

## Mapping Trends in the Auckland Region

# Summary

## Commentary

### An increasingly mobile population

- The population of the Auckland region is becoming increasingly mobile. The proportion of people living in the same place as five years earlier is falling. Home ownership is declining. There are large flows into and out of the Auckland region from the rest of New Zealand.
- The Auckland region is the main destination for overseas migrants to New Zealand. The number of Aucklanders who had been living overseas five years earlier doubled between 1991 and 2006, and is likely to keep increasing in the future.
- People moving to the Auckland region from elsewhere in New Zealand are concentrated in central Auckland.

### A more ethnically diverse population

- The percentage of people identifying with a Pacific or Asian ethnicity is growing.
- The percentage of people identifying with a European or New Zealand European ethnicity decreased from 75 percent in 1991 to 60 percent in 2006.
- Ethnic diversity has increased rapidly in the region's cities.

### Higher population density

- The population of the Auckland region is projected to rise to about two million by 2031. To accommodate these numbers without extending beyond the current urban boundaries, some suburbs will need to reach the population densities found in central Auckland in 2006.
- The proportion of multi-unit dwellings is increasing.
- Commuting to work by public transport or walking is more common in high density areas.

### A growing, more educated labour force

- The Auckland region's labour force is projected to grow by 40 percent, to over one million people by 2031.
- Central Auckland changed from having among the lowest full-time employment rates in 1991 to relatively high full-time employment rates in 2006.
- The Auckland region's labour force is increasingly well-educated, particularly in central Auckland.

## Further information

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