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Need help finding information?

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Food prices

In July 2010 compared with June 2010:

- Food prices rose 1.6 percent.
- Fruit and vegetable prices rose 8.7 percent.
- Grocery food prices rose 1.2 percent.
- Meat, poultry, and fish prices rose 0.5 percent.
- Restaurant meals and ready-to-eat food prices rose 0.3 percent.
- Non-alcoholic beverage prices fell 1.1 percent. From July 2009 to July 2010:

Food prices decreased 1.0 percent; the first time in 10 years that there have been three consecutive annual falls in food prices.

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13 percent increase in international student enrolments

According to the English Language Providers survey, there were 41,798 international students enrolled in English language schools in the year ended March 2010. This is an increase of 4,808 (13.0 percent) from the previous year. On average, more students enrolled in shorter courses during this year than in the previous year. Average length of study dropped to 11 weeks in the March 2010 year, from 12 weeks in the March 2009 year.

Despite the increase in student numbers, spending on tuition and related fees fell \$2.2 million to \$140 million in the March 2010 year. Tuition expenditure per student dropped 12.9 percent in the March

2011 Census classroom resource

The census is the official count of how many people and dwellings there are in New Zealand. Information from the census helps determine how billions of dollars of government funding is spent in the community. The next census will be held on Tuesday, 8 March 2011; everyone who is in New Zealand on census day must fill in a census form.

Statistics New Zealand is producing a 2011 Census Education Resource kit that will help you prepare your class for the 2011 Census. You can download the resource from the Statistics New Zealand website from 20 October 2010.

Did you know that census forms and information about completing your form online will be delivered to your house in the 17 days before census day? Did you know the paper forms will be scanned and stored on an image server? It will take 280 people working two shifts, five days a week to receive and scan the forms and check all the information. Statistics New Zealand estimates that 30 percent of New Zealanders will fill in their census forms online for the 2011 Census.

Test your knowledge about the census with our quick one minute quiz (answers below):

1. The earliest recorded census was held in the Babylonian Empire. When was this?
 - a. 3800BC
 - b. 2000BC
 - c. 500BC
2. How many people lived in New Zealand at the time of the 1901 Census?
 - a. half a million
 - b. 1 million
 - c. 2 million
3. In the 1945 Census, household hot water supply was counted. How many households do you think didn't have hot water?
 - a. 10 percent
 - b. 20 percent
 - c. 25 percent
4. In the 1956 Census, only 31.79% of people in a certain New Zealand region were recorded as having a refrigerator. What region was this?
 - a. Canterbury
 - b. Otago
 - c. Wellington
5. At the time of the 2001 Census, how many New Zealanders were under the age of 15 years?
 - a. almost 5 percent
 - b. almost 15 percent
 - c. almost 25 percent

Answers at the bottom of StatZing! newsletter

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New Zealand population climbs to 4.37 million

The estimated resident population of New Zealand was 4,367,700 at 30 June 2010. The population increased by 51,900 (1.2 percent) in the June 2010 year, which was more than the 46,900 (1.1 percent) increase in the preceding year.

In the June 2010 year both natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) and net migration were higher than the previous year.

"Natural increase was 35,400, up 1,000 from the June 2009 year, accounting for about two-thirds of population growth in the June 2010 year," Population Statistics manager Bridget Hamilton-Seymour said. "Permanent and long-term arrivals exceeded departures by 16,500 in the latest year, compared with a net migration gain of 12,500 in the June 2009 year."

At 30 June 2010, half the male population was over 35.5 years of age, and half of females were over 37.6 years of age. Over the last 10 years, the median age has increased by 2.0 years for males and 2.5 years for females.

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2010 year, compared with an increase of 25.6 percent in the March 2009 year.

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Schools Corner

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www.stats.govt.nz/schoolscorner

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Statistics NZ now on YouTube

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These include:

- a short presentation about Statistics NZ in English and Māori
- tutorials for our data tools – Infoshare, Table Builder, Business Toolbox, and Interactive Boundary Maps
- Using Stats videos – videos targeted at businesses
- OSS Forum 2010 presentations will be added at a later date.

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Quiz answers

1. a
2. b
3. c
4. b
5. c

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