

Christchurch Presbytery Community Profile

Geography

This presbytery is equivalent to

- Christchurch Region – made up of districts of:
 - Hurunui
 - Christchurch City
 - Waimakariri
 - Selwyn

It is also equivalent to

- Canterbury Police District areas of Northern-Canterbury, Southern-Canterbury and Christchurch Central
- Canterbury District Health Board (approximately)

Map of Christchurch Presbytery





Christchurch Presbytery region at a glance

Some of the significant highs and lows for the three 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.

| Population general | Hurunui | Waimakariri | Christchurch | Selwyn |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| Median age (NZ: 35 years) | 41 | 39 | 36 | 36 |
| % of people 0-24 years old | 30.73% | 32.54% | 34.19% | 36.00% |
| % of people 25-44 years old | 25.23% | 26.55% | 28.63% | 28.93% |
| % of people 45-64 years old | 29.75% | 26.99% | 23.63% | 26.11% |
| % of people 65 years old and over | 14.29% | 13.93% | 13.54% | 8.97% |
| Population density (people/km ²) (NZ: 9.71) | 1.21 | 19.30 | 216.43 | 5.14 |
| Population growth (2001-2006) | 6.01% | 16.07% | 7.52% | 23.26% |

| Work and Education | Hurunui | Waimakariri | Christchurch | Selwyn |
|--|---------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| % receiving income from wages/salary* | 53.13% | 60.13% | 62.45% | 65.22% |
| % receiving income from self-employment* | 32.64% | 19.73% | 13.55% | 24.26% |
| % receiving income from investments* | 28.81% | 25.45% | 24.83% | 28.39% |
| % as full-time students* | 5.51% | 6.57% | 11.77% | 9.84% |
| % without any educational qualification* | 25.66% | 27.03% | 21.36% | 21.09% |
| % graduated from university* | 8.88% | 8.30% | 15.31% | 12.94% |

| Ethnicity | Hurunui | Waimakariri | Christchurch | Selwyn |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| % European | 84.32% | 82.98% | 75.39% | 79.23% |
| % Maori | 5.86% | 6.84% | 7.59% | 6.12% |
| % Pacific Islander | 0.39% | 0.64% | 2.79% | 0.89% |
| % Asian | 0.74% | 1.05% | 7.86% | 2.46% |

| Family and Household | Hurunui | Waimakariri | Christchurch | Selwyn |
|---|----------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| couples with children (as % of families) | 41.42% | 43.62% | 39.94% | 49.33% |
| couples without children (as % of families) | 49.55% | 44.15% | 41.93% | 41.71% |
| % solo parents (as % of families with children) | 17.73% | 21.89% | 31.22% | 15.42% |
| % widowed, or bereaved civil union* | 4.48% | 4.94% | 5.27% | 2.89% |
| % who have never married/partnered* | 15.31% | 16.06% | 25.70% | 19.44% |
| Median family income | \$51,300 | \$58,500 | \$58,100 | \$67,400 |
| Mean weekly rental for households renting | \$171 | \$198 | \$220 | \$190 |
| % of households with 6 or more people | 2.41% | 2.83% | 2.85% | 3.28% |
| % of households with only one occupant | 23.85% | 19.16% | 25.06% | 14.38% |

| Benefits | Hurunui | Waimakariri | Christchurch | Selwyn |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| % receiving unemployment benefit* | 1.19% | 1.16% | 2.31% | 0.83% |
| % receiving sickness benefit* | 2.07% | 1.90% | 2.52% | 1.18% |
| % receiving domestic purposes benefit* | 1.73% | 2.35% | 2.78% | 1.21% |
| % receiving New Zealand superannuation* | 17.76% | 17.60% | 15.89% | 11.31% |

| Faith | Hurunui | Waimakariri | Christchurch | Selwyn |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| % Christian | 55.78% | 53.85% | 51.22% | 54.68% |
| % Maori Christian | 0.26% | 0.60% | 0.55% | 0.35% |
| % having no religion | 31.62% | 35.33% | 35.42% | 35.12% |
| % following New Age/Spiritualism | 0.52% | 0.39% | 0.54% | 0.40% |
| % Hindu | 0.14% | 0.13% | 0.62% | 0.16% |
| % Islam | 0.11% | 0.11% | 0.74% | 0.35% |
| % Buddhist | 0.40% | 0.33% | 1.27% | 0.42% |

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

Christchurch Presbytery area statistics are mostly close to New Zealand averages. Statistics that stand out are the high proportion of European people (and low proportions of other ethnicities) and lower than average proportion of people on benefits.

When the territorial authorities (three districts and one city) are examined more statistics stand out. Hurunui, a rural district with low population density and an older age structure, is the most European district/city in New Zealand, with low percentages of singles, solo parents, bereaved people, and people receiving welfare benefits. Waimakariri District is similar in many respects. Selwyn shows even more marked characteristics; the overall age is significantly lower than Hurunui and Waimakariri, and it is a district of families, with few solo parents and bereaved people. Incomes are high and very few people receive welfare benefits.

Selwyn, Waimakariri and Hurunui Districts are all areas with very few people in deprived meshblocks; on 2001 Census figures, Selwyn has no decile 8-10 meshblocks (the only district in New Zealand like this), and only 6.5% and 9.1% of people in Waimakariri and Hurunui Districts respectively live in these three deciles.¹ Christchurch City has levels (24.5%) closer to the New Zealand average.

Christchurch City has more racial diversity, particularly of Asians. Students and singles feature more significantly than in the other areas and compared with the New Zealand average.

Canterbury District Health Board registered the second highest level of admissions for self-harm in New Zealand (213.5/100,000 in 2005; NZ average is 153) but only average levels of suicide.²

The former district of Banks Peninsula (now part of Christchurch City) has a very high concentration of non-casino gaming machines (96/10,000 people, 2005 statistics), whereas Selwyn is at the other end of the scale, with 36.³

The three districts show typical to low levels of non-Christian faiths, whereas Christchurch City is higher than average for the same statistics. The proportion of those having no religion is high in Waimakariri, Christchurch City and Selwyn. The Anglican denomination is strong in the presbytery as a whole; the proportion of Presbyterians is around average. Attendance has changed little over the past six years and the age structure of congregations is significantly higher than in the presbytery area as a whole.

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

³ Kylie Mason. Ministry of Health. 2006. *Problem Gambling Geography of New Zealand 2005*. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

Selected Statistics for Christchurch 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 Christchurch Presbytery region was 435,393, a change of 9.35% since 2001 [NZ: change = 7.8%].

Numbers of people counted

| | Christchurch | New Zealand |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Males | 211,893 | 1,965,648 |
| Females | 223,509 | 2,062,323 |
| Total | 435,393 | 4,027,971 |

Age profile

At the 2006 Census:

- o 19.6% of people in Christchurch Presbytery region were **under 15** years old [NZ: 21.5%].
- o 13.2% of people in Christchurch Presbytery region were **over 65** years old [NZ: 12.3%].

Age of Christchurch Population in 2006



Employment

At the 2006 Census:

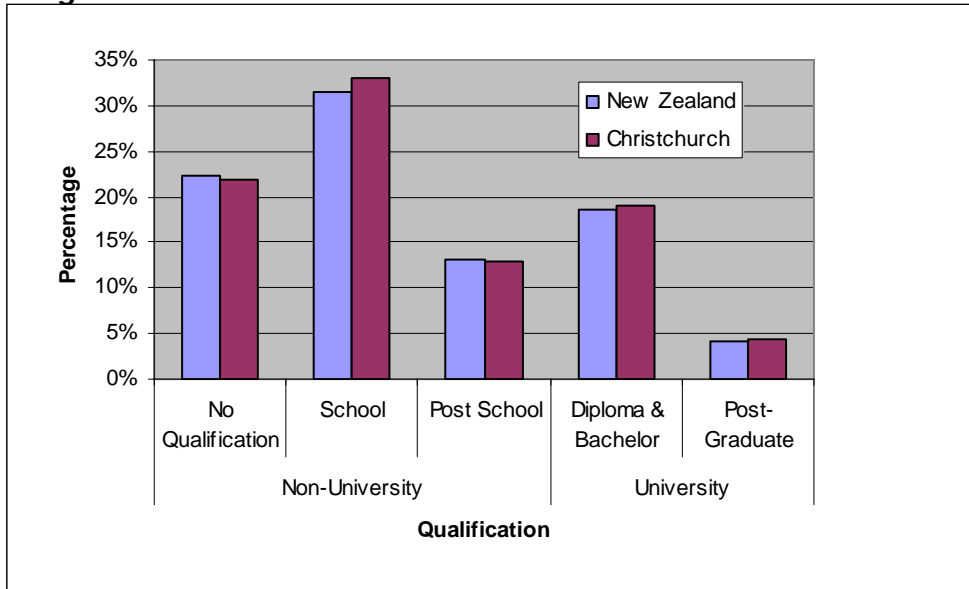
- o The **unemployment rate** in Christchurch Presbytery region was 4.1% [NZ: 5.4%].
- o The most popular occupational group in Christchurch Presbytery region was Professionals at 18.6% [NZ: professionals (18.9%)].

Education

At the 2006 Census:

- 36.4% of people aged 15 years and over in Christchurch Presbytery region had a **post-school qualification** [NZ: 35.8%].

Highest Qualification in Christchurch and NZ

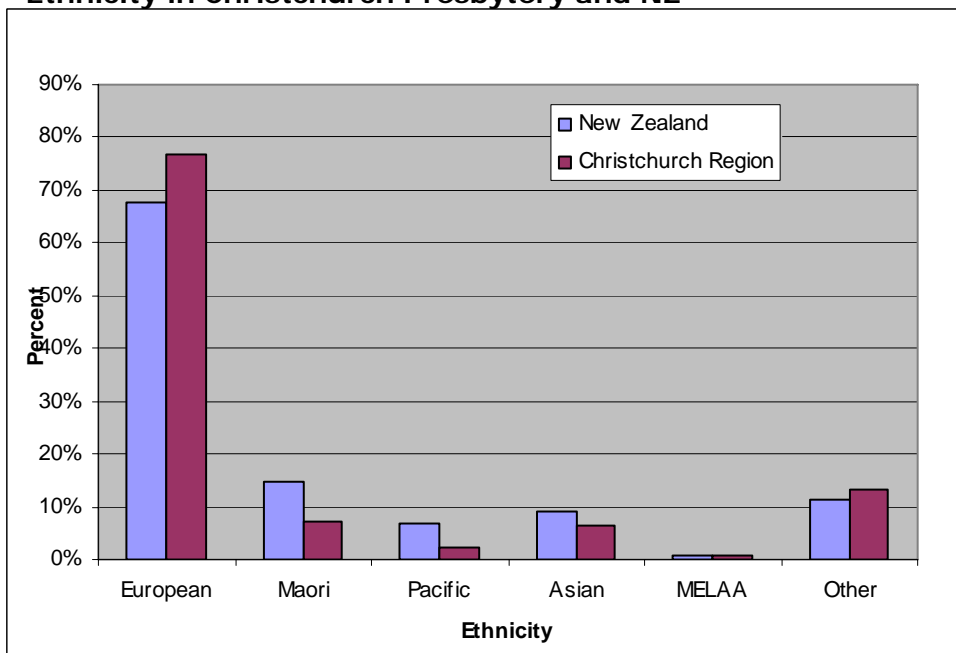


Ethnic groups

At the 2006 Census:

- 76.6% of people in Christchurch Presbytery region said they belong to the European ethnic group [NZ: 67.6%].

Ethnicity in Christchurch Presbytery and NZ



MELAA = Middle East, Latin American and African

Families

At the 2006 Census:

- There were 117,432 families in Christchurch Presbytery region.

Family type

| | Christchurch | New Zealand |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Couples with child(ren) | 41.1% | 42.0% |
| Couples without children | 42.3% | 39.9% |
| 1 parent with child(ren) | 16.5% | 18.1% |

Marital Status

| | Christchurch | New Zealand |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Never married | 32.0% | 31.4% |
| Married (not civil union) | 45.4% | 44.8% |
| Previously married/partnered | 16.8% | 16.0% |

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

Households

At the 2006 Census, in Christchurch Presbytery region there were 165,231 households:

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

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|----------------------|-----|
| Hurunui District | 2.5 |
| Waimakariri District | 2.6 |
| Christchurch City | 2.5 |
| Selwyn District | 2.8 |

- **access to a telephone:** 91.9% of households [NZ: 91.7%].
- **access to the internet:** 61.1% of households [NZ: 60.5%].
- **access to a motor vehicle:** 92.5% of households [NZ: 92.2%].
- **mean weekly rent** for rented permanent private dwellings: [NZ: \$225]

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|----------------------|-------|
| Hurunui District | \$171 |
| Waimakariri District | \$198 |
| Christchurch City | \$220 |
| Selwyn District | \$190 |

- **ownership of dwelling** with or without a mortgage, 69.8% [NZ: 66.9%].

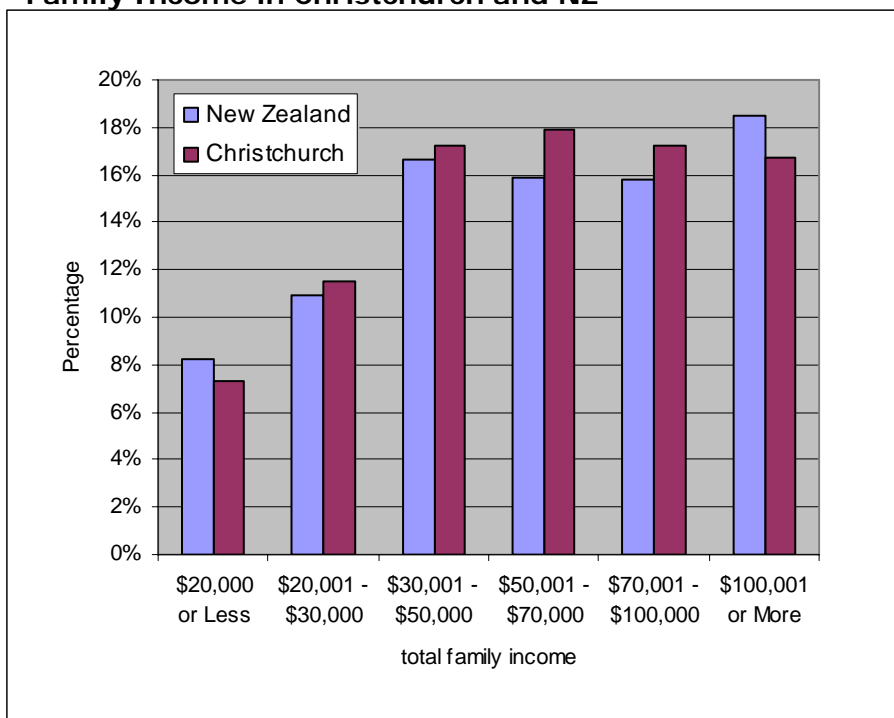
Income

At the 2006 Census:

- The median family income in Christchurch Presbytery region was: [NZ: \$59,000]

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|----------------------|----------|
| Hurunui District | \$51,300 |
| Waimakariri District | \$58,500 |
| Christchurch City | \$58,100 |
| Selwyn District | \$67,400 |

Family Income in Christchurch and NZ



Benefits and Allowances

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

Benefits and Allowances

| | Christchurch region | New Zealand |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Unemployment Benefit | 1.95% | 3.11% |
| Sickness Benefit | 2.24% | 2.38% |
| Domestic Purposes Benefit | 2.48% | 3.14% |
| Student Allowance | 2.39% | 2.17% |

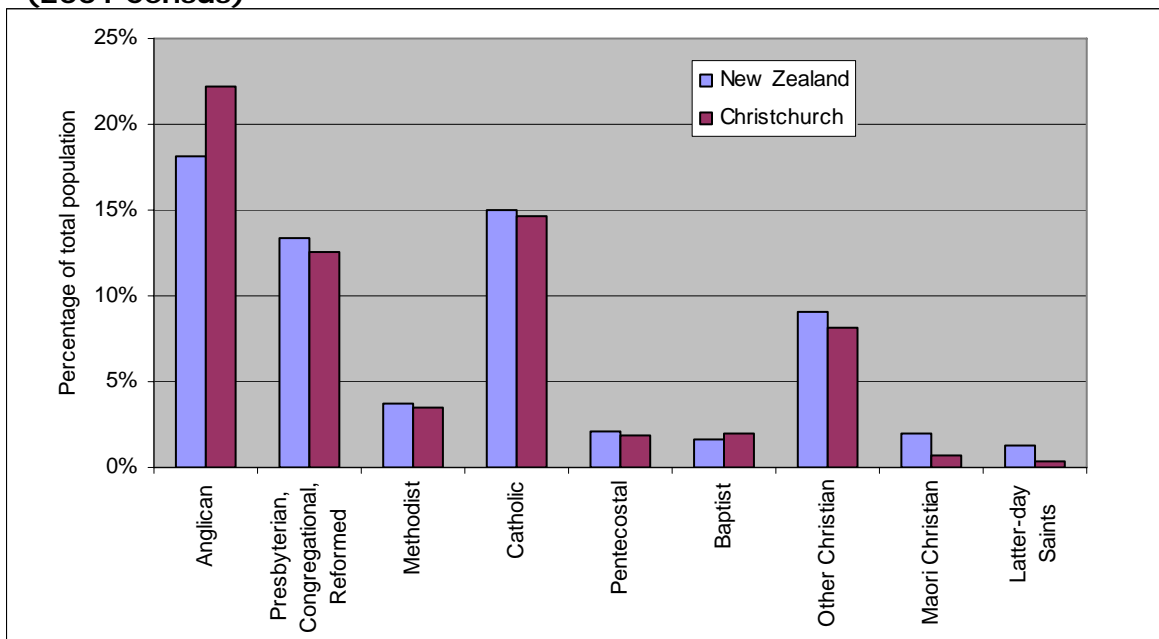
Religion

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% |
| Christchurch | 58.55% | 0.61% | 0.57% | 0.15% | 0.70% | 0.59% | 1.23% | 0.38% | 39.86% |

* includes Spiritualism

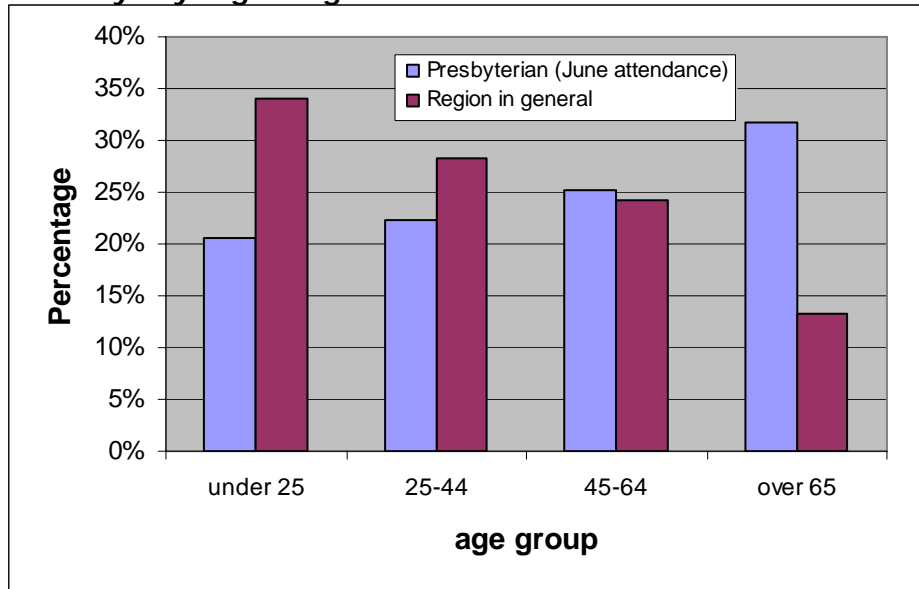
Christian Denomination in Christchurch Presbytery region and NZ (2001 Census)



"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 Christchurch Presbytery

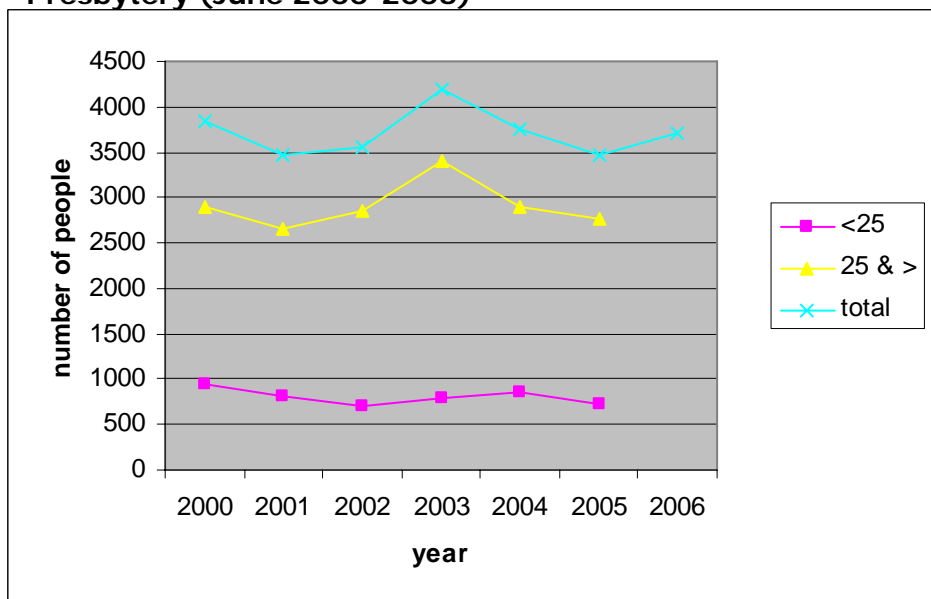
Age of those attending worship during June 2005 in Christchurch Presbytery compared with Christchurch Presbytery region age structure



Average numbers attending worship in June 2005 were 3476.

In the 2001 census, 40,776 people in Christchurch Presbytery region identified themselves as being Presbyterian. Presbyterian statistics record an average June worship attendance of 3466 people in 2001 in the whole of Christchurch Presbytery.

Average Worship Attendance in Christchurch Presbytery (June 2000-2006)



Age categories for 2006 are different so only the total is given.