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Population clock

4,405,729

(New Zealand's population at 26 May 2011)

Consumers Price Index

In the March 2011 quarter compared with the December 2010 quarter:

- The consumers price index (CPI) rose 0.8 percent.
- The main upward contribution came from transport (up 2.5 percent), reflecting higher prices for petrol and diesel.
- Cigarette and tobacco prices rose 9.4 percent, influenced by a rise of 11.64 percent in excise duty on 1 January 2011.
- Food prices rose 1.2 percent, with higher prices for grocery food and for meat, poultry, and fish.

To find out more check out the latest release [Consumers Price Index: March 2011 quarter](#).

Interactive games

Don't forget to check out the [Interactive games](#) at

New addition to Schools Corner activity page!

Have a play with the new resource, [Population possibilities – a geography activity outline using Interactive Boundary Maps](#), and pass it on to your geography department.

This resource is designed for geography teachers – specifically those teaching year 11 geography. It includes suggested activities that are intended to form part of a wider focus on population-related understandings.

It is assumed that students will have looked at population processes and statistics, or will be doing this in conjunction with these activities.

Teachers need to be familiar with [Interactive Boundary Maps](#) before using the teaching and learning programme.

Estimates and projections added to Interactive Boundary Maps

View your neighbourhood's estimated and projected population with [Interactive Boundary Maps](#).

The estimated population for 2010 and projected population for 2031 have now been added to the pop-ups for all area units, territorial authorities, and regions in Interactive Boundary Maps. The estimate and projection figures are based on the 2006 Census of Population and Dwellings.

CensusAtSchool is now on!

Register your class for [CensusAtSchools](#) today.

Over 16,000 students have already participated in a nationwide online survey for year 5–13 students. It provides real, relevant data and classroom activities to enhance statistical enquiry across the curriculum. It runs from 2 May to 10 June.

The [2011 Census education resource](#) produced by Statistics NZ is still available on Schools Corner for you to download for your class.

Did you know?

- In 2010, bananas cost \$2.60 per kg. Check out the latest [New Zealand in Profile: 2011](#) about New Zealand's people, economy, and environment.
- In 2010, there were 32.6 million sheep in New Zealand. That's about 7.5 sheep for every person in the country! Check out the latest [Agricultural Production Statistics: June 2010 \(final\)](#).
- In 2010, there were 3,189 businesses in the New Zealand screen industry, up 19 percent from 2009. Find out more about this industry in the [Screen Industry Survey: 2009/10](#).
- In 2010, the use of wireless Internet connections increased and nearly 1 in 10 businesses used fibre to connect to the Internet. Find out more in the [Business Operations Survey: 2010](#).

Schools Corner.

Dorcas Keys, a teacher from Mount Maunganui Intermediate School, has used the interactive games and recommends them.

"My top maths group enjoyed the challenge of going to a higher level in statistics. My middle and bottom groups thoroughly enjoyed the interactive games – it really highlighted having fun while learning! I have passed these on to other teachers to use as part of their statistics unit."
– Dorcas Keys

If you have used the interactive games with your class we would love to hear some feedback. Please email Charlotte Carruthers: education.services@stats.govt.nz

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Schools Corner

For more activities refer to the Schools Corner section of the Statistics New Zealand website: www.stats.govt.nz/schools-corner

Tell us

Tell us about how you have used Statistics New Zealand's resources in the classroom and we will publish your story in our next newsletter.

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Soaring number of New Zealanders aged 85+

The number of New Zealanders aged 85 years and over (85+) has more than trebled in the last 30 years.

"Around 1 out of every 60 New Zealanders was aged 85+ at 31 March 2011, up from almost 1 out of every 150 New Zealanders in 1981," Population Statistics manager Andrea Blackburn said. "Longevity has increased over time, resulting in a greater number of people in the older ages than seen previously."

In 2011 the number of females aged 85+ (47,300) was more than double the number of males aged 85+ (21,500). In comparison, in 1981 the number of females aged 85+ (15,500) was almost triple the number of males (5,800). While the number of both males and females has increased significantly over the 30-year period, the changing proportion reflects male longevity increasing more than female longevity.

More information can be found in [National Population Estimates: March 2011 quarter](#).

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