

Bay of Plenty Presbytery Community Profile

Geography

This presbytery is equivalent to

- Bay of Plenty Region – districts of:
 - Western Bay of Plenty
 - Tauranga City
 - Rotorua
 - Kawerau
 - Whakatane
 - Opotiki
- Waikato district of:
 - Taupo

It is also equivalent to

- Bay of Plenty Police District (approximate)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board and Lakes District Health Board

Map of Bay of Plenty Presbytery



Bay of Plenty Presbytery region at a glance

Some of the significant highs and lows for the six districts and city in this presbytery compared with the 72 districts/cities in mainland New Zealand are as follows: (highest/high in New Zealand; lowest/low in New Zealand). Data is from the 2006 census.

	Taupo	Western Bay of Plenty	Tauranga	Rotorua	Whakatane	Kawerau	Opotiki
Population general							
Median age in years (NZ: 35)	37	41	38	34	36	33	36
% of people 0-24 years old	34.25%	31.91%	32.86%	38.27%	37.53%	40.05%	38.54%
% of people 25-44 years old	26.80%	23.64%	25.89%	27.31%	25.04%	24.75%	22.46%
% of people 45-64 years old	25.34%	28.91%	23.83%	23.36%	24.82%	22.80%	25.10%
% of people 65 years old and over	13.60%	15.54%	17.42%	11.07%	12.61%	12.44%	13.87%
Population density (people/km ²) (NZ: 9.71)	4.66	19.84	615.86	25.20	7.47	315.51	2.90
Population growth (2001-2006)	2.85%	10.05%	14.00%	2.21%	1.48%	-0.73%	-2.45%
Work and Education							
% receiving income from wages/salary*	59.14%	52.01%	56.11%	60.76%	54.73%	51.54%	47.69%
% receiving income from self-employment*	19.72%	28.26%	16.55%	15.70%	16.85%	5.36%	17.59%
% receiving income from investments*	23.66%	30.64%	28.39%	20.46%	21.55%	13.41%	16.41%
% as full-time students*	5.91%	7.18%	7.42%	8.69%	7.99%	9.31%	7.82%
% without any educational qualification*	25.08%	25.46%	23.94%	24.92%	27.79%	36.73%	34.30%
% graduated from university*	8.02%	8.18%	10.17%	9.55%	8.08%	3.20%	5.39%
Ethnicity							
% European	68.35%	72.79%	74.55%	60.90%	58.39%	47.49%	47.89%
% Maori	28.18%	17.37%	16.49%	36.36%	42.17%	61.11%	59.25%
% Pacific Islander	2.75%	1.81%	1.83%	4.50%	2.20%	3.76%	2.55%
% Asian	1.76%	2.47%	3.43%	4.37%	1.60%	1.81%	0.98%
Family and Household							
couples with children (as % of families)	38.26%	39.58%	35.84%	39.84%	38.89%	34.47%	35.78%
couples without children (as % of families)	44.26%	46.47%	45.87%	36.46%	38.00%	35.12%	36.42%
% solo parents (as % of families with children)	31.37%	26.06%	33.78%	37.29%	37.28%	46.73%	43.72%
% widowed, or bereaved civil union*	5.19%	4.79%	6.23%	5.21%	5.64%	5.75%	6.94%
% who have never married/partnered*	18.77%	16.51%	19.06%	22.22%	20.02%	21.60%	20.47%
Median family income	\$54,500	\$53,500	\$53,100	\$54,000	\$51,900	\$38,700	\$37,100
Mean weekly rental for households renting	\$195	\$186	\$231	\$184	\$179	\$138	\$131
% of households with 6 or more people	3.88%	3.92%	3.11%	5.50%	6.01%	7.10%	6.65%
% of households with only one occupant	22.76%	19.73%	23.56%	22.07%	21.12%	23.34%	23.93%
Benefits							
% receiving unemployment benefit*	1.91%	1.54%	1.80%	4.19%	6.79%	10.53%	10.36%
% receiving sickness benefit*	2.47%	2.22%	2.46%	2.72%	3.23%	3.01%	4.72%
% receiving domestic purposes benefit*	3.52%	2.99%	3.76%	5.41%	5.16%	7.52%	6.87%
% receiving New Zealand superannuation*	17.15%	19.72%	21.27%	14.32%	16.72%	18.12%	19.23%
Faith							
% Christian	46.67%	48.42%	50.17%	49.35%	47.30%	43.74%	45.39%
% Maori Christian	5.95%	2.27%	2.67%	3.76%	9.00%	11.18%	15.64%
% having no religion	33.01%	33.55%	33.68%	32.32%	28.64%	29.87%	23.43%
% following New Age/Spiritualism	0.43%	0.52%	0.52%	0.40%	0.32%	0.35%	0.33%
% Hindu	0.30%	0.51%	0.56%	0.75%	0.31%	0.43%	0.17%
% Islam	0.15%	0.19%	0.29%	0.39%	0.10%	0.13%	0.10%
% Buddhist	0.48%	0.52%	0.53%	0.68%	0.32%	0.13%	0.37%

Notes:

- Statistics with (*) are for the population aged 15 years and older
- "family" is defined as the total of couples with children plus couples without children plus solo parents
- Statistics in **bold** are 2nd highest/2nd lowest in New Zealand

General Comments

This presbytery encompasses two cities and several smaller urban areas as well as large areas of rural and wilderness land. Taken as a whole and comparing it with New Zealand, the age structure is older, people are less educated, the proportion of Maori is double, there are less couples with children (and more without), telecommunications access is poorer, family incomes are lower and a similar proportion of people are Christian/non-religious.

At a territorial authority level, the six districts and one city that make up the presbytery show a clear change moving from west to east. Western districts are more average statistically, and tend to be made up of older (particularly Tauranga City), more European and less Maori people. Both Tauranga City and Western Bay of Plenty show high rates of growth, and Tauranga City has a high proportion of NZ Superannuitants. Education levels are about average, and fewer than average people receive welfare benefits.

Rotorua has in-between statistics – a middle-aged population, more Maori, and more people on benefits.

The eastern districts are the opposite of the western ones in many ways. Kawerau and Opotiki have overall population declines and there is only slow growth in Whakatane. The small district of Kawerau has numerous “highest” and “lowest” statistics, partly because it concentrates extremes because of its small area. However, these extremes are seen to a lesser degree in the other eastern districts of Whakatane and Opotiki. The population is much younger. Few people receive income from investments or self-employment, and the level of educational attainment is much lower. The proportion of Maori is very high (Kawerau has the highest in New Zealand), but other races are much less represented. The proportion of couples (both with and without children) is low, and solo parenting is very common. Households are large and household incomes are very low. A very high proportion of people receive welfare benefits. On the basis of 2001 census data, the percentage of people living in deprived meshblocks is very high in these districts – Kawerau has the highest in NZ (86.7%), Opotiki the third highest (72.5%) and Whakatane, at 51% the ninth highest.¹

Kawerau District has one of the highest levels of non-casino gaming machines in New Zealand (110/10,000 people, 2005 statistics). Whakatane, Taupo and Rotorua also have high levels.²

Bay of Plenty District Health Board recorded a relatively high (17.4/100,000 2002-2004 data) suicide rate but a lower than average rate of admissions for self-harm (103/100,000, 2005 data).³

Religion: The presbytery as a whole has a high proportion of Maori Christians, but particularly in the eastern areas; this is probably the reason why these districts have very low proportions of Christians. All of the districts but particularly the eastern ones, have low percentages of followers of non-Christian religions. Bay of Plenty presbytery has an average proportion of Presbyterians and church attendance has declined over the past six years. In keeping with New Zealand as a whole, the age structure of the congregations is significantly older than that of the overall presbytery population.

¹ NZDep2001 Index of Deprivation: A meshblock is the smallest area used for census data, typically contains around 110 people (a city block). The figure is for those living in decile 8-10 meshblocks.

² Kylie Mason. Ministry of Health. 2006. *Problem Gambling Geography of New Zealand 2005*. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

³ Miranda Devlin. Ministry of Health. 2006. *Suicide Facts: 2004–2005 data*. Wellington.

Selected Statistics for Bay of Plenty Presbytery region

Note: The same statistic for all of New Zealand is given in square brackets e.g. [NZ: 20%]

Population

At the 2006 Census of Population and Dwellings:

- o The census usually resident population count for Bay of Plenty Presbytery region was 293,220, a change of 6.97% since 2001 [NZ: change = 7.8%].

Numbers of people counted

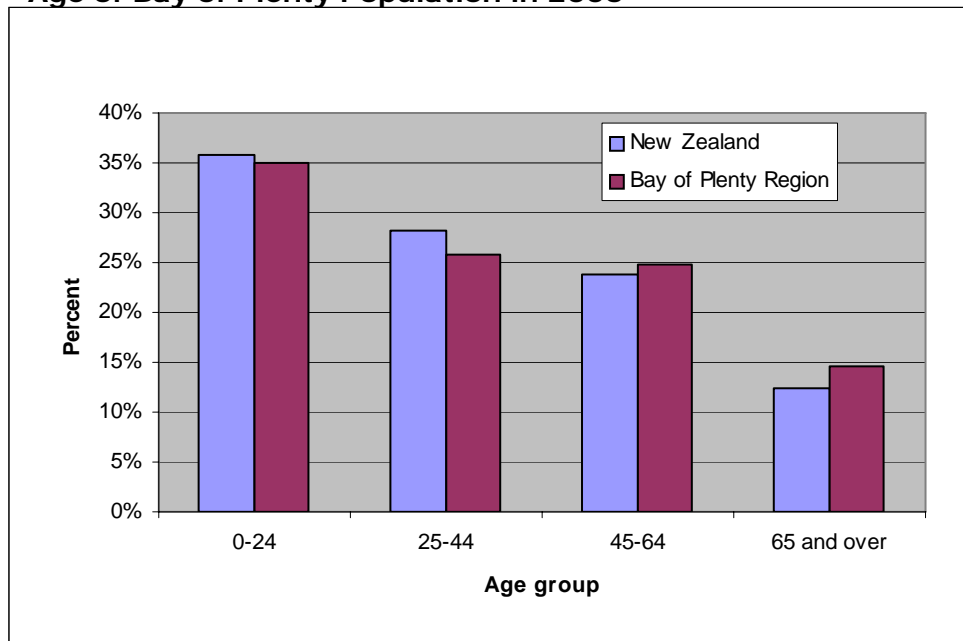
	Bay of Plenty	New Zealand
Males	142,683	1,965,648
Females	150,522	2,062,323
Total	293,220	4,027,971

Age profile

At the 2006 Census:

- o 23.0% of people in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region were **under 15** years old [NZ: 21.5%].
- o 14.5% of people in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region were **over 65** years old [NZ: 12.3%].

Age of Bay of Plenty Population in 2006



Employment

At the 2006 Census:

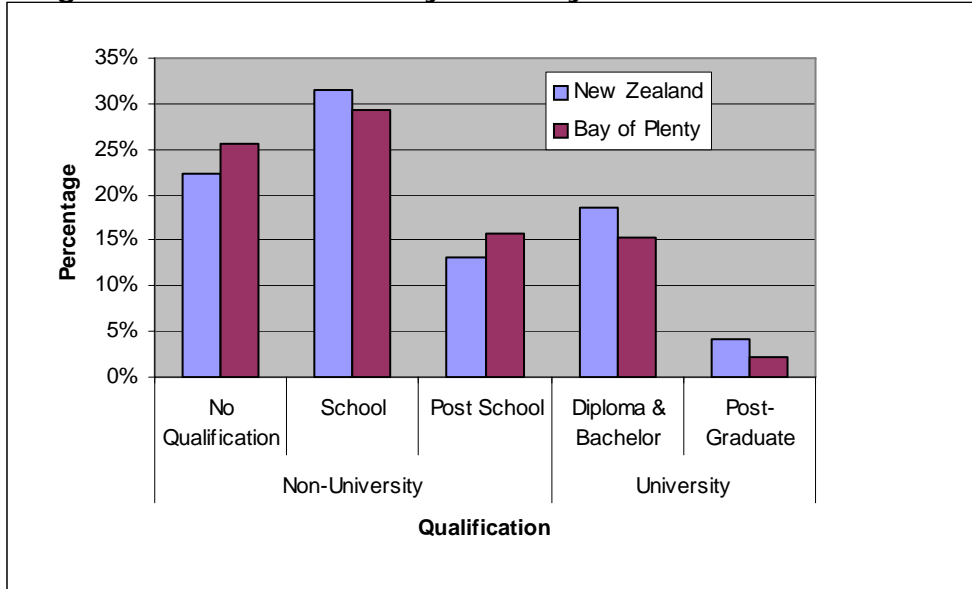
- o The **unemployment rate** in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region was 5.8% [NZ: 5.4%].
- o The most popular occupational group in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region was Managers at 18.2% [NZ: professionals (18.9%)].

Education

At the 2006 Census:

- 33.4% of people aged 15 years and over in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region had a **post-school qualification** [NZ: 35.8%].

Highest Qualification in Bay of Plenty and NZ

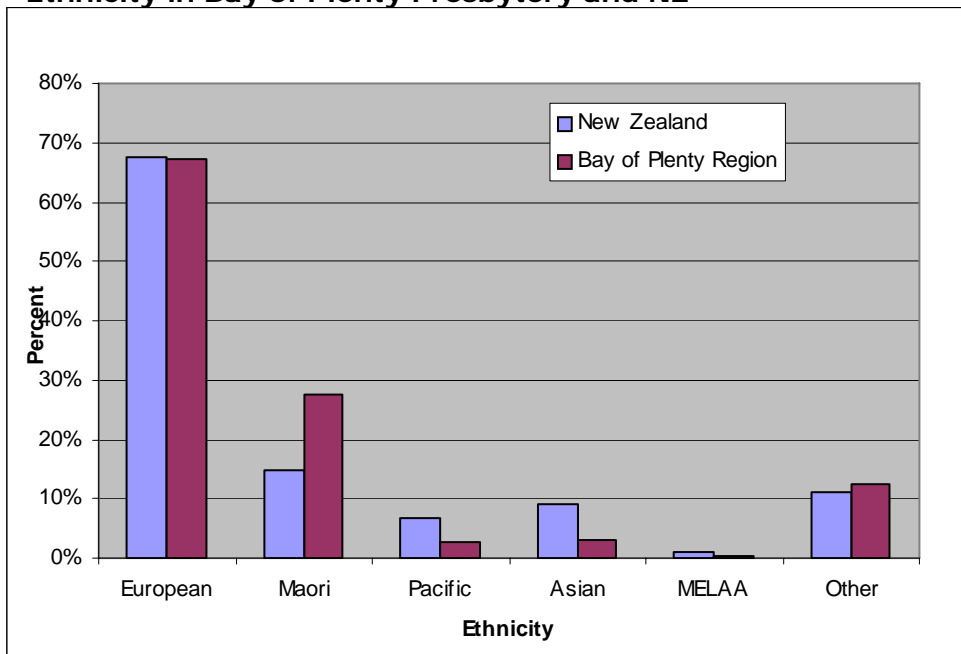


Ethnic groups

At the 2006 Census:

- 67.3% of people in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region said they belong to the European ethnic group [NZ: 67.6%].

Ethnicity in Bay of Plenty Presbytery and NZ



MELAA = Middle East, Latin American and African

Families

At the 2006 Census:

- There were 80,295 families in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region.

Family type

	Bay of Plenty	New Zealand
Couples with child(ren)	37.8%	42.0%
Couples without children	42.4%	39.9%
1 parent with child(ren)	19.8%	18.1%

Marital Status

	Bay of Plenty	New Zealand
Never married	27.9%	31.4%
Married (not civil union)	45.7%	44.8%
Previously married/partnered	17.8%	16.0%

'Previously married/partnered' includes separated, divorced and bereaved.

Households

At the 2006 Census, in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region there were 107,877 households:

- **Mean number of household members:** [NZ: 2.7]

Taupo District	2.6
Western Bay of Plenty District	2.6
Tauranga City	2.5
Rotorua District	2.7
Whakatane District	2.8
Kawerau District	2.8
Opotiki District	2.7

- **access to a telephone:** 84.8% of households [NZ: 91.7%].
- **access to the internet:** 54.1% of households [NZ: 60.5%].
- **access to a motor vehicle:** 93.4% of households [NZ: 92.2%].
- **mean weekly rent** for rented permanent private dwellings: [NZ: \$225]

Taupo District	\$195
Western Bay of Plenty District	\$186
Tauranga City	\$231
Rotorua District	\$184
Whakatane District	\$179
Kawerau District	\$138
Opotiki District	\$131

- **ownership of dwelling** with or without a mortgage, 66.9% [NZ: 66.9%].

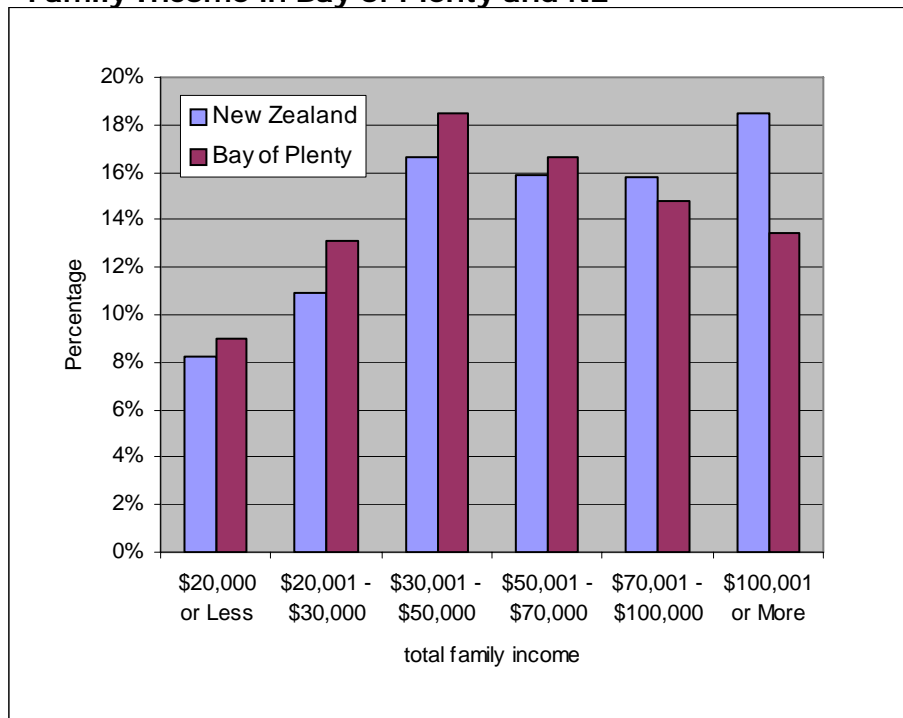
Income

At the 2006 Census:

- o The median family income in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region was: [NZ: \$59,000]

Taupo District	\$54,500
Western Bay of Plenty District	\$53,500
Tauranga City	\$53,100
Rotorua District	\$54,000
Whakatane District	\$51,900
Kawerau District	\$38,700
Opotiki District	\$37,100

Family Income in Bay of Plenty and NZ



Benefits and Allowances

The percentages of people 15 years of age and over in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region receiving the following government benefits and allowances are:

Benefits and Allowances

	Bay of Plenty region	New Zealand
Unemployment Benefit	3.04%	3.11%
Sickness Benefit	2.44%	2.38%
Domestic Purposes Benefit	4.01%	3.14%
Student Allowance	1.36%	2.17%

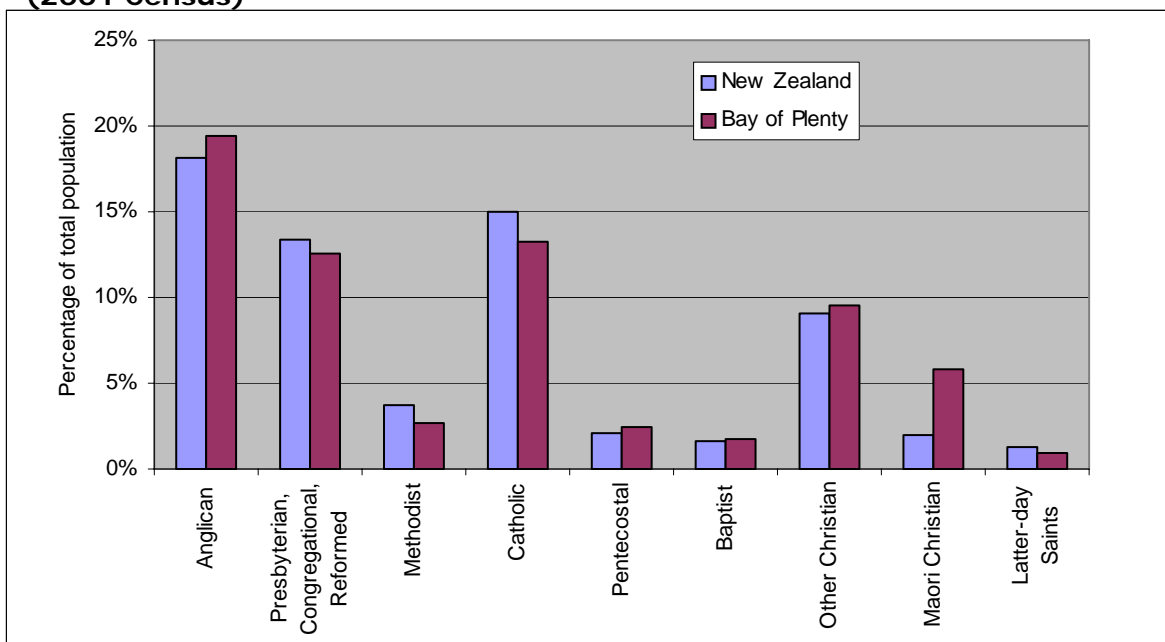
Religion

Religious Affiliation (2006 Census)

	Christian	Māori Christian	*New Age Religions	Judaism	Islam	Hindu	Buddhist	Other Religions	No Religion
New Zealand	58.03%	1.88%	0.57%	0.20%	1.03%	1.84%	1.50%	0.70%	37.13%
Bay of Plenty	57.23%	5.33%	0.53%	0.08%	0.29%	0.60%	0.61%	0.92%	37.95%

* includes Spiritualism

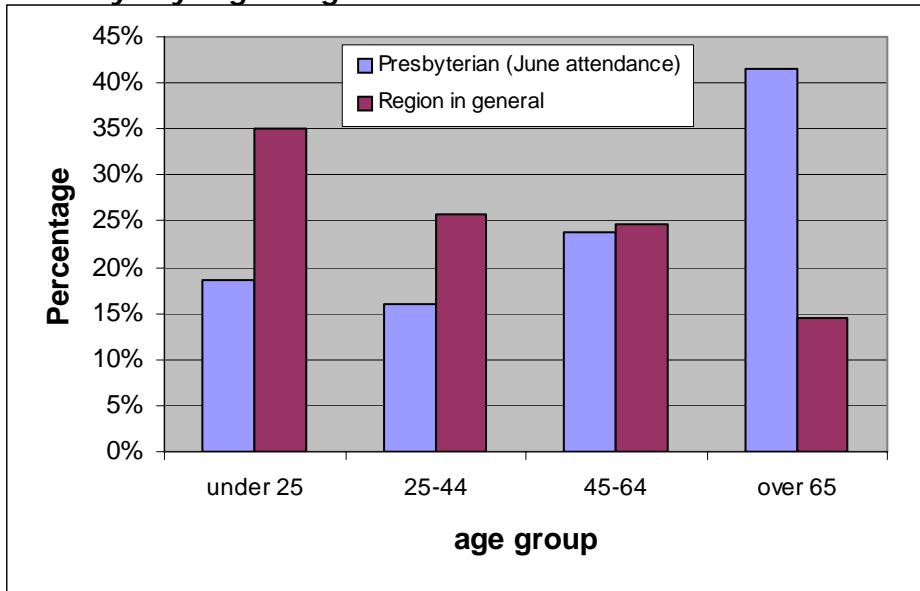
Christian Denomination in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region and NZ (2001 Census)



"Other Christian" includes Church of Christ, Lutheran, Adventists, Orthodox, Evangelical non-denominational, Reformed, Uniting/Union, Salvation Army, smaller groups and Christians who did not define their denomination further

Presbyterian Church Statistics for Bay of Plenty Presbytery

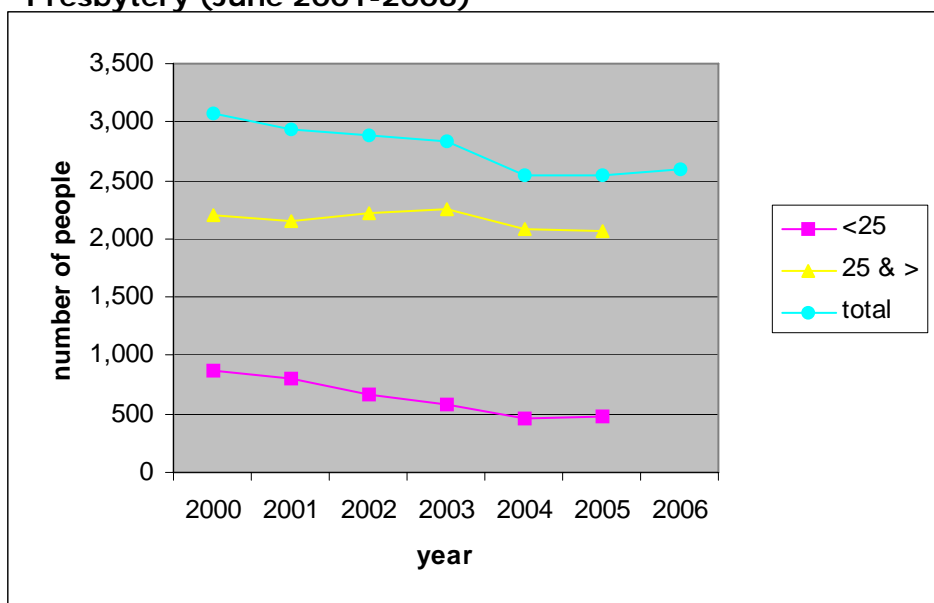
Age of those attending worship during June 2005 in Bay of Plenty Presbytery compared with Bay of Plenty Presbytery region age structure



Average numbers attending worship in June 2005 were 2,541.

In the 2001 census, 29,517 people in Bay of Plenty Presbytery region identified themselves as being Presbyterian. Presbyterian statistics record an average June worship attendance of 2,939 people in 2001 in the whole of Bay of Plenty Presbytery.

Average Worship Attendance in Bay of Plenty Presbytery (June 2001-2006)



Age categories are different for 2006 statistics so only the total can be given