal qualifications, compared with 39.9 percent of New Zealand's Māori population.

Highest Qualification for Māori Aged 15 Years and Over

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Timaru District

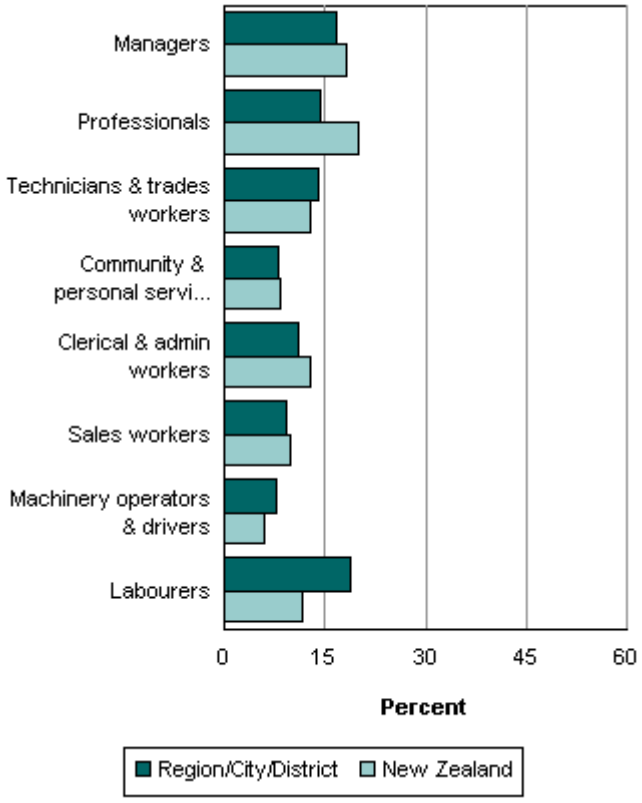
Work

Total population aged 15 years and over

- The unemployment rate in Timaru District is 3.7 percent for people aged 15 years and over, compared with 5.1 percent for all of New Zealand.
- The most common occupational group in Timaru District is 'Labourers', and 'Professionals' is the most common occupational group in New Zealand.

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

Timaru District 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 Timaru District is 9.9 percent, compared with 11.0 percent for New Zealand's Māori population.
- The most common occupational group for Māori in Timaru District 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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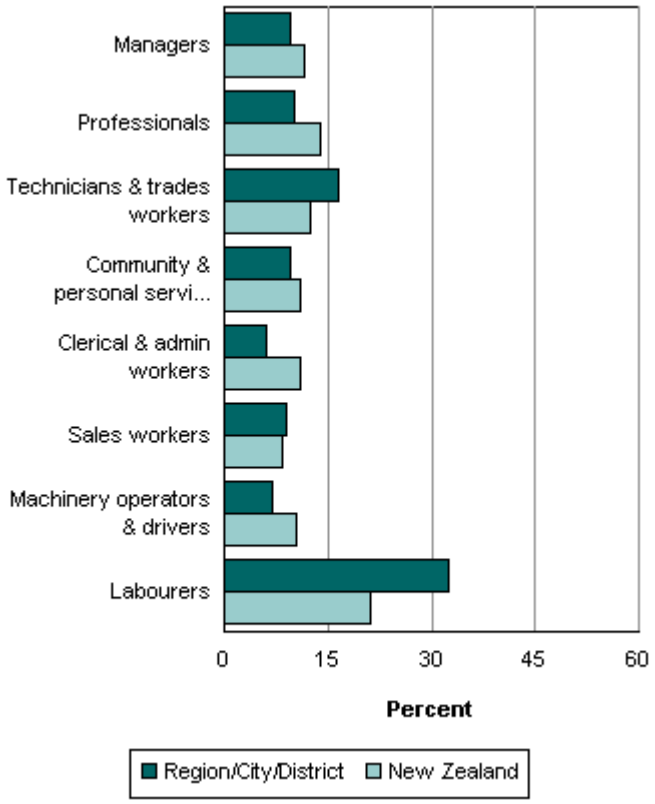

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Timaru District

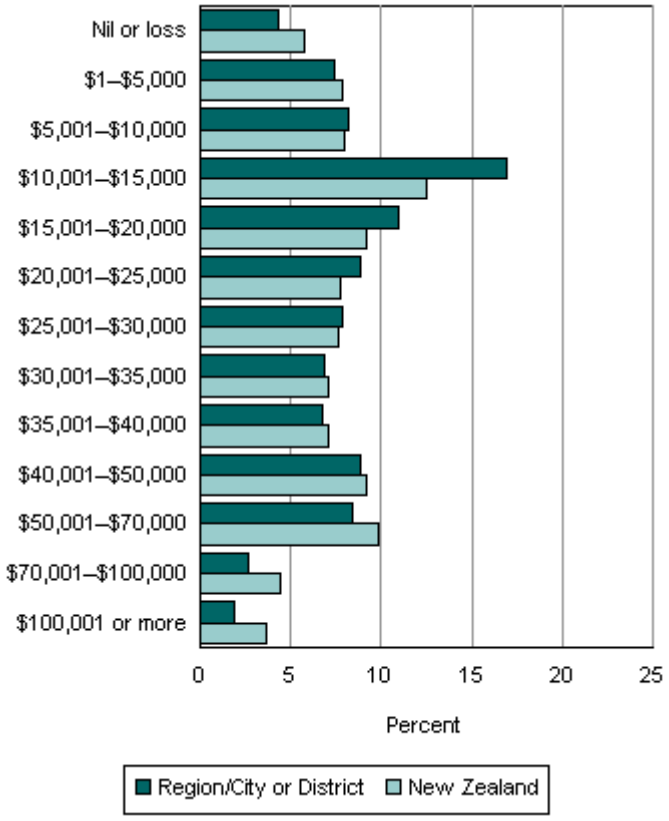
Income

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 Timaru District is $21,200. This compares with a median of $24,400 for all of New Zealand.
- 47.9 percent of people aged 15 years and over in Timaru District have an annual income of $20,000 or less, compared with 43.2 percent of people for New Zealand as a whole.
- In Timaru District, 12.6 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

Timaru District 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 Timaru District is $19,500, compared with a median of $20,900 for all Māori in New Zealand.
- In Timaru District, 50.9 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.
- 8.2 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in Timaru District 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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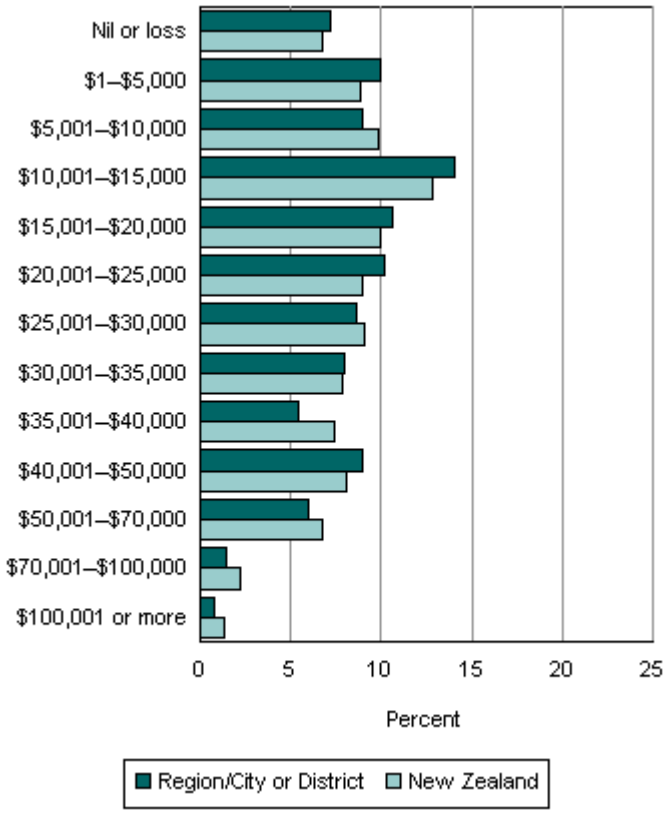

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Timaru District

Families

- Couples with children make up 38.1 percent of all families in Timaru District, while couples without children make up 48.6 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.
- 13.3 percent of families in Timaru District are one-parent-with-children families, compared with 18.1 percent of families for New Zealand as a whole.

Family Types in Timaru District and New Zealand, 2006 Census

Family type	Region/City/District (%)	New Zealand (%)
Couple without child(ren)	48.6	39.9
Couple with child(ren)	38.1	42.0
One parent with child(ren)	13.3	18.1
Total	100.0	100.0

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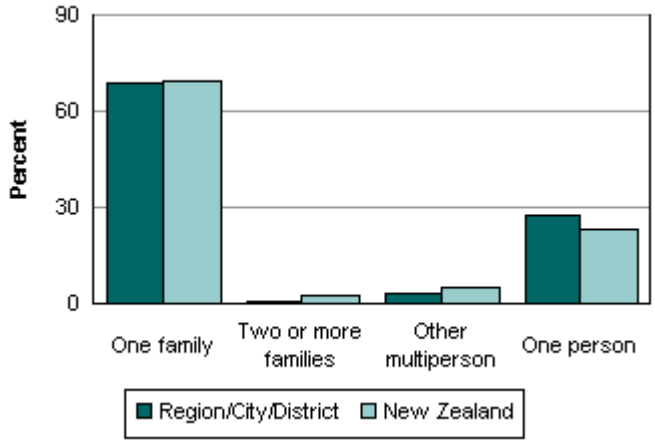
Timaru District

Households

- One-family households make up 68.8 percent of all households in Timaru District. For New Zealand as a whole, one-family households make up 69.1 percent of all households.
- 4,719 people (or 27.2 percent) live in one-person households in Timaru District. Throughout New Zealand, one-person households make up 23.0 percent of all households.
- The average household size in Timaru District is 2.4 people, compared with an average of 2.7 people for all of New Zealand.

Household Composition, Timaru District and New Zealand

2006 Census



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Timaru District

Phones, net & fax

Households

- 54.0 percent of households in Timaru District have access to the Internet, compared with 60.5 percent of households throughout New Zealand.
- In Timaru District 71.5 percent of households have access to a cellphone, compared with 74.2 percent of households for New Zealand as a whole.

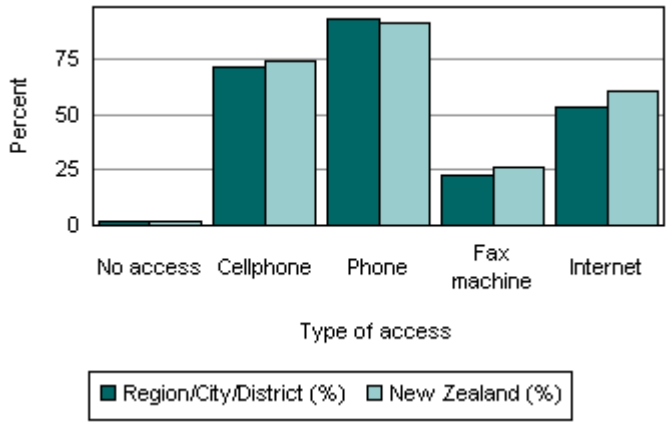
Household(1) Access to Phones, Internet and Fax Machines in Timaru District, 2006 Census

	Region/City/District (%)	New Zealand (%)
No access	1.4	2.0
Cellphone	71.5	74.2
Telephone	93.5	91.6
Fax machine	22.3	26.0
Internet	54.0	60.5

(1) Households can access more than one type of telecommunication device, therefore percentages do not add up to 100.

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

Timaru District and New Zealand, 2006 Census



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Timaru District

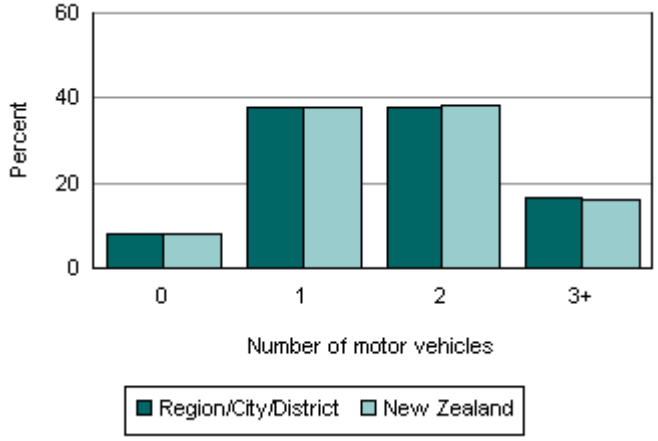
Transport

Household access to motor vehicles

- 16.4 percent of households in Timaru District have access to three or more motor vehicles, compared with 15.9 percent of all households in New Zealand.

Household Access to Motor Vehicles

Timaru District 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 Timaru District 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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Timaru District

Housing

- In Timaru District, 63.8 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

Timaru District 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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