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Population clock

4,408,714

(New Zealand's population at 26 July 2011)

Consumers price index

In the June 2011 quarter compared with the March 2011 quarter:

- The consumers price index (CPI) rose 1.0 percent.
- The main upward contribution came from transport (up 2.7 percent), reflecting higher prices for petrol and airfares.
- Food prices rose 1.1 percent, with higher prices for grocery food and vegetables.
- Housing and household utility prices rose 0.9 percent, with higher prices for electricity.

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

Interactive games

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

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

Time Use Survey results released

The recently released [Time Use Survey: 2009/10](#) results provide new information on how New Zealanders are spending their time, and who they spend it with.

The survey collected data from two-day time-use diaries, to provide information on how New Zealanders aged 12 years and over spend their time. For example, it revealed how much time people spent sleeping, on childcare, working, watching television or video, eating, socialising, and on sports and hobbies.

In 2009/10, men and women spent 6 hours and 44 minutes a day on paid and unpaid work activities. However, the majority of men's work was paid (63 percent) and the majority of women's work was unpaid (65 percent).

Statistics NZ is releasing more information on the time-use data over the next few months.

Time Use Survey activity

NZ Maths has created the [Time Use Survey activity](#) to accompany the Time Use Survey results released in June.

This unit gives survey experience by providing students with the opportunity to design, collect, and analyse data on how they spend their time.

Specific learning outcomes:

- plan an investigation
- choose and construct appropriate data displays
- discuss features of data displays using mean, median, and mode, and looking at the range
- where appropriate, state implications from their investigation
- look at possible further investigation or improvements to their investigation.

Conduct the survey with your own class and find out what your students do with their time!

Next census to be held in March 2013

Statistics New Zealand has welcomed the Government's decision to hold the [next census in March 2013](#) and has begun work on the project.

The [2011 Census](#), due on 8 March 2011, was called off following the 22 February Christchurch earthquake. It could not have been successfully completed given the national state of emergency and the probable impact on census results.

The Government and Statistics NZ had considered holding the census in March 2012. However, the risk of a census not being able to be run properly, because of the short period before March 2012, was too high.

The exact census date is expected to be announced later this year, after Parliament approves the legislation required to hold a census in 2013.

Happy world population day!

An annual celebration of [world population day](#) was held on 11 July with news that the world's population was expected to hit 7 billion by the end of October 2011.

The youth figures revealed:

- 3 billion people are under the age of 25 years (youth)
- young people make up 43 percent of the world's population
- 60 percent of young people live in the least-developed countries.

Population possibilities

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

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.

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Schools Corner

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For more interesting facts see [World Population to Reach 7 Billion on 31 October](#).

Did you know?

- The seasonal rise in fruit and vegetables prices for June 2011 was influenced by rises for tomatoes, capsicums and cucumber. – [Food Price Index: June 2011](#).
- Births outnumbered deaths by 34,080 in the year to March 2011. Women are now having their children at an older age (30 years is the median) and the average number of children per woman is 2.12. – [Births and Deaths: Year ended March 2011](#).
- There is strong overseas demand for New Zealand logs, especially from China. In the year ended 31 March 2010, more than 21 million cubic metres of exotic timber was harvested – 12 percent higher than in 2009. – [Agricultural Production Statistics: June 2010 \(final\)](#).

Marriage rates drop to a historic low

Recent statistics for [Marriages, Civil Unions, and Divorces: Year ended December 2010](#) showed the marriage rate was 12.5 marriages per 1,000 unmarried adults in 2010.

"There were 20,900 marriages registered to New Zealand residents in the December 2010 year," Population Statistics manager Andrea Blackburn said. "A further 2,200 marriages were registered to overseas residents. The highest number of marriages in any year was in 1971, when 27,200 couples tied the knot."

Statistics NZ estimates that just over one-third (35 percent) of couples who married in 1971 had divorced by 2010.

The statistics show some of the most popular days to get married were:

- Saturday, 20 February was the most popular day for a wedding in 2010, with 600 marriages celebrated.
- Sunday, 10 October, or 10/10/10 was also popular, with 260 marriages compared with an average of 30 on other Sundays in October.

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