

Internal Migration

Home ownership

Home ownership of movers and non-movers

Owning their own home is an important reason for people to remain at their current address. In general people who do not own their own homes are more mobile because rental tenancy arrangements in New Zealand are often limited. People who own their own homes have generally made a more permanent commitment to or investment in a particular locality.

People who have moved in the previous five years may also be home owners. However, it is not correct to interpret this as information on new home ownership. These movers include people who had moved into their own homes and who did not own their previous home as well as people who had owned their previous home.

Overall, 70 percent of non-movers and 42 percent of movers owned their own home. Non-movers have higher proportions of home ownership in regions that are more rural in character and lower proportions in main urban areas, with the lowest proportion in Auckland region.

Figure 1
Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers
By region
2006 Census

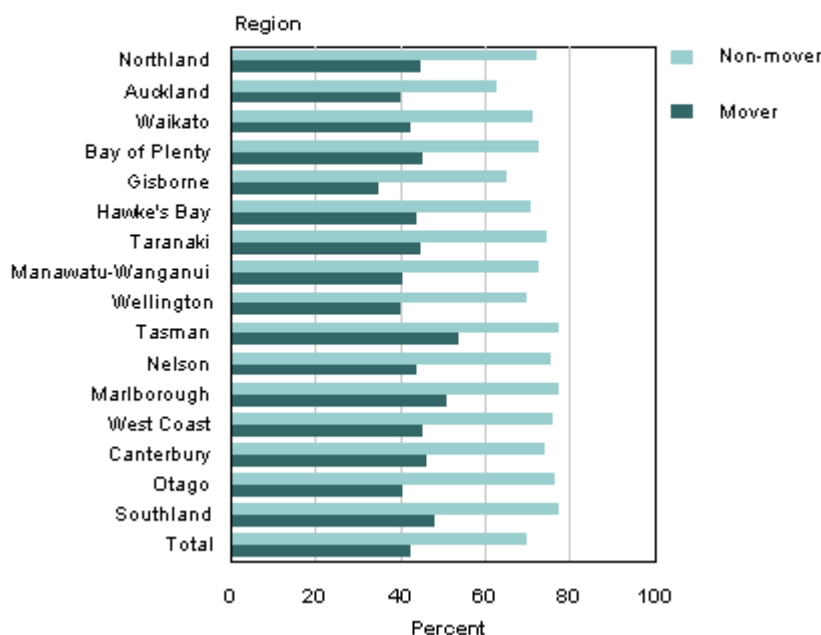
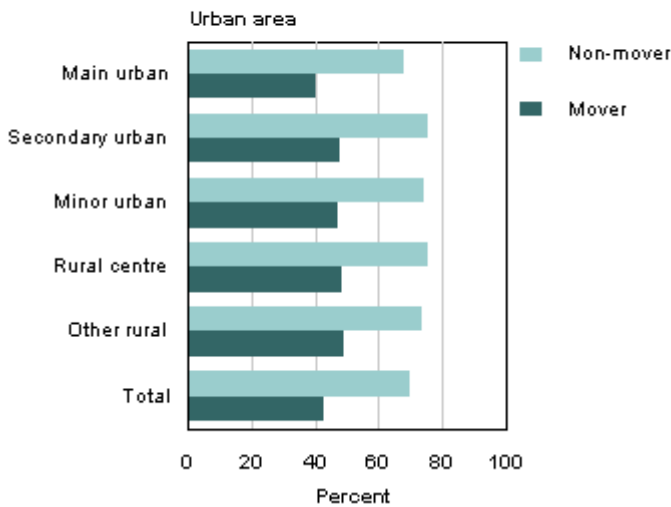


Figure 2
Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers

By urban area
 2006 Census

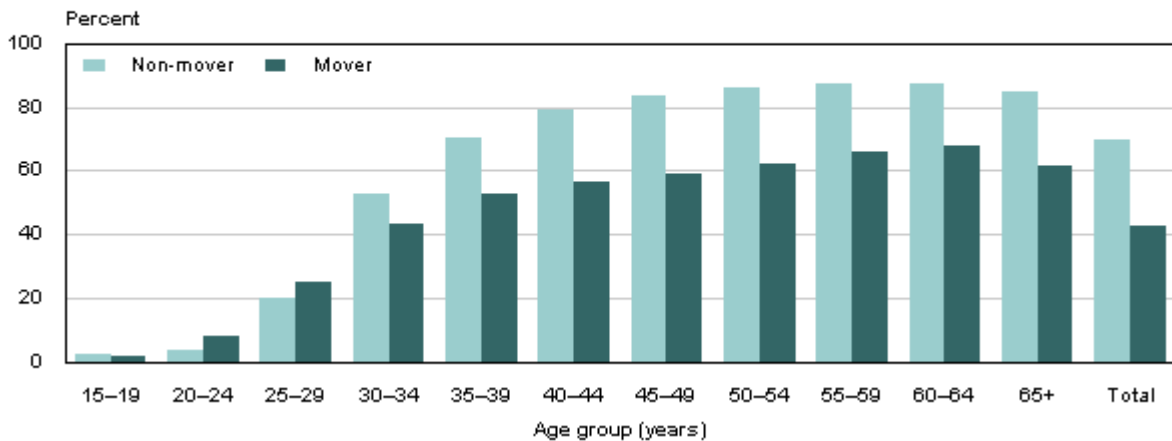


Home ownership is higher for non-movers than for movers in all age groups except for those under 30 years of age. Young adults are less likely to own their own homes and those who do were likely to have moved into their own homes within the previous five years.

Figure 3

Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers

By age
 2006 Census



European home ownership

People of European ethnicities make up 65 percent of the New Zealand population, but this varies by region and area type. The pattern of home ownership for the European ethnic group is consequently similar to the pattern for the whole population in South Island regions, but differs for the North Island regions with lower proportions of European population. Overall, 74 percent of European non-movers and 46 percent of European movers were home owners. This is 4 percent and 3 percent higher respectively than the national average. However, for Auckland region, non-movers of European ethnicities, at 71 percent, and movers, at 45 percent, are 8 percent and 5 percent higher respectively than the national average for this region.

Figure 4
Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers
European ethnic group by region
 2006 Census

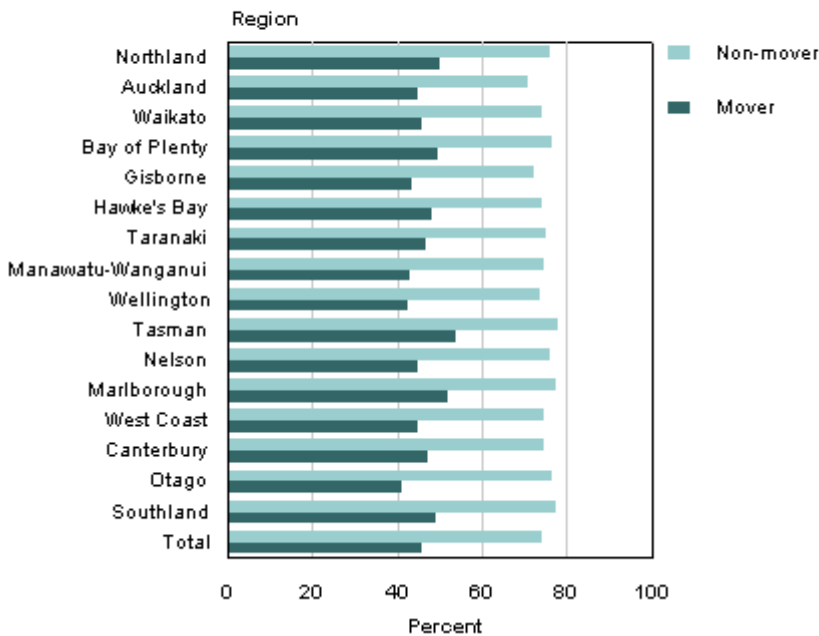
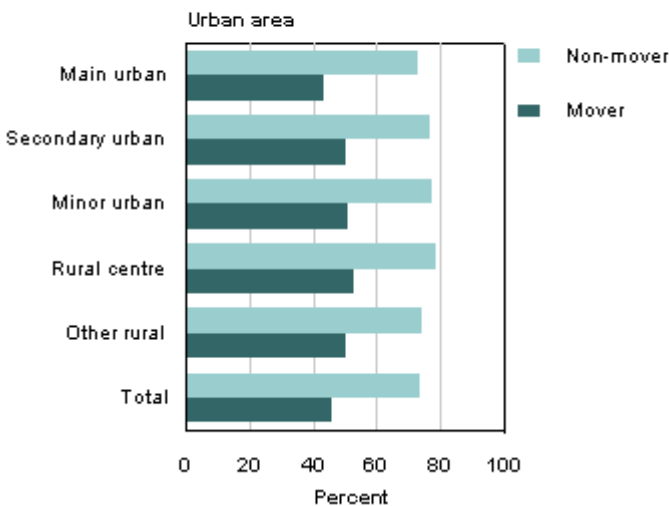


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Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers
European ethnic group by urban area
 2006 Census



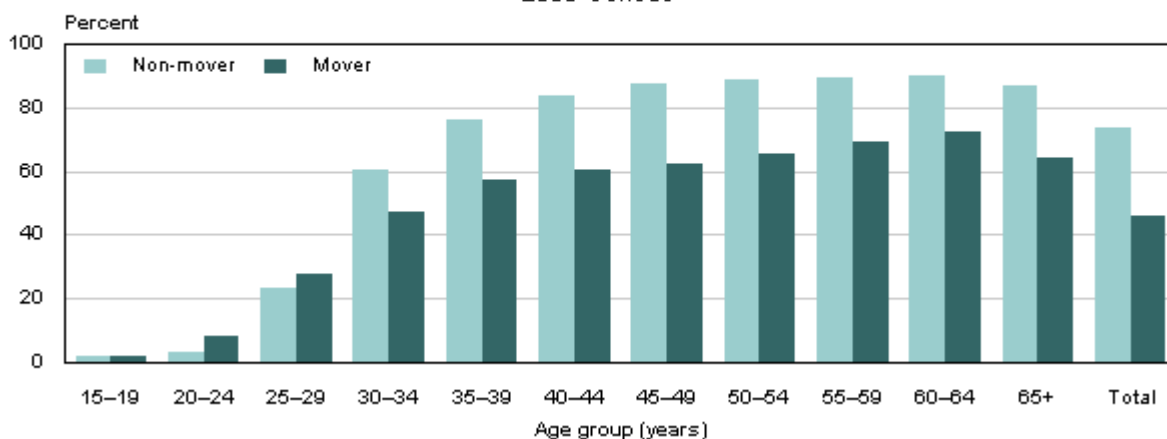
Home owners account for almost 90 percent of people of European ethnicities aged 50 years and over. Among movers in these age groups, home ownership rates are also fairly high at around 70 percent.

Figure 6

Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers

European ethnic group by age

2006 Census



Māori home ownership

People of Māori ethnicity who have remained at their current address for more than five years are much more likely to own their homes than Māori people who moved. Less than half of Māori non-movers own their own homes, but this drops to less than one fifth for Māori movers.

For both movers and non-movers, affordability is a factor. Home ownership is lowest in the Auckland region and highest in the West Coast and Southland regions. Similarly, main urban areas, which have higher proportions of rental accommodation, have lower levels of ownership than the smaller urban areas and rural areas.

There are variations by region. For example Canterbury region has higher home ownership among movers than Otago region, but among non-movers Otago is ahead of Canterbury.

Figure 7
Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers

Māori ethnic group by urban area
 2006 Census

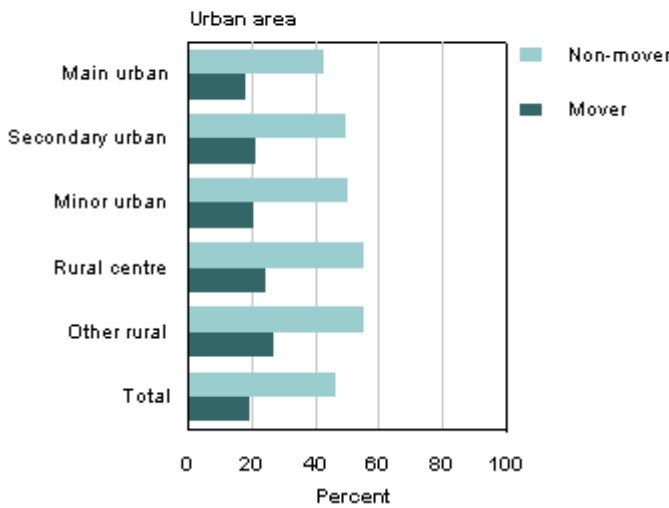
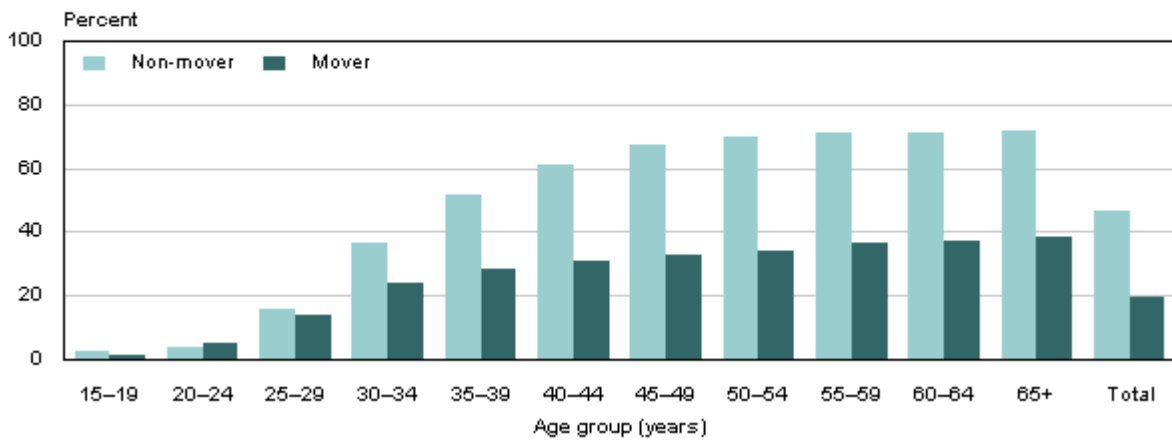


Figure 8

Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers

Māori ethnic group by age
 2006 Census



Pacific home ownership

People of Pacific ethnicities who have remained at their current address for more than five years are much more likely to own their homes than people who moved. However, only 30 percent of Pacific non-movers and 16 percent of Pacific movers own their own homes. This low percentage is the result of the majority of the Pacific population living in Auckland, where housing is less affordable.

For both movers and non-movers, affordability is a factor. Home ownership is lowest in the Auckland region at 28 percent of non-movers and 15 percent of movers. Similarly, main urban areas, which have higher proportions of rental accommodation, have lower levels of ownership than the smaller urban areas and rural areas.

There are variations by region. For example, as with Māori, Canterbury region has higher home ownership among Pacific movers than Otago region, but among Pacific non-movers Otago is ahead of Canterbury.

Figure 9
Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers
Pacific ethnic group by region
 2006 Census

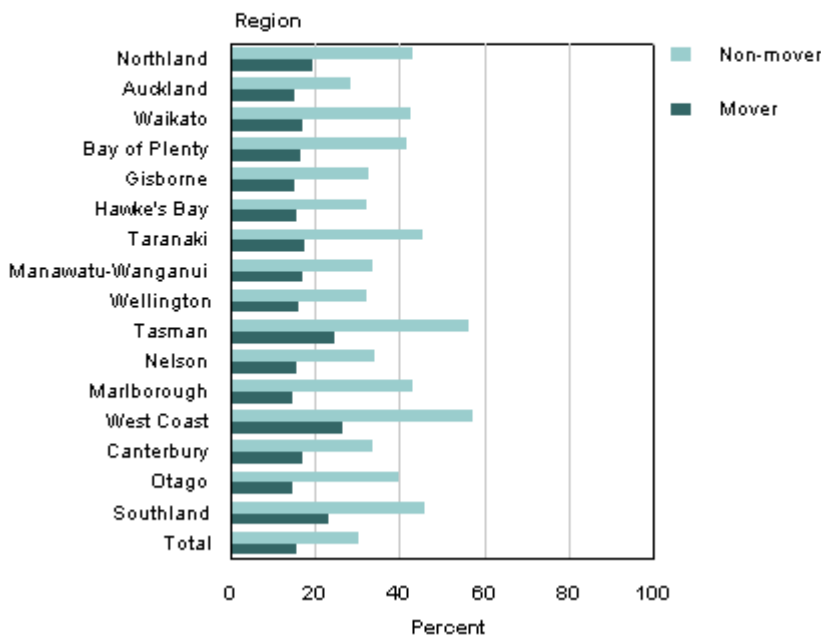


Figure 10
Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers
Pacific ethnic group by urban area
 2006 Census

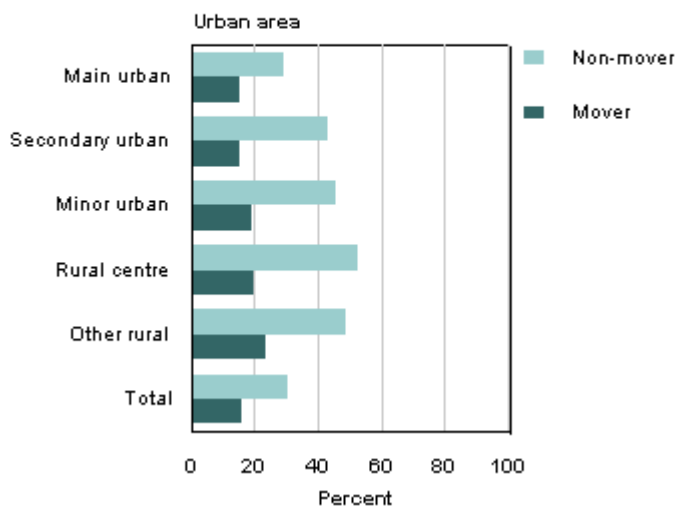
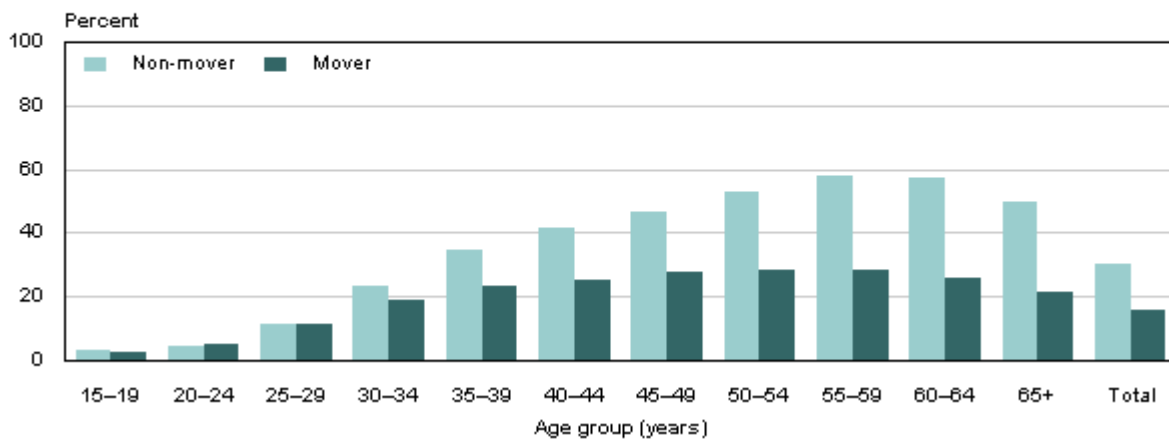


Figure 11
Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers
Pacific ethnic group by age
 2006 Census



Asian home ownership

People of Asian ethnicities who have remained at their current address for more than five years are much more likely to own their homes. More than half (54 percent) of Asian non-movers and nearly 40 percent of Asian movers own their own homes. This high level of home ownership reflects the migration histories of the key Asian populations.

For both movers and non-movers, housing affordability is a factor. Home ownership is lowest in the Auckland region, but home owners still accounts for over 51 percent of non-movers and 40 percent of movers. Similarly, main urban areas, which have higher proportions of rental accommodation have lower levels of ownership than the smaller urban areas and rural areas, However, for the Asian population this is relatively high, with 54 percent of Asians living in main urban areas owning their own homes compared with over 62 percent doing so in other areas.

There are variations by region. For example, as for people of Māori and Pacific ethnicities, Canterbury region has higher home ownership among Asian movers than Otago region, but among Asian non-movers Otago is ahead of Canterbury.

Figure 12

Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers

Asian ethnic group by region
2006 Census

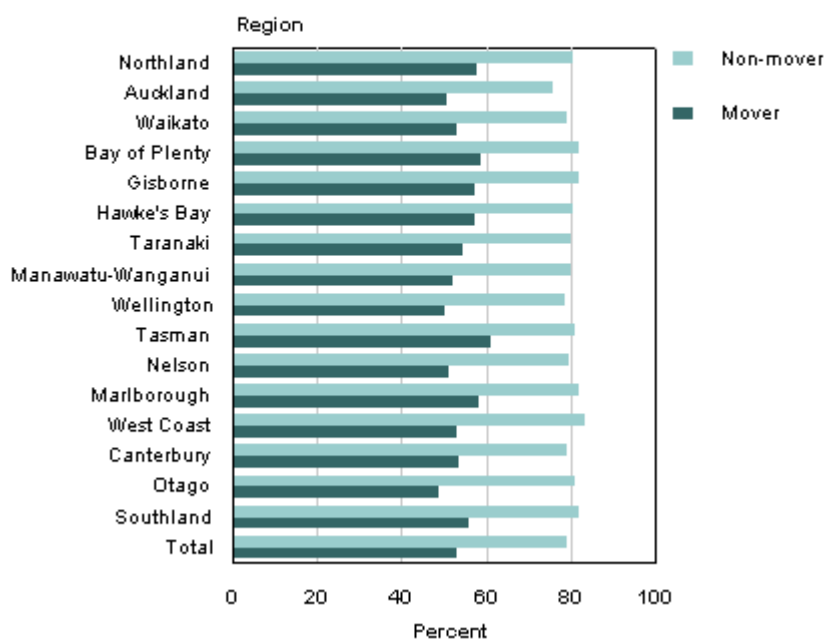
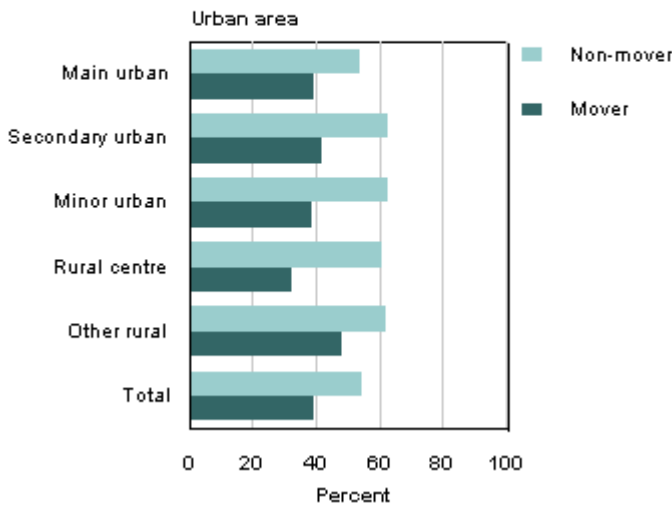


Figure 13
Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers

Asian ethnic group by urban area
 2006 Census

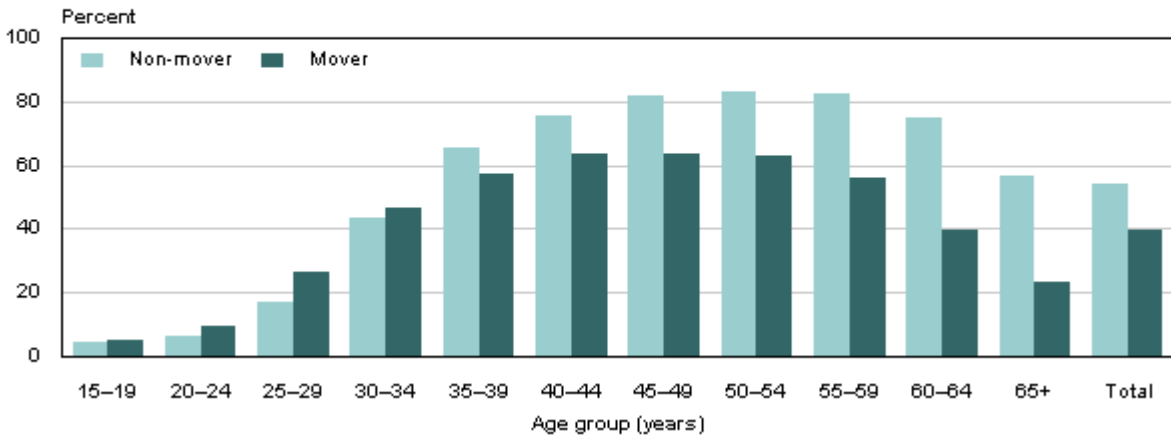


Almost 22 percent of people of Asian ethnicities who were overseas five years earlier owned their own home. Indians among this group have a higher proportion of home owners (26 percent) than Chinese (19 percent), reflecting the different age structure and rates of full-time study of these two populations.

Figure 14

Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers

Asian ethnic group by age
 2006 Census



Home ownership: Other ethnic group

The Other ethnic group is a grouping of ethnic responses that does not fit neatly into the other groupings of ethnicities. The vast majority of these responses comprise the New Zealander category. This category has quite distinct characteristics in the 2006 Census, which differ from other ethnic groupings.

Figure 15

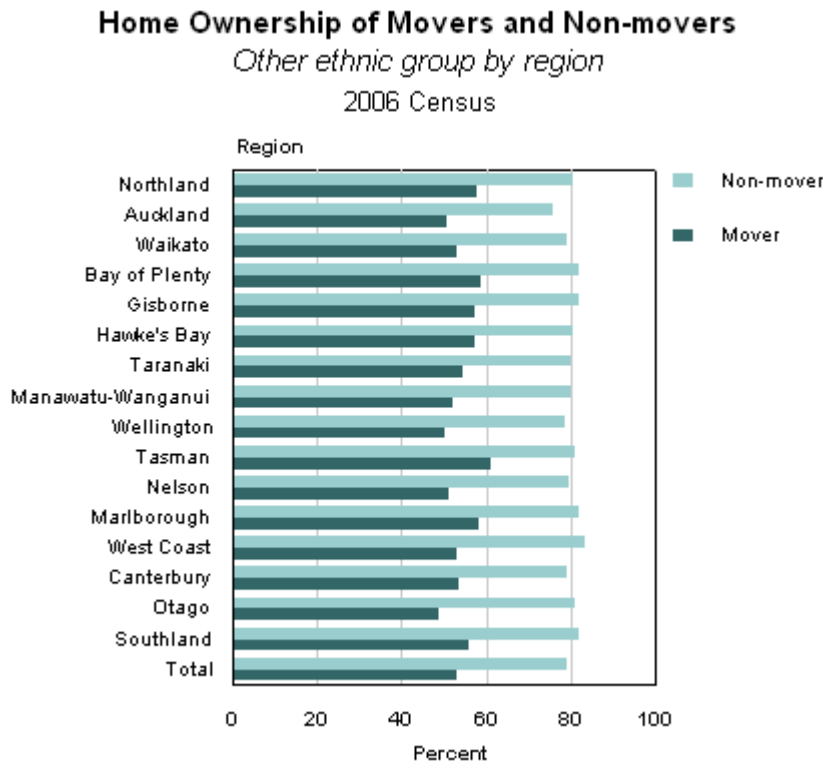
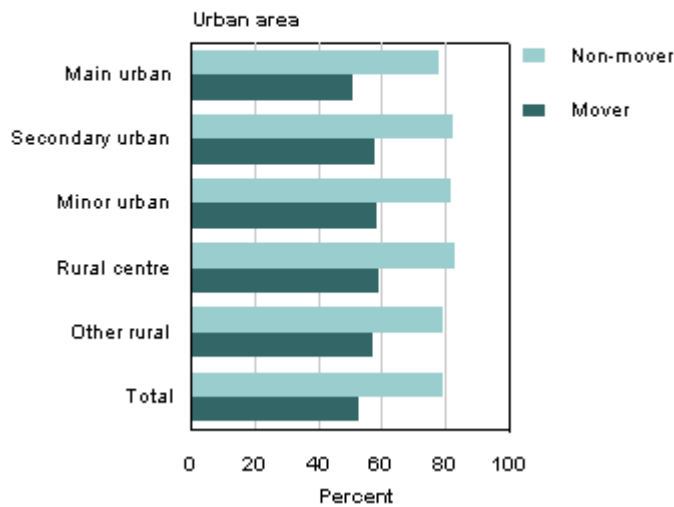


Figure 16

Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers
Other ethnic group by urban area
 2006 Census



Both the overseas-born movers and non-movers among this group are much more likely to be homeowners than their New Zealand-born counterparts. There is very little variation in home ownership among non-movers across different geographic areas.

Figure 17
Percentage of Home Ownership
Other ethnic group movers and non-movers
by birthplace
 2006 Census

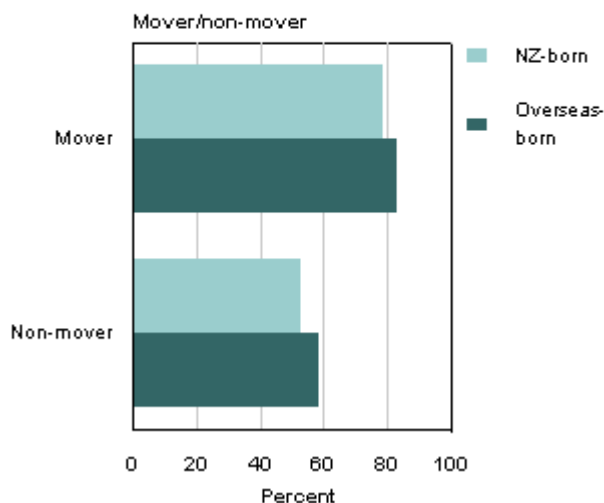
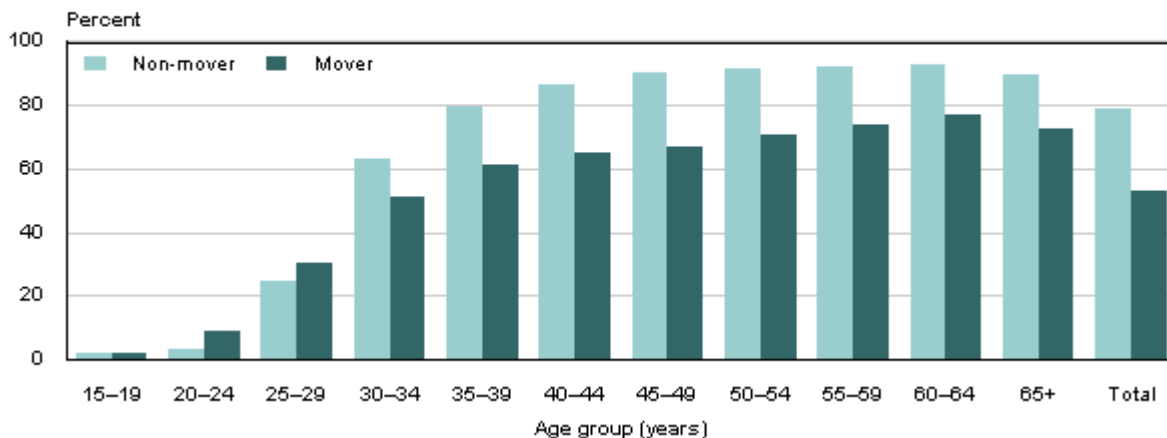


Figure 18
Home Ownership of Movers and Non-movers
Other ethnic group by age
 2006 Census



Information sources

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