

Families and households in Aotearoa New Zealand

2023 Census

Households

Definition: A household is either one person usually living alone, or two or more people usually residing together, in a private dwelling.

1,780,527

total households

Types of households

One-family household: **1,156,659**



Two-family household: **62,322**



Three or more family household: **4,290**



Other multi-person household: **95,478**



One-person household: **389,352**



14.9%

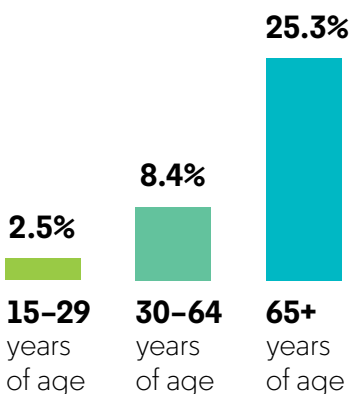
more households since 2013

2.7

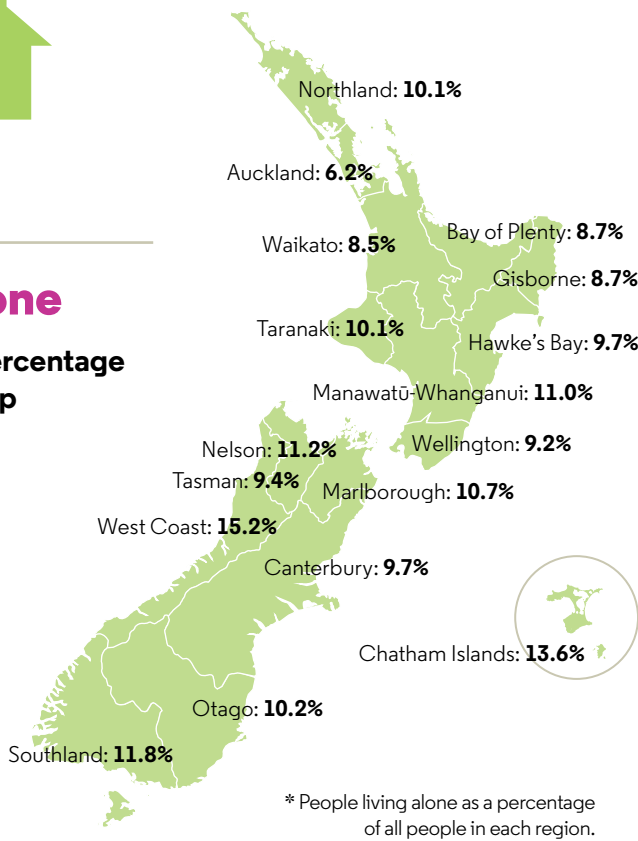
The average number of people in each household

People living alone

People living alone as a percentage of people in that age group



People living alone across our regions*



Families

Definition: A family is two or more people living in the same household who are either a couple, with or without children, or one parent and their children. A child in a family can be of any age.

1,294,503

total families

2.9

Average number of people in each family

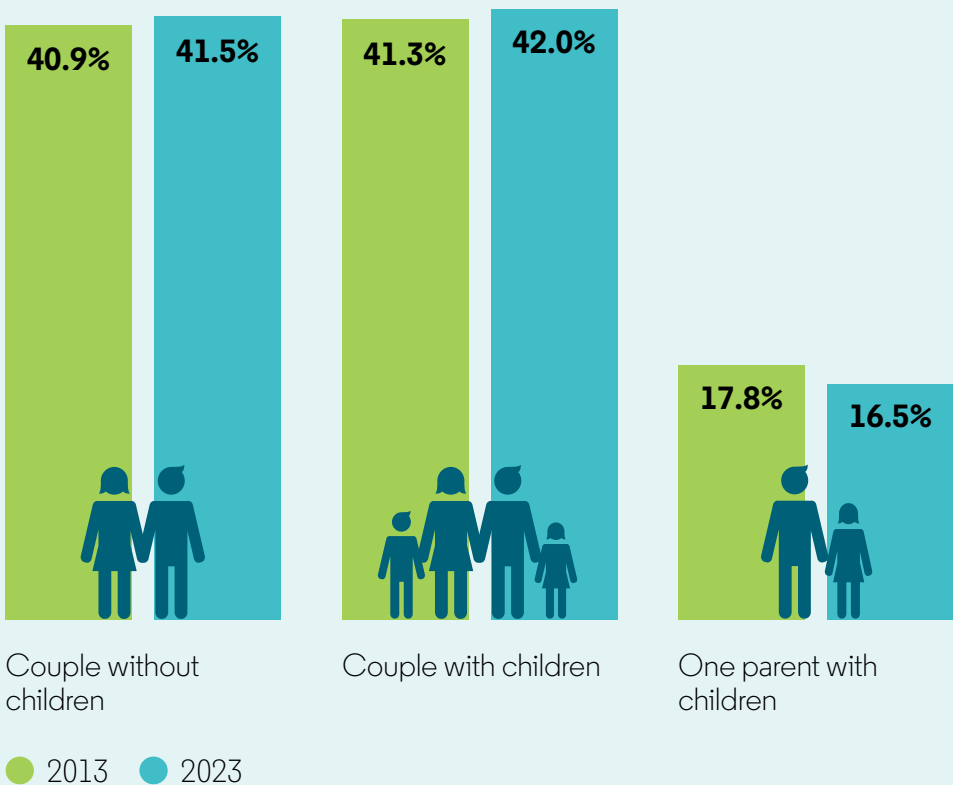
13.9%

more families since 2013

19.1%

Largest increase: **Canterbury**

Types of families



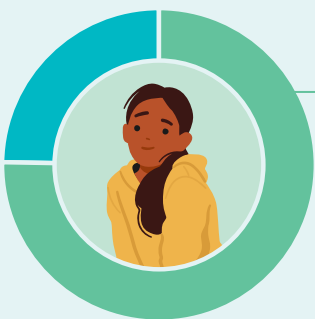
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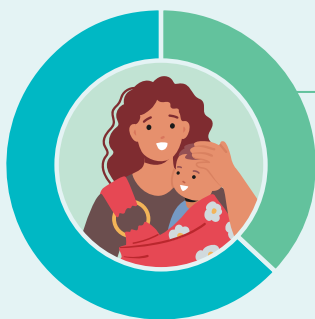
Families with children

757,017 **58.5%**
families **include children** That is **58.5%** of all families



75.2%

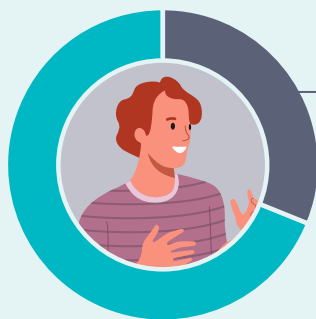
569,253, or **75.2%**, of families with children **include dependent children**



37.0%

1.3%
fewer families with children aged under 5 years since 2013

210,885, or **37.0%**, of families with dependent children **include a child aged under 5 years**



34.5%

27.3%
more families with adult children since 2013

261,543 or **34.5%**, of families with children **include adult* children**

* Children aged 15 years and over and employed full-time, or children aged 18 years and over.

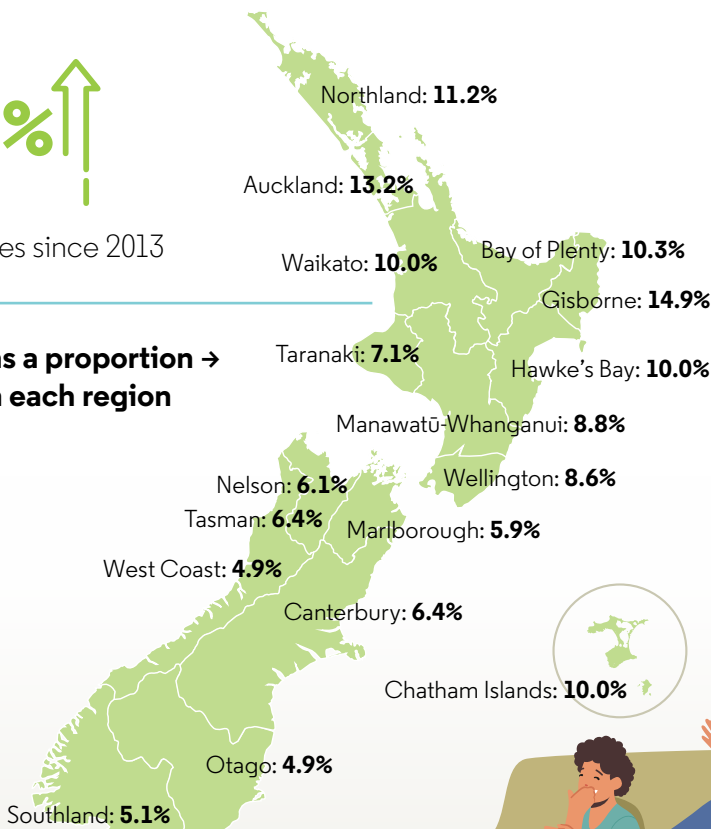
Extended families

Definition: An extended family is a group of related people who usually live together either as a family with one or more other related people, or as two or more related families, with or without other related people.

127,947 **27.2%**
total extended families more extended families since 2013

9.9%
of all families are in an extended family

Extended families as a proportion of all families within each region



Note: This infographic was developed to illustrate key results of the 2023 Census. All results for households have been calculated from households in occupied private dwellings. All results for families have been calculated from families in households in occupied private dwellings. This data uses fixed random rounding to protect confidentiality.