

Gisborne Presbytery Community Profile

Geography

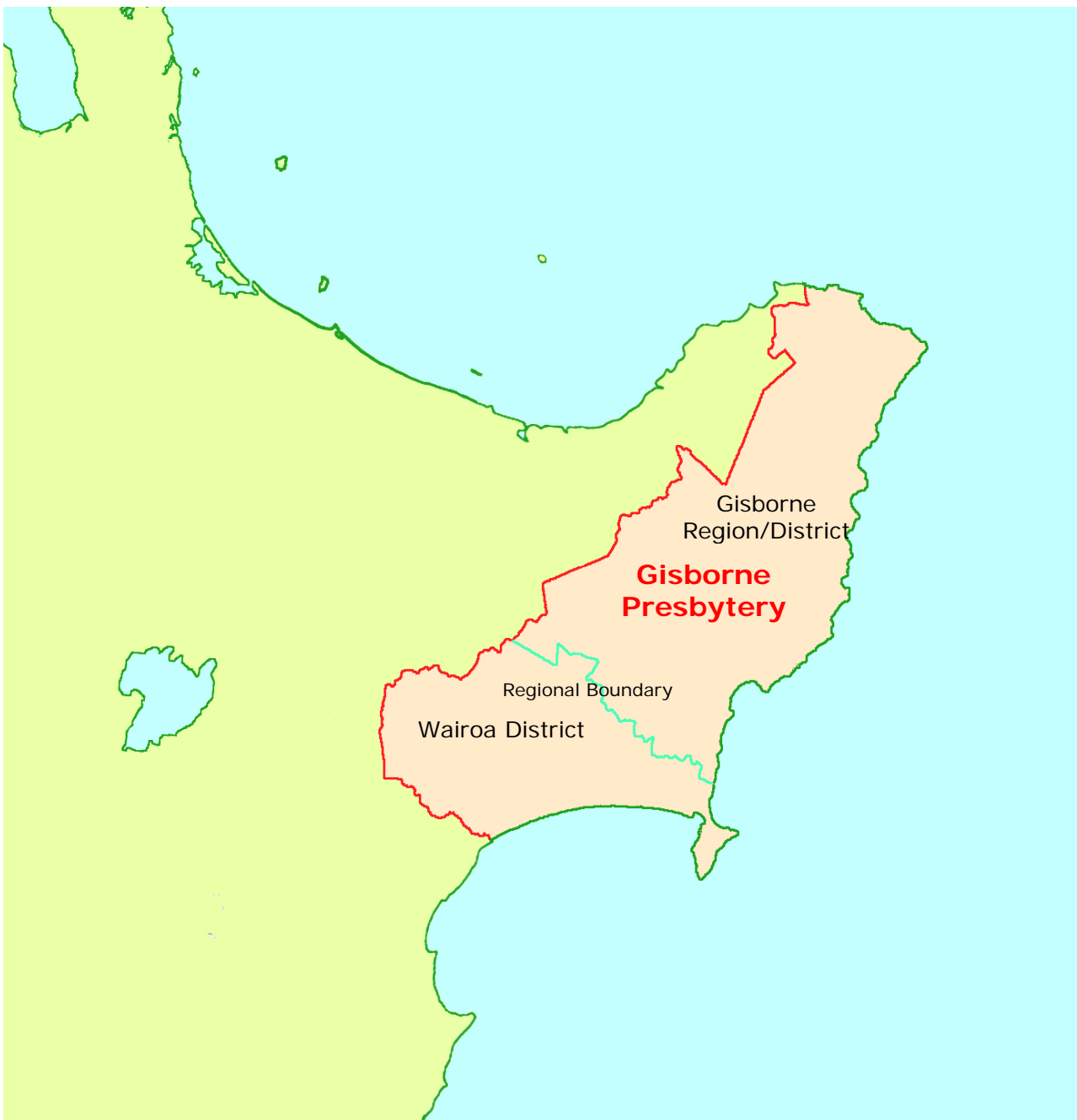
This presbytery is now part of the Gisborne-Hawkes Bay Presbytery but is treated separately here. Gisborne Presbytery is equivalent to

- o Gisborne Region – which is also Gisborne District
- o Wairoa (part of the Hawkes Bay District)

It is also equivalent to

- o Eastern Police District area of Gisborne
- o Tairāwhiti District Health Board plus top part of Hawkes Bay District Health Board

Map of Gisborne Presbytery





Gisborne Presbytery region at a glance

Some of the significant highs and lows for two districts in this presbytery compared with the 72 districts 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	Gisborne District	Wairoa District
Median age (NZ: 35 years)	34 years	36 years
% of people 0-24 years old	39.14%	38.06%
% of people 25-44 years old	25.19%	23.24%
% of people 45-64 years old	23.66%	26.64%
% of people 65 years old and over	12.00%	12.10%
Population density (people/km ²) (NZ: 9.71)	5.32	2.06
Population growth (2001-2006)	1.11%	-4.88%

Work and Education

% receiving income from wages/salary*	58.23%	56.52%
% receiving income from self-employment*	14.85%	15.48%
% receiving income from investments*	19.05%	15.80%
% as full-time students*	8.96%	7.01%
% without any educational qualification*	29.16%	34.39%
% graduated from university*	7.89%	4.17%

Ethnicity

% European	54.26%	44.82%
% Maori	47.31%	60.68%
% Pacific Islander	3.11%	2.05%
% Asian	1.75%	1.29%

Family and Household

couples with children (as % of families)	39.59%	37.26%
couples without children (as % of families)	33.12%	36.59%
% solo parents (as % of families with children)	40.78%	40.99%
% widowed, or bereaved civil union*	6.24%	6.18%
% who have never married/partnered*	23.49%	20.87%
Median family income	\$46,200	\$43,600
Mean weekly rental for households renting	\$174	\$115
% of households with 6 or more people	6.23%	6.18%
% of households with only one occupant	23.44%	25.93%

Benefits

% receiving unemployment benefit*	5.84%	7.40%
% receiving sickness benefit*	3.55%	4.01%
% receiving domestic purposes benefit*	6.29%	5.86%
% receiving New Zealand superannuation*	15.86%	16.11%

Faith

% Christian	56.14%	57.45%
% Maori Christian	11.04%	14.54%
% having no religion	26.81%	18.25%
% following New Age/Spiritualism	0.42%	0.25%
% Hindu	0.28%	0.07%
% Islam	0.16%	0.42%
% Buddhist	0.36%	0.50%

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, and both of the districts that make it up, are characterised by

- relatively sparsely populated areas
- a very high proportion of Maori (and low percentage of Europeans)
- young population age structure
- high proportion of solo parents
- many people on benefits
- poor economic indicators

Wairoa district has these characteristics to a more extreme degree than Gisborne district in general. From 2001 Census data, in Gisborne 59.2% of people live in deprived areas, and in Wairoa 72.8% do, the second highest proportion in New Zealand¹.

The two districts together had the second highest suicide rate in New Zealand (20.9 suicides/100,000, data from 2002-2004; the New Zealand average is 13).²

The number of non-casino gaming machines is high in Wairoa District (85.6/10,000 people) but about average in Gisborne District (56.6/10,000).³

Both districts are strongly Christian (and Maori Christian). The Anglican denomination dominates, and proportion of Presbyterians is less than the national average. Church attendance has declined, but not markedly considering the overall almost zero population growth in the presbytery. The age structure of congregations is older than for the general population of the presbytery, but less so than many other presbyteries.

¹ NZDep2001 Index of Deprivation: The figure is for those living in decile 8-10 areas.

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. The New Zealand average is 53.3.

Selected Statistics for Gisborne 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 Gisborne Presbytery region was 52,941, a change of 0.10% since 2001 [NZ: change = 7.8%].

Numbers of people counted

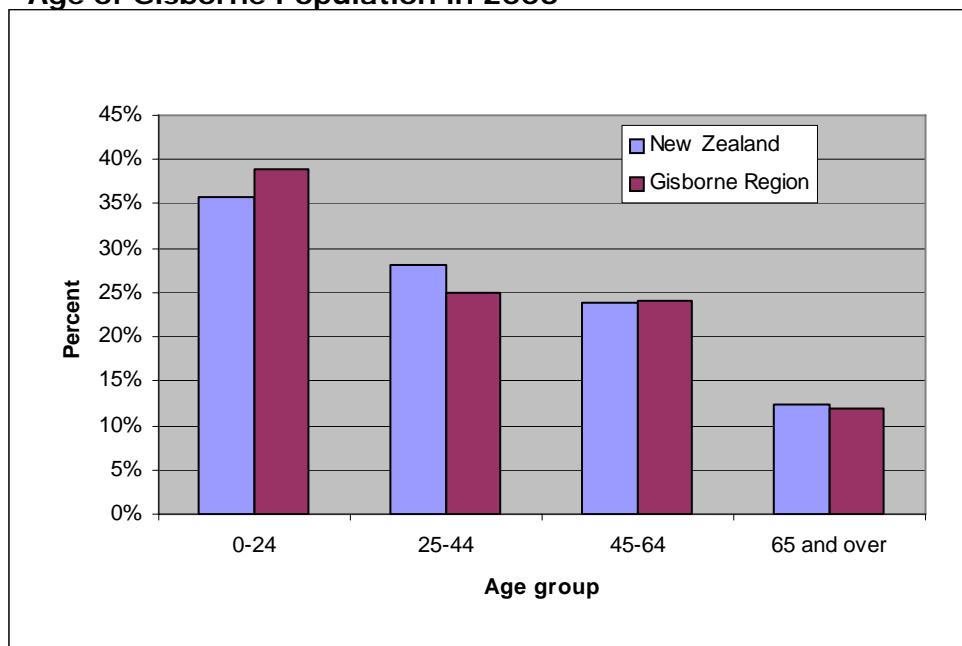
	Gisborne	New Zealand
Males	25,883	1,965,648
Females	27,047	2,062,323
Total	52,941	4,027,971

Age profile

At the 2006 Census:

- o 26.2% of people in Gisborne Presbytery region were **under 15** years old [NZ: 21.5%].
- o 12.0% of people in Gisborne Presbytery region were **over 65** years old [NZ: 12.3%].

Age of Gisborne Population in 2006



Employment

At the 2006 Census:

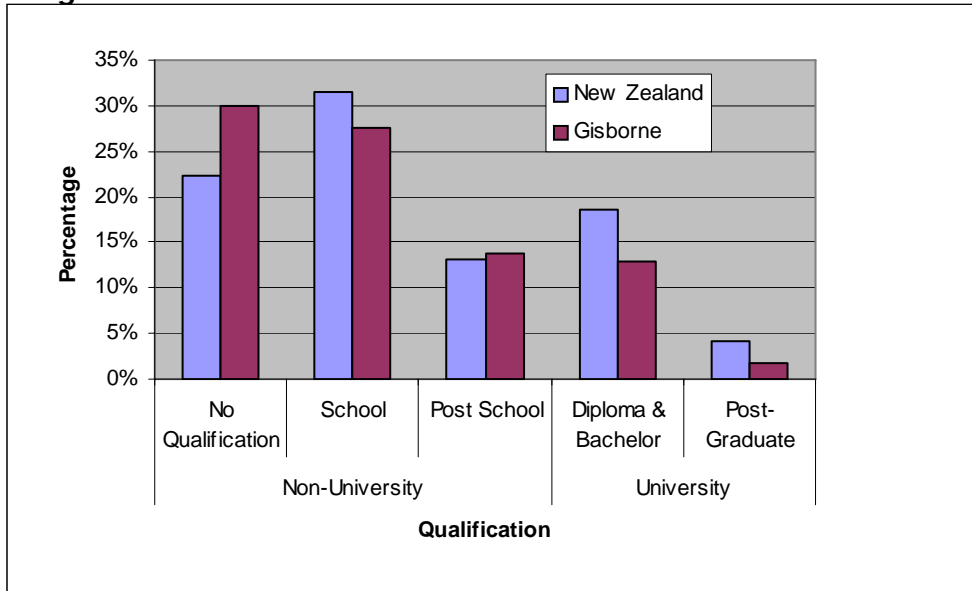
- o The **unemployment rate** in Gisborne Presbytery region was 7.2% [NZ: 5.4%].
- o The most popular occupational group in Gisborne Presbytery region was Labourers at 20.7% [NZ: professionals (18.9%)].

Education

At the 2006 Census:

- o 28.4% of people aged 15 years and over in Gisborne Presbytery region had a **post-school qualification** [NZ: 35.8%].

Highest Qualification in Gisborne and NZ

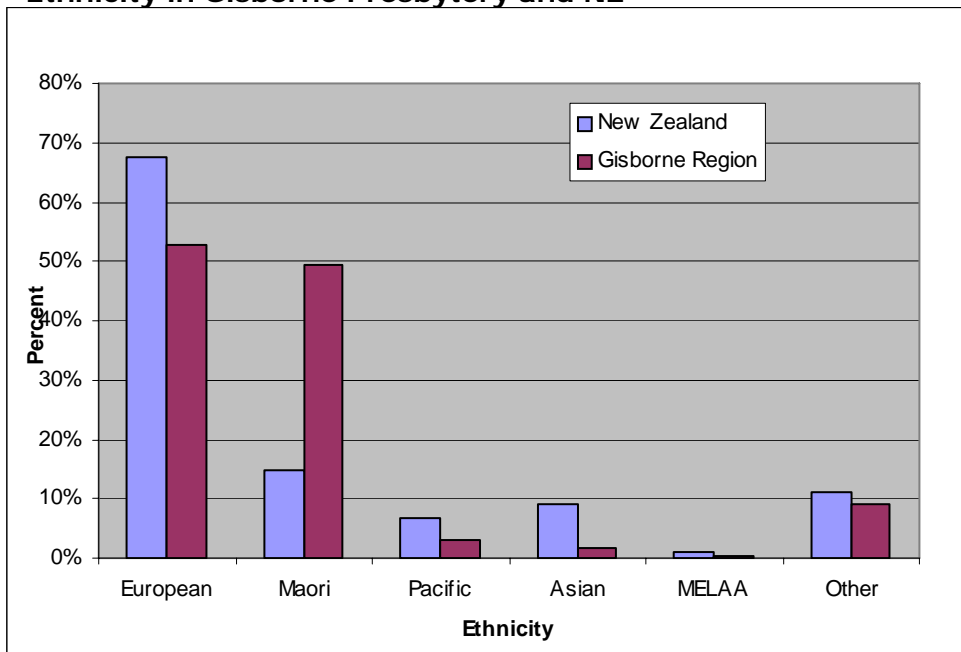


Ethnic groups

At the 2006 Census:

- o 52.7% of people in Gisborne Presbytery region said they belong to the European ethnic group [NZ: 67.6%].

Ethnicity in Gisborne Presbytery and NZ



MELAA = Middle East, Latin American and African

Families

At the 2006 Census:

- There were 13,722 families in Gisborne Presbytery region.

Family type

	Gisborne	New Zealand
Couples with child(ren)	39.2%	42.0%
Couples without children	33.7%	39.9%
1 parent with child(ren)	27.0%	18.1%

Marital Status

	Gisborne	New Zealand
Never married	31.9%	31.4%
Married (not civil union)	39.6%	44.8%
Previously married/partnered	17.4%	16.0%

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

Households

At the 2006 Census, in Gisborne Presbytery region there were 18,573 households:

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

Gisborne District	2.8
Wairoa District	2.6

- **access to a telephone:** 81.2% of households [NZ: 91.7%].
- **access to the internet:** 43.0% of households [NZ: 60.5%].
- **access to a motor vehicle:** 90.2% of households [NZ: 92.2%].
- **mean weekly rent** for rented permanent private dwellings: [NZ: \$225]

Gisborne District	\$174
Wairoa District	\$115

- **ownership of dwelling** with or without a mortgage, 61.7% [NZ: 66.9%].

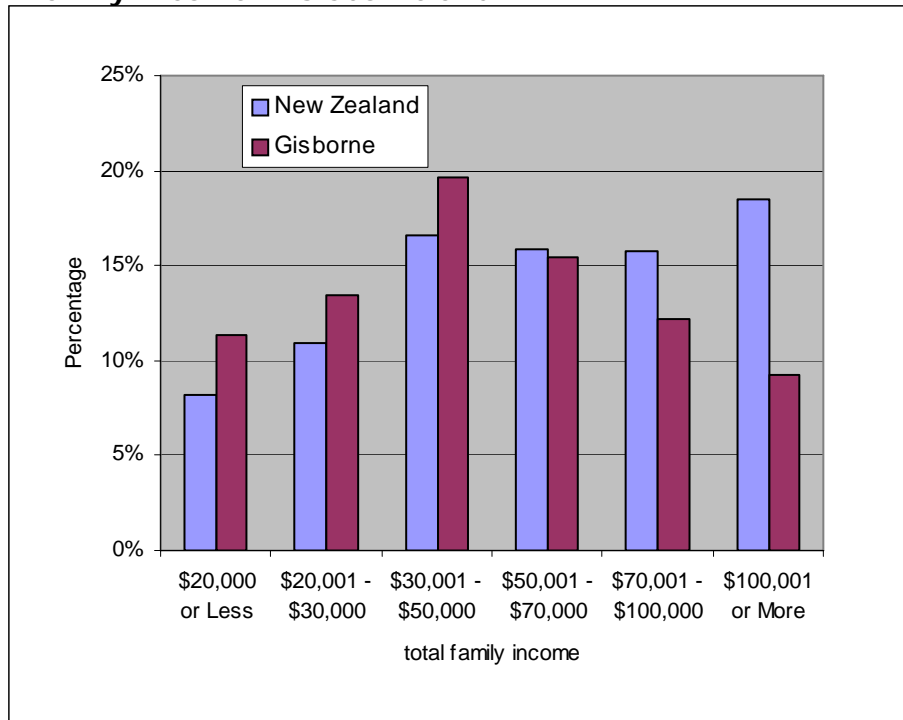
Income

At the 2006 Census:

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

Gisborne District	\$46,200
Wairoa District	\$43,600

Family Income in Gisborne and NZ



Benefits and Allowances

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

Benefits and Allowances

	Gisborne region	New Zealand
Unemployment Benefit	5.59%	3.11%
Sickness Benefit	3.27%	2.38%
Domestic Purposes Benefit	5.69%	3.14%
Student Allowance	1.37%	2.17%

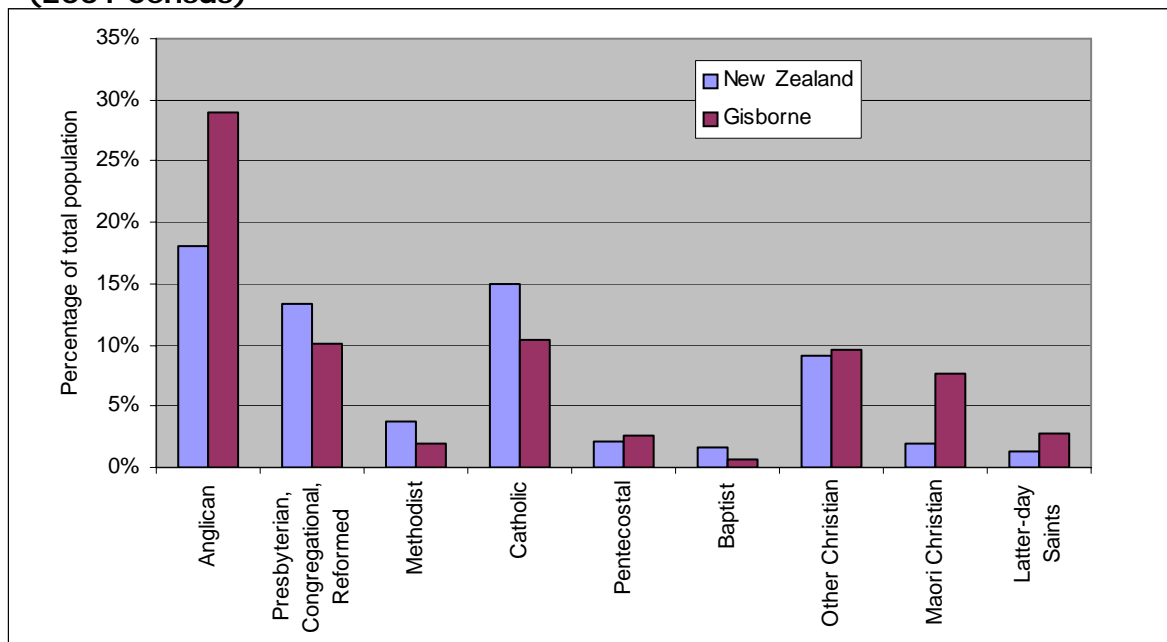
Religion

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%
Gisborne	67.08%	13.78%	0.47%	0.08%	0.22%	0.29%	0.46%	0.73%	30.28%

* includes Spiritualism

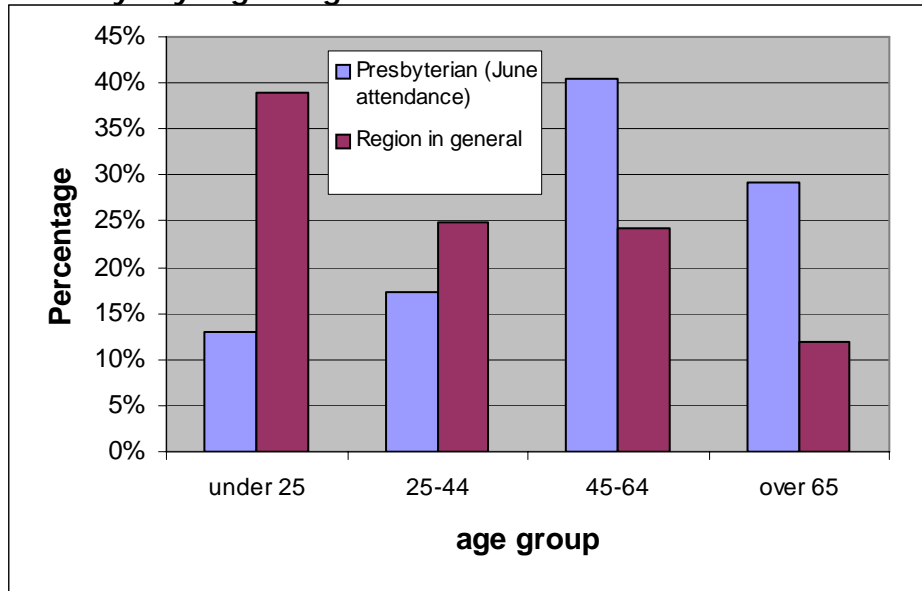
Christian Denomination in Gisborne Presbytery region and NZ (2001 Census)



"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 Gisborne Presbytery

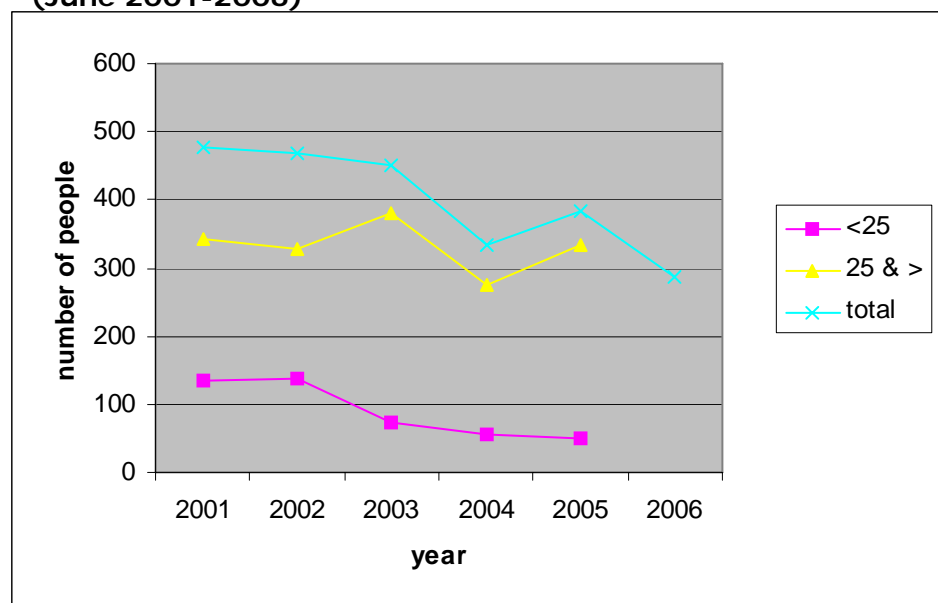
Age of those attending worship during June 2005 in Gisborne Presbytery compared with Gisborne Presbytery region age structure



Average numbers attending worship in June 2005 were 383.

In the 2001 census, 4,623 people in Gisborne Presbytery region identified themselves as being Presbyterian. Presbyterian statistics record an average June worship attendance of 477 people in 2001 in the whole of Gisborne Presbytery.

Average Worship Attendance in Gisborne Presbytery (June 2001-2006)



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