



QuickStats National Highlights

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2006 Census

Highlights from the 2006 Census about New Zealand's people and their lives, with simple graphs and tables.

All information is based on the census usually resident population count from New Zealand's 2006 Census of Population and Dwellings, held on 7 March 2006.

Population and dwellings

Total population

- 4,027,947 people usually live in New Zealand. This is an increase of 290,670 people, or 7.8 percent, since the 2001 Census.

Population of New Zealand 2006 Census	
	New Zealand
Male	1,965,618
Female	2,062,329
Total	4,027,947

Māori ethnic population

- 565,329 Māori usually live in New Zealand, an increase of 39,045, or 7.4 percent, since the 2001 Census.

Māori Population of New Zealand 2006 Census	
	New Zealand
Male	274,860
Female	290,469
Total	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

- For New Zealand as a whole, there are 1,478,709 occupied dwellings and 159,276 unoccupied dwellings.
- There are 13,560 dwellings under construction in New Zealand.

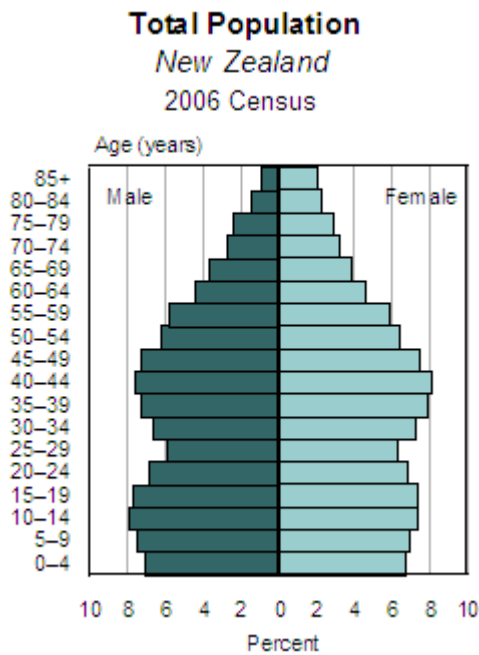
Dwellings in New Zealand 2006 Census	
Dwelling Status	New Zealand
<i>Occupied</i>	
Occupied Private	1,471,746
Occupied Non-private	6,963
Total, Occupied	1,478,709
Unoccupied	159,276
Under Construction	13,560
Total	1,651,542

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Age and sex

Total population

- The median age (half are younger, and half older, than this age) is 35.9 years for people in New Zealand.
- 12.3 percent of people in New Zealand are aged 65 years and over.
- 21.5 percent of people are aged under 15 years in New Zealand.

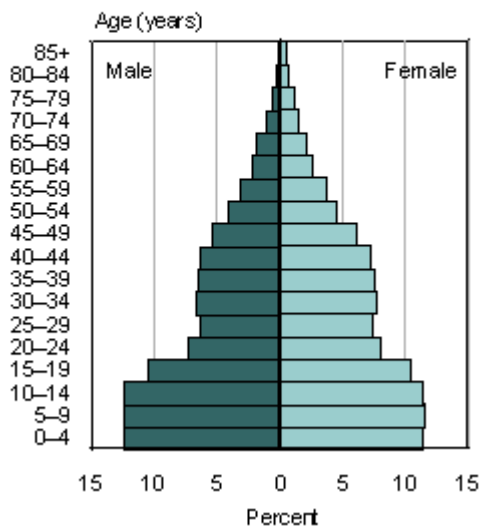


Māori ethnic population

- The median age of Māori (half are younger, and half older, than this age) is 22.7 years in New Zealand.
- 4.1 percent of Māori are aged 65 years and over in New Zealand.
- 35.4 percent of Māori in New Zealand are aged under 15 years.

Māori Population

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This graph replaces the graph published on 6 December 2006.

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Cultural diversity

Ethnic groups, birthplace and languages spoken

Ethnic groups

- 67.6 percent of people in New Zealand belong to the European ethnic group.
- Throughout New Zealand, 14.6 percent of people belong to the Māori ethnic group.

Ethnic Groups(1) in New Zealand <i>2006 Census</i>		
	New Zealand	%
European	2,609,592	67.6
Māori	565,329	14.6
Pacific Peoples	265,974	6.9
Asian	354,552	9.2
Middle Eastern, Latin American & African	34,743	0.9
Other Ethnicity		
New Zealander	429,429	11.1
Other 'Other Ethnicity'	1,491	0.0
Total, Other Ethnicity	430,881	11.2

(1) People can choose to identify with more than one ethnic group, therefore percentages do not add up to 100.

Birthplace

- 22.9 percent of people in New Zealand were born overseas.
- For people born overseas who are now living in New Zealand, the most common birthplace was England.
- 1.6 percent of Māori in New Zealand were born overseas.

Languages spoken

Total population

- Apart from English, the next most common language spoken in New Zealand is Māori, which is spoken by 4.1 percent of people.
- 80.5 percent of people in New Zealand speak only one language.

Māori ethnic population

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- 73.4 percent of Māori in New Zealand speak only one language.

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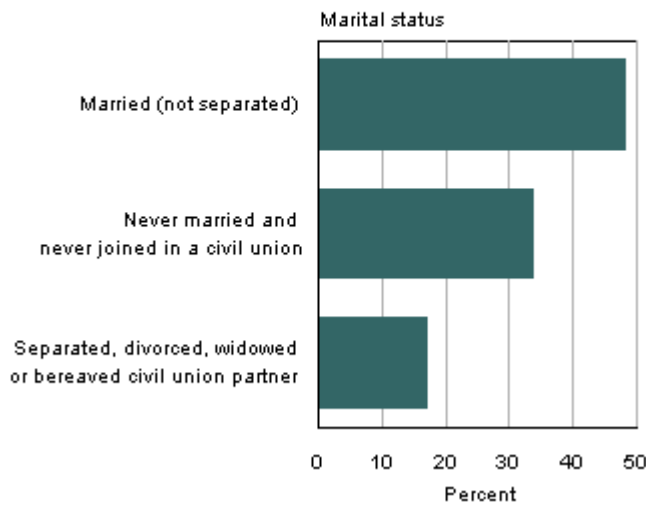
Marital status

Total population aged 15 years and over

- 34.1 percent of people aged 15 years and over living in New Zealand have never married, 48.6 percent are married, and 17.4 percent are separated, divorced or widowed.
- 27.2 percent of people aged 15 years and over in New Zealand who have never been married, live with a partner.

Marital Status for People Aged 15 Years and Over

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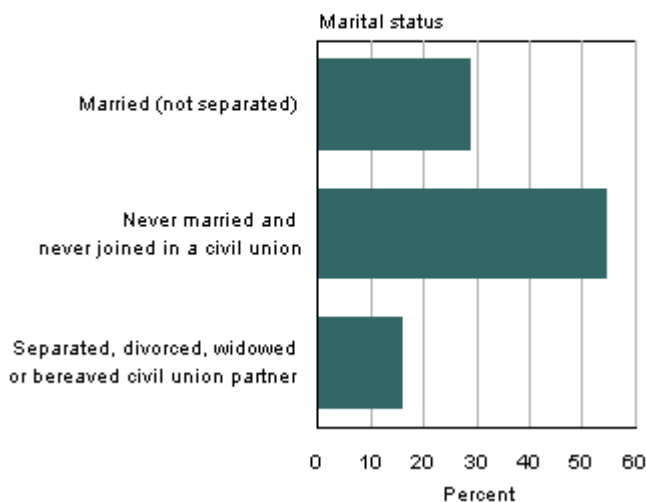


Māori ethnic population aged 15 years and over

- For Māori aged 15 years and over living in New Zealand, 54.7 percent have never married, 29.0 percent are married, and 16.2 percent are separated, divorced or widowed.
- 30.8 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in New Zealand who have never been married, live with a partner.

Marital Status for Māori Aged 15 Years and Over

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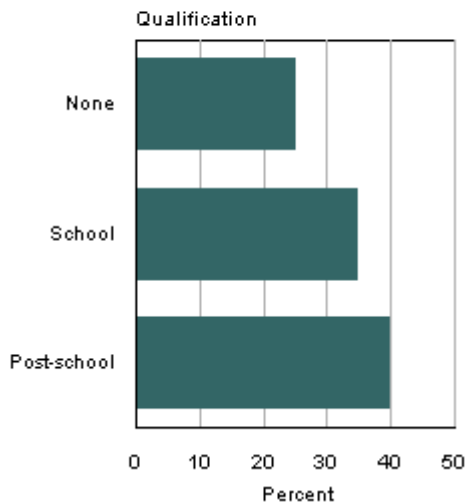
Education

Total population aged 15 years and over

- 39.9 percent of people aged 15 years and over in New Zealand have a post-school qualification.
- In New Zealand, 25.0 percent of people aged 15 years and over have no formal qualifications.

Highest Qualification for People Aged 15 Years and Over

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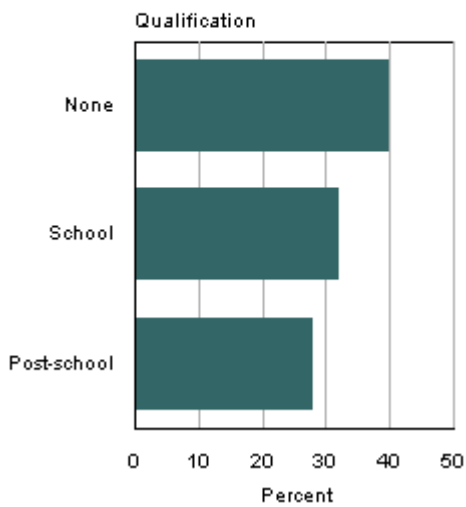


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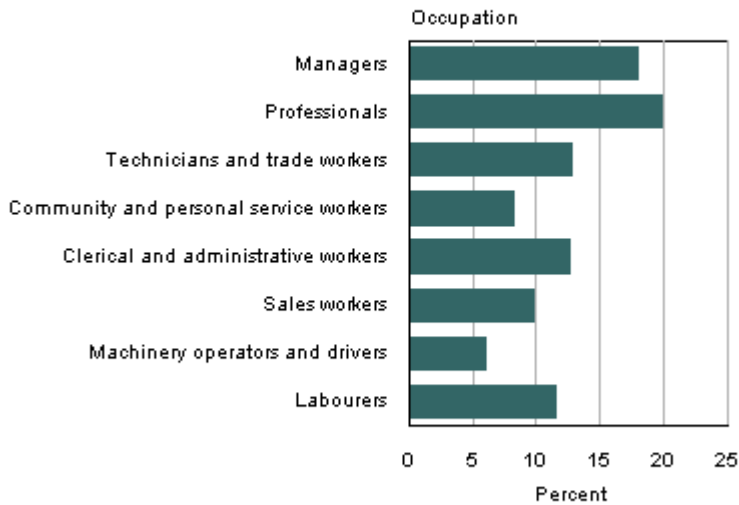
Total population aged 15 years and over

- The unemployment rate in New Zealand is 5.1 percent for people aged 15 years and over.
- The most common occupational group in New Zealand is 'professionals'.

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

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(1) Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO V1.0).

Māori ethnic population aged 15 years and over

- The unemployment rate of Māori aged 15 years and over in New Zealand is 11.0 percent.
- The most common occupational group for Māori in New Zealand is 'labourers'.

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

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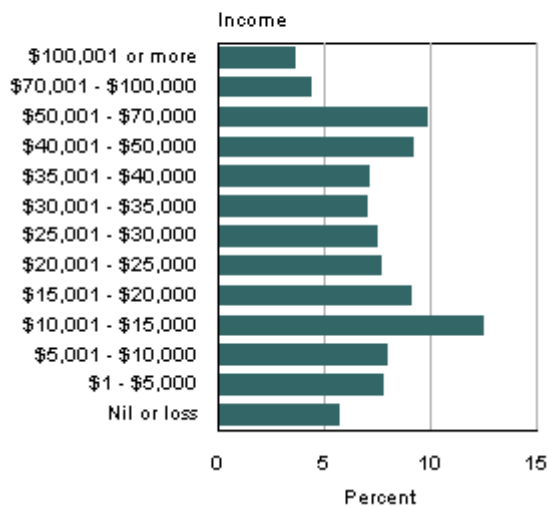
Income

Total population aged 15 years and over

- For people aged 15 years and over, the median income (half earn more, and half earn less, than this amount) in New Zealand is \$24,400.
- 43.2 percent of people aged 15 years and over in New Zealand have an annual income of \$20,000 or less.
- In New Zealand, 18.0 percent of people aged 15 years and over have an annual income of more than \$50,000.

Income for People Aged 15 Years and Over

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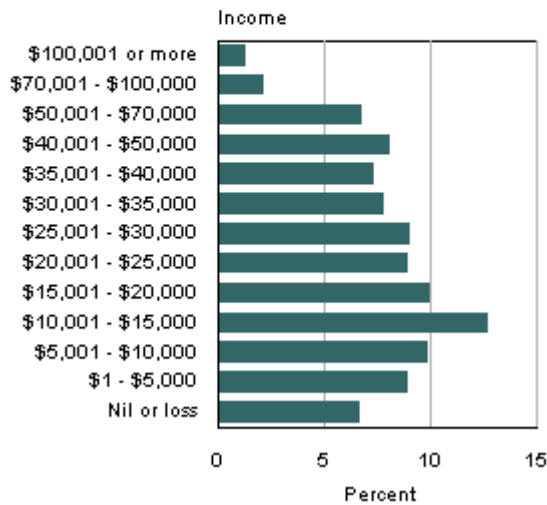
Māori ethnic population aged 15 years and over

- For Māori aged 15 years and over, the median income (half earn more, and half earn less, than this amount) in New Zealand is \$20,900.
- In New Zealand, 48.3 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over have an annual income of \$20,000 or less.
- 10.2 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in New Zealand have an annual income of more than \$50,000.

Income for Māori Aged 15 Years and Over

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Families

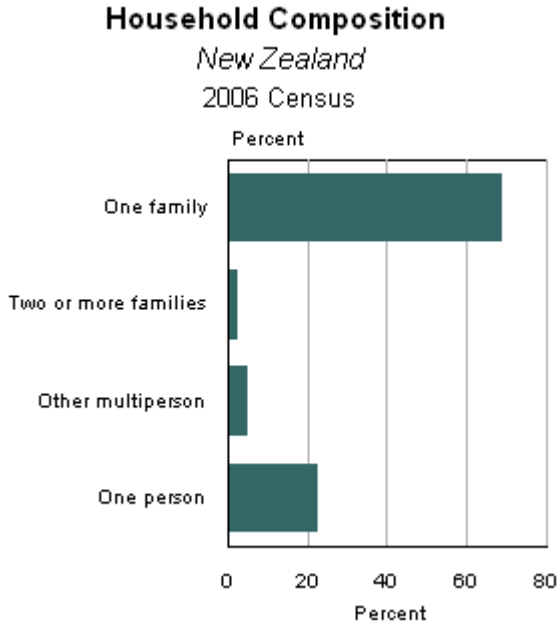
- Couples with children make up 42.0 percent of all families in New Zealand, while couples without children make up 39.9 percent of all families.
- 18.1 percent of families in New Zealand are one-parent-with-children families.

Families in New Zealand 2006 Census	
Family Type	New Zealand
Couple Without Child(ren)	425,973
Couple With Child(ren)	447,894
One Parent With Child(ren)	193,635
Total	1,067,502

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Households

- One-family households make up 69.1 percent of all households in New Zealand.
- 328,302 people (or 23.0 percent) live in one-person households in New Zealand.
- The average household size in New Zealand is 2.7 people.



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Phones, net and fax

Households

- 60.5 percent of households in New Zealand have access to the Internet.
- Throughout New Zealand, 74.2 percent of households have access to a cellphone.

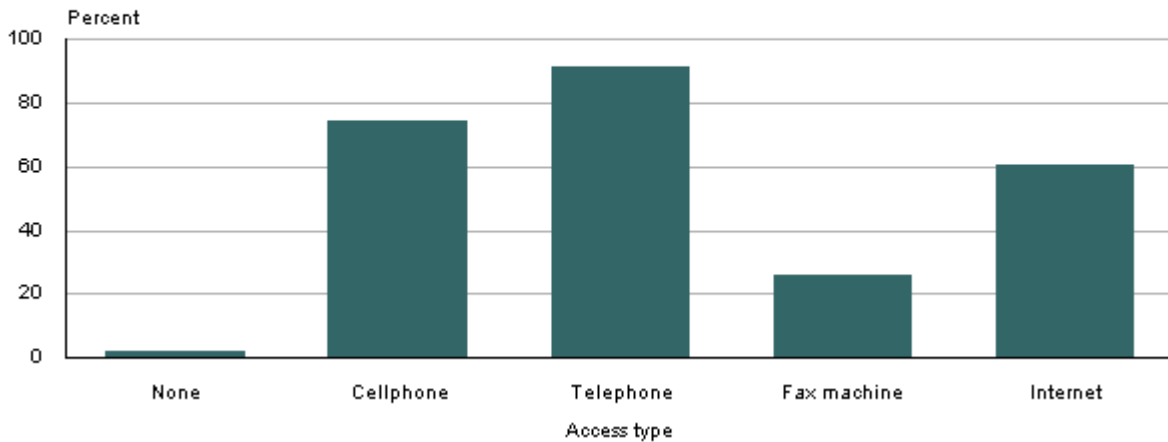
Household(1) Access to Phones, Internet and Fax in New Zealand 2006 Census	
	New Zealand (%)
No Access	2.0
Cellphone	74.2
Telephone	91.6
Fax Machine	26.0
Internet	60.5

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

Household Access to Phones, Internet and Fax

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Transport

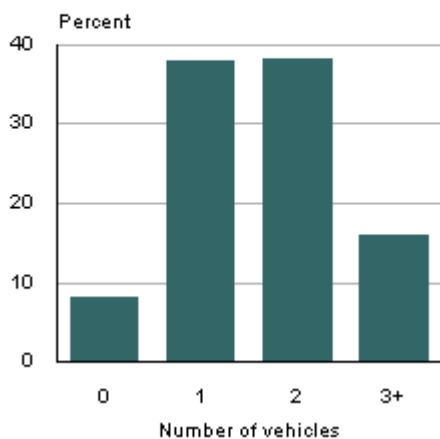
Household access to motor vehicles

- 15.9 percent of households in New Zealand have access to three or more motor vehicles.

Household Access to Motor Vehicles

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Main means of travel to work

- Excluding those people who did not go to work on census day, the two most common means of travel to work were driving a private vehicle or driving a company vehicle.

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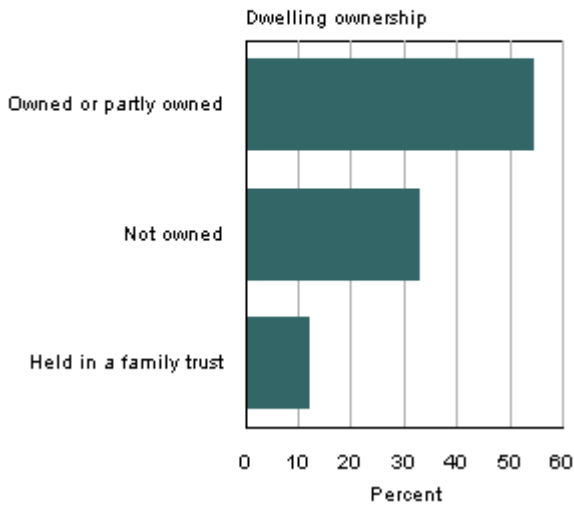
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Housing

- In New Zealand, 66.9 percent of households in private occupied dwellings own the dwelling or hold that dwelling in a family trust. 54.5 percent of households own the dwelling, with or without a mortgage, and 12.3 percent hold that dwelling in a family trust.
- For households in New Zealand who rent the dwelling that they live in, the average weekly rent paid is \$224.

Ownership of Dwellings by Households

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Erratum

Table 32 in the Excel file attached to this QuickStats has been revised using the standard subject population for weekly rent paid. This subject population is: households who make rent payments in rented private occupied dwellings.

Occasionally an alternative subject population is used, which is: all households who do not own the dwelling they live in, including those who make rent payments, those who do not make rent payments, and those whose rental arrangements were not further defined. This alternative subject population has been used in the Classification Counts tables.

All other data, graphs and information in this QuickStats are unaffected.

Statistics New Zealand regrets any inconvenience caused.

Excel tables

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