

# Mataura Presbytery Community Profile

## Geography

This presbytery is equivalent to

- Southland Region districts of:
  - Gore
  - Southland – Area Units of Waikaia, Kaweku, Toetoes, and communities of Riversdale, Balfour and Lumsden

It is also included in

- Southland Area of Southern Police District
- Southland District Health Board

**Map of Mataura Presbytery**





# Mataura 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	Southland District	Gore District
o Median age (NZ: 35 years)	37	40
o % of people 0-24 years old	33.99%	32.61%
o % of people 25-44 years old	27.80%	24.88%
o % of people 45-64 years old	26.66%	25.72%
o % of people 65 years old and over	11.56%	16.80%
o Population density (people/km <sup>2</sup> ) (NZ: 9.71)	0.92	9.67
o Population growth (2001-2006)	-0.95%	-2.79%

## Work and Education

o % receiving income from wages/salary*	58.47%	60.40%
o % receiving income from self-employment*	33.44%	19.64%
o % receiving income from investments*	29.60%	26.72%
o % as full-time students*	5.73%	6.09%
o % without any educational qualification*	31.10%	35.21%
o % graduated from university*	7.02%	6.06%

## Ethnicity

o % European	79.38%	79.21%
o % Maori	9.41%	9.49%
o % Pacific Islander	0.58%	0.59%
o % Asian	1.10%	0.87%

## Family and Household

o couples with children (as % of families)	45.41%	41.89%
o couples without children (as % of families)	45.87%	44.63%
o % solo parents (as % of families with children)	16.05%	24.22%
o % widowed, or bereaved civil union*	4.23%	7.42%
o % who have never married/partnered*	17.61%	19.21%
o Median family income	\$57,300	\$51,800
o Mean weekly rental for households renting	\$113	\$111
o % of households with 6 or more people	3.01%	2.80%
o % of households with only one occupant	21.99%	27.91%

## Benefits

o % receiving unemployment benefit*	2.50%	4.25%
o % receiving sickness benefit*	1.27%	1.58%
o % receiving domestic purposes benefit*	1.54%	2.34%
o % receiving New Zealand superannuation*	14.27%	20.36%

## Faith

o % Christian	58.18%	62.72%
o % Maori Christian	0.55%	0.89%
o % having no religion	31.41%	26.55%
o % following New Age/Spiritualism	0.23%	0.25%
o % Hindu	0.11%	0.10%
o % Islam	0.12%	0.20%
o % Buddhist	0.30%	0.15%

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 2<sup>nd</sup> highest/2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in New Zealand
- Only part of Southland is included in Mataura Presbytery. The statistics in this chart are for all of Southland

## General Comments

This presbytery is a combination of rural and smaller towns, with parts of Southland District (mostly those of Southland Presbytery but also some areas of Maitua Presbytery) as wilderness areas. There is overall population decline and low population density.

The presbytery as a whole is very European ethnically. Education levels are below average. There is a relatively high percentage of couples without children, and a significantly lower proportion of solo parents than the New Zealand average. A high proportion of the adult population is married. Rentals are very low, and dwelling ownership is high. Family income is concentrated in the \$30,000 to \$70,000 bracket, more evenly distributed than the New Zealand average distribution. Low percentages receive welfare benefits. Maitua Presbytery is not very diverse ethnically and religiously.

At a district level, Southlanders are the most self-employed in New Zealand, which is not surprising given the rural nature of the district. Many also receive income from investments. Gore District people are more likely to work for wages. Gore District also has more people living alone, and bereaved, and the median age of the population is relatively high.

There are few people living in the upper three deciles of deprived meshblocks in Southland (10.2%) or Gore (16.2%) Districts – levels of deprivation are low.<sup>1</sup>

Southland District Health Board records a slightly greater than average level of suicide (15.5/100,000 people; NZ average is 13). Hospital admissions for self-harm are slightly below the national average (103.1/100,000; NZ average 152.7).<sup>2</sup>

Numbers of non-casino gaming machines (around 65/10,000 people) are similar to the New Zealand average for both districts.<sup>3</sup>

Maitua Presbytery is very strongly Christian, with few follower of non-Christian faiths. A very high proportion of Christians (and of the total population – 40%) identify themselves as Presbyterian, with lower than average percentages of most other denominations except Catholics. Presbyterian church attendance has declined significantly over the past six years but the most recent statistics show an increase. The age profile of congregations is biased towards older people but there is a strong presence of under 25s seldom seen in other presbyteries.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Miranda Devlin. Ministry of Health. 2006. *Suicide Facts: 2004–2005 data*.

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

# Selected Statistics for Matura 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 Matura Presbytery region was 18,501, a change of -3.61% since 2001 [NZ: change = 7.8%].

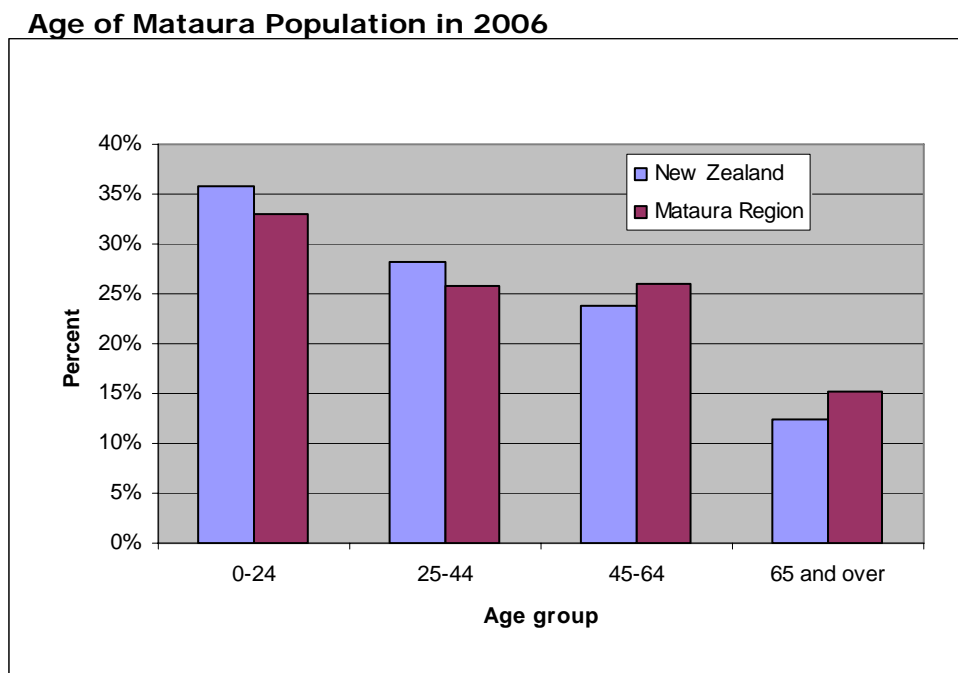
## Numbers of people counted

	Matura	New Zealand
<b>Males</b>	9,273	1,965,648
<b>Females</b>	9,228	2,062,323
<b>Total</b>	18,501	4,027,971

## Age profile

At the 2006 Census:

- o 22.2% of people in Matura Presbytery region were **under 15** years old [NZ: 21.5%].
- o 15.3% of people in Matura Presbytery region were **over 65** years old [NZ: 12.3%].



## Employment

At the 2006 Census:

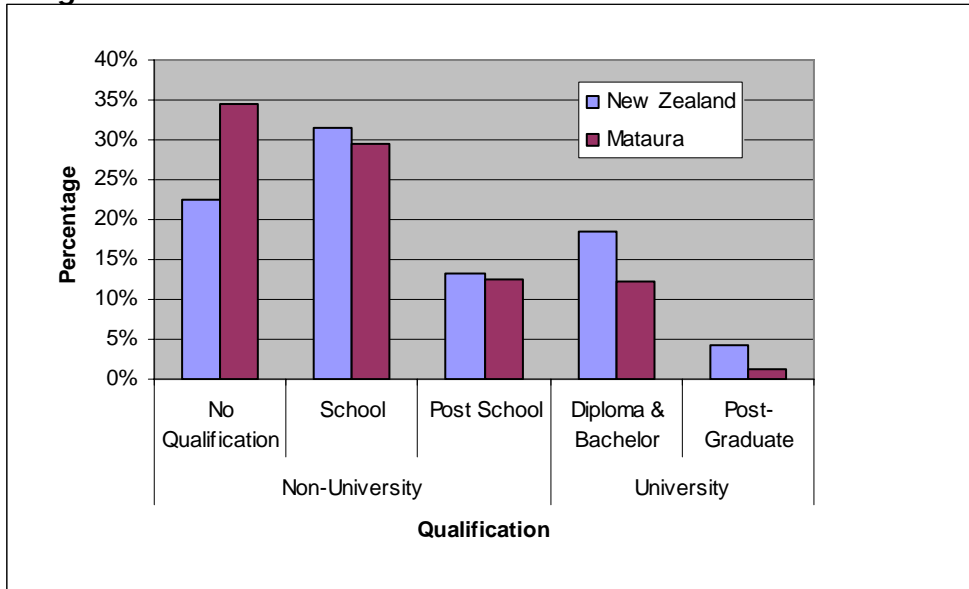
- o The **unemployment rate** in Matura Presbytery region was 2.6% [NZ: 5.4%].
- o The most popular occupational group in Matura Presbytery region was Managers at 23.1% [NZ: professionals (18.9%)].

## Education

At the 2006 Census:

- 26.0% of people aged 15 years and over in Matura Presbytery region had a **post-school qualification** [NZ: 35.8%].

**Highest Qualification in Matura and NZ**

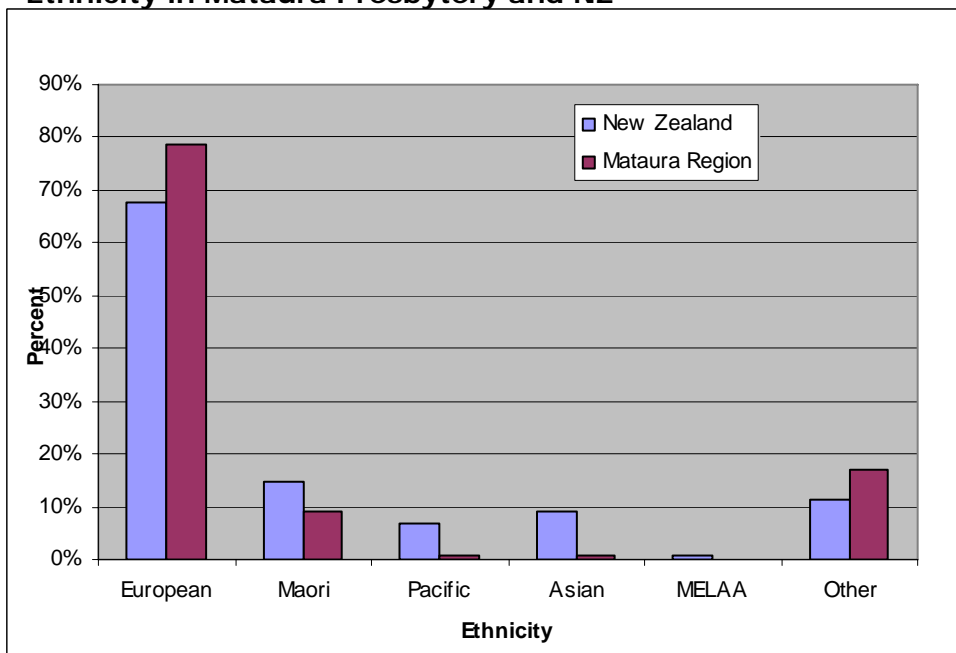


## Ethnic groups

At the 2006 Census:

- 78.7% of people in Matura Presbytery region said they belong to the European ethnic group [NZ: 67.6%].

**Ethnicity in Matura Presbytery and NZ**



MELAA = Middle East, Latin American and African

## Families

At the 2006 Census:

- o There were 5,103 families in Matura Presbytery region.

### Family type

	Matura	New Zealand
<b>Couples with child(ren)</b>	42.6%	42.0%
<b>Couples without children</b>	45.7%	39.9%
<b>1 parent with child(ren)</b>	11.5%	18.1%

### Marital Status

	Matura	New Zealand
<b>Never married</b>	25.2%	31.4%
<b>Married (not civil union)</b>	53.7%	44.8%
<b>Previously married/partnered</b>	15.5%	16.0%

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

## Households

At the 2006 Census, in Matura Presbytery region there were 7,299 households. Statistics are for the Matura Presbytery area unless indicated, in which case they are given separately for Gore District (completely included in Matura Presbytery) and Southland District (partly included in Matura Presbytery, but representative of the rural parts of this presbytery)

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

Southland District	2.6
Gore District	2.4

- o **access to a telephone:** 90.0% of households [NZ: 91.7%].
- o **access to the internet:** 51.8% of households [NZ: 60.5%].
- o **access to a motor vehicle:** 94.0% of households [NZ: 92.2%].
- o **mean weekly rent** for rented permanent private dwellings: [NZ: \$225]

Southland District	\$113
Gore District	\$111

- o **ownership of dwelling** with or without a mortgage, 73.0% [NZ: 66.9%].

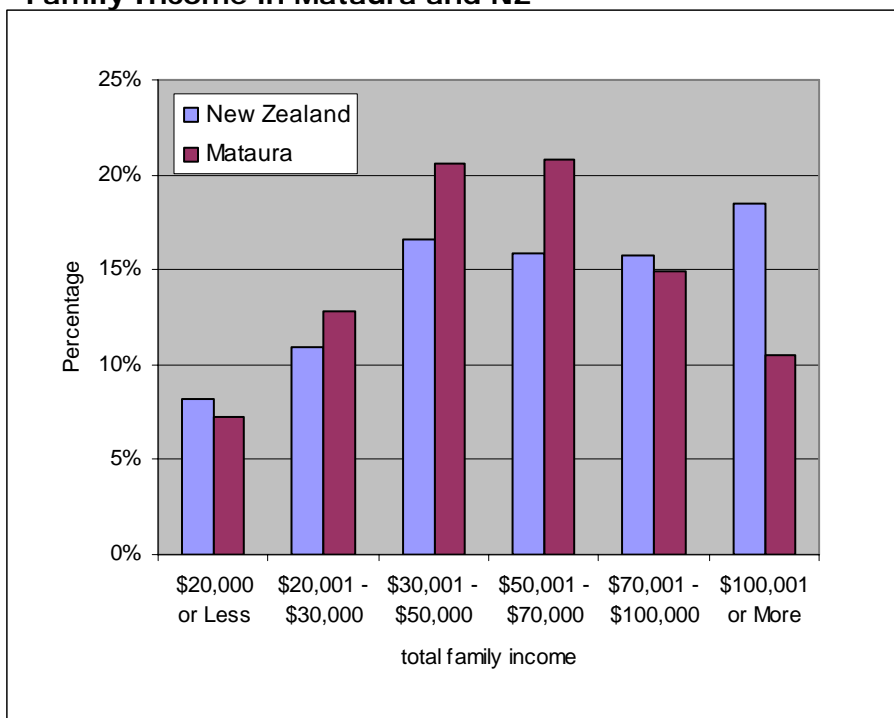
## Income

At the 2006 Census:

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

Southland District	\$57,300
Gore District	\$51,800

### Family Income in Matura and NZ



### Benefits and Allowances

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

#### Benefits and Allowances

	Matura region	New Zealand
Unemployment Benefit	3.34%	3.11%
Sickness Benefit	1.38%	2.38%
Domestic Purposes Benefit	1.94%	3.14%
Student Allowance	0.67%	2.17%

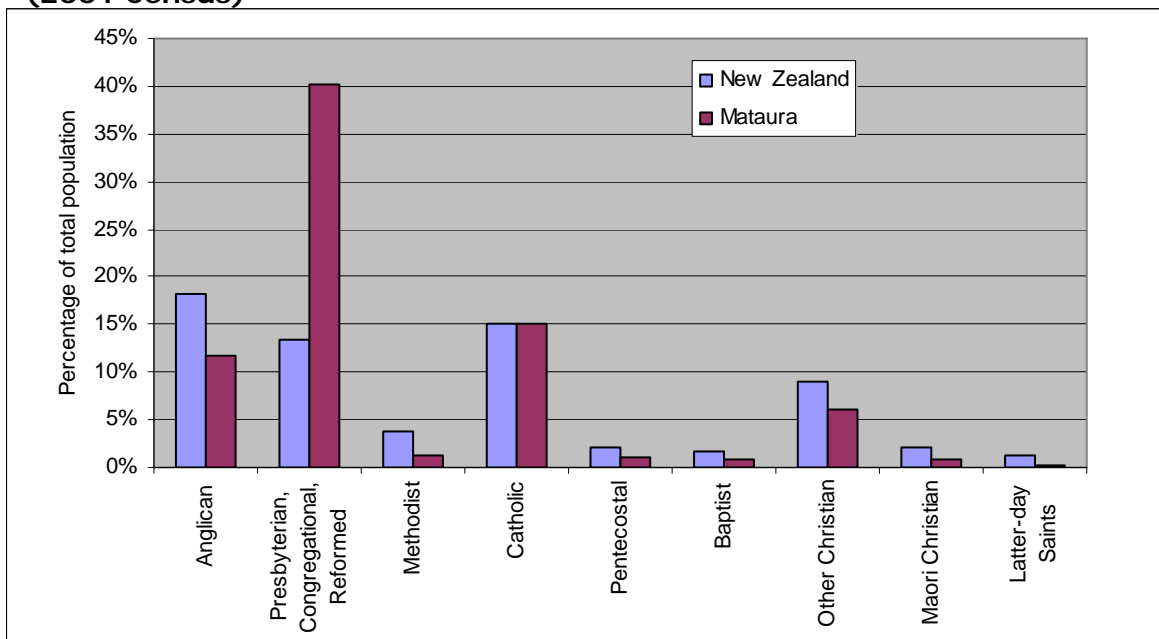
## Religion

### 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%
Mataura	69.65%	0.82%	0.24%	0.04%	0.25%	0.11%	0.18%	0.29%	30.75%

\* includes Spiritualism

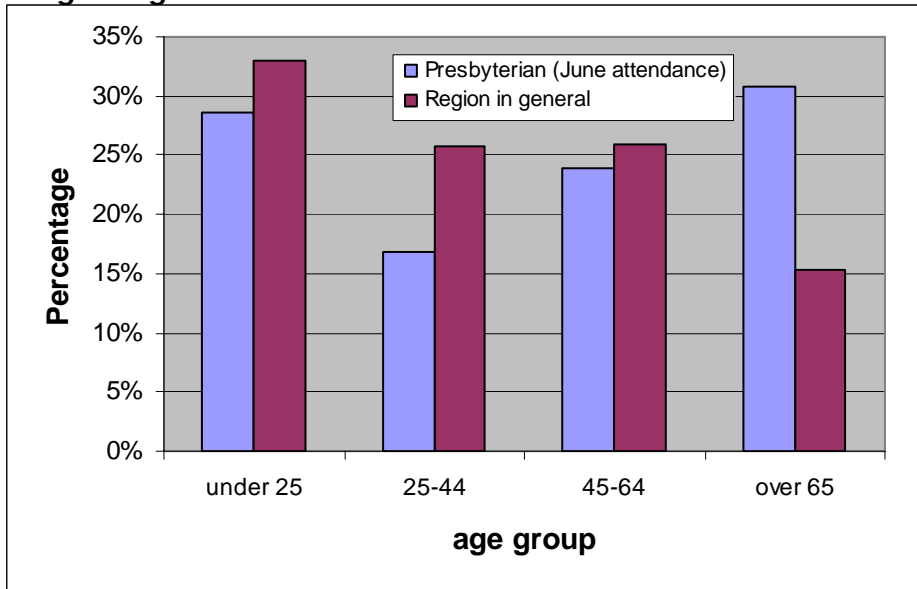
### Christian Denomination in Mataura Presbytery region and NZ (2001 Census)



“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 Matura Presbytery

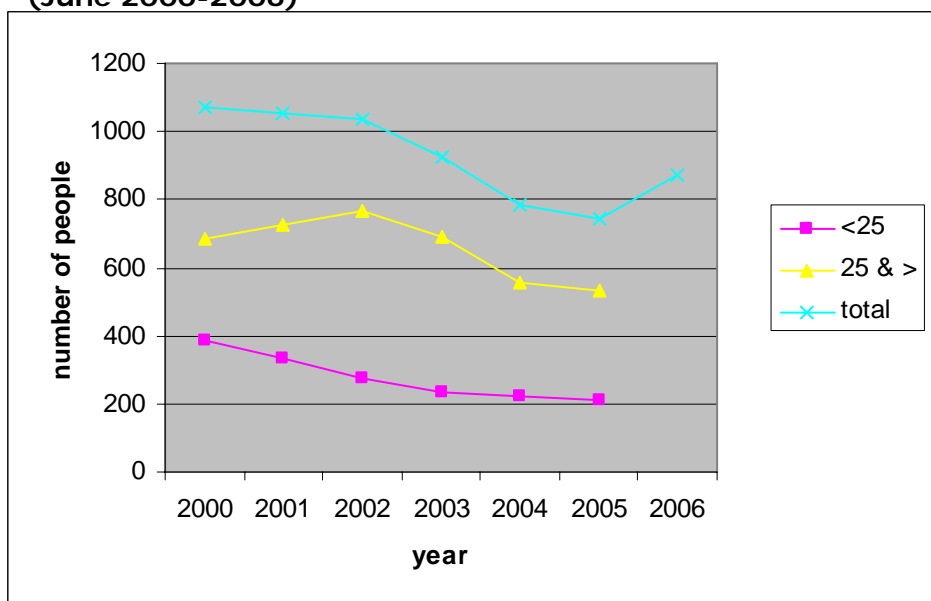
**Age of those attending worship during June 2005 in Matura Presbytery compared with Matura Presbytery region age structure**



Average numbers attending worship in June 2005 were 745.

In the 2001 census, 8268 people in Matura Presbytery region identified themselves as being Presbyterian. Presbyterian statistics record an average June worship attendance of 1056 people in 2001 in the whole of Matura Presbytery.

**Average Worship Attendance in Matura Presbytery (June 2000-2006)**



Age categories for 2006 have changed so only the total can be given