

Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery Community Profile

Geography

This presbytery is equivalent to

- Nelson-Marlborough Region – made up of districts of:
 - Tasman
 - Nelson City
 - Marlborough
 - Kaikoura

It is also equivalent to

- Tasman Police District areas of Nelson Bays and Marlborough
- Marlborough District Health Board plus Canterbury DHB (Kaikoura District)

Map of Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery





Nelson-Marlborough 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 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	Tasman District	Nelson City	Marlborough District	Kaikoura District
Median age in years (NZ: 35)	40	39	41	41
% of people 0-24 years old	31.88%	31.90%	29.53%	29.25%
% of people 25-44 years old	26.05%	27.05%	25.53%	26.18%
% of people 45-64 years old	28.48%	26.55%	28.78%	29.58%
% of people 65 years old and over	13.61%	14.53%	16.16%	14.91%
Population density (people/km ²) (NZ: 9.71)	3.01	96.75	3.41	1.77
Population growth (2001-2006)	7.91%	3.19%	7.57%	3.96%

Work and Education

% receiving income from wages/salary*	58.51%	60.38%	60.27%	56.72%
% receiving income from self-employment*	23.39%	16.61%	20.60%	28.52%
% receiving income from investments*	28.86%	27.31%	26.69%	25.44%
% as full-time students*	5.94%	7.58%	5.52%	4.32%
% without any educational qualification*	24.51%	23.06%	25.99%	28.69%
% graduated from university*	9.82%	12.61%	8.34%	7.93%

Ethnicity

% European	82.67%	80.39%	78.42%	77.17%
% Maori	7.09%	8.67%	10.47%	17.10%
% Pacific Islander	0.78%	1.70%	1.57%	0.95%
% Asian	1.31%	2.56%	1.57%	1.56%

Family and Household

couples with children (as % of families)	41.76%	37.17%	37.04%	35.54%
couples without children (as % of families)	45.12%	44.39%	50.25%	51.51%
% solo parents (as % of families with children)	23.90%	33.20%	25.51%	26.71%
% widowed, or bereaved civil union*	5.26%	5.45%	5.70%	5.18%
% who have never married/partnered*	17.46%	21.67%	17.39%	18.17%
Median family income	\$51,300	\$53,700	\$53,900	\$50,100
Mean weekly rental for households renting	\$189	\$217	\$195	\$191
% of households with 6 or more people	2.86%	2.31%	2.48%	3.28%
% of households with only one occupant	22.57%	25.67%	23.92%	25.00%

Benefits

% receiving unemployment benefit*	2.50%	2.31%	0.98%	1.54%
% receiving sickness benefit*	2.32%	2.65%	1.95%	2.42%
% receiving domestic purposes benefit*	2.74%	3.44%	2.30%	2.31%
% receiving New Zealand superannuation*	17.03%	17.42%	19.43%	18.17%

Faith

% Christian	45.31%	44.66%	53.60%	54.22%
% Maori Christian	0.36%	0.39%	0.67%	0.66%
% having no religion	40.51%	41.24%	32.43%	31.37%
% following New Age/Spiritualism	0.76%	0.84%	0.42%	0.41%
% Hindu	0.20%	0.34%	0.25%	0.17%
% Islam	0.13%	0.18%	0.17%	0.08%
% Buddhist	0.84%	1.22%	0.59%	0.33%

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

Most of Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery is rural and sparsely populated, with one mid-sized city and several towns. Overall, the age profile of the population is older, and ethnically, very homogeneous and European, with much lower presence of all other ethnic groups. Education levels are about average. Many couples have no children, and solo parenting is relatively uncommon also. More people than average are married. Household sizes are smaller than average, with average access to communications. Incomes are below average but not markedly, and rentals are less. Fewer than average numbers of people are on benefits.

On a district basis, the presbytery divides into two areas – that of Tasman District and Nelson City, and that of Marlborough and Kaikoura Districts.

The first area has a more European ethnic makeup and a higher proportion of couples without children than the second area. In terms of religion it is markedly different, as discussed below.

The second area has an older population with significantly less people in the 0-24 year age bracket and significantly more in the 45-64 year bracket. More than average numbers of people in Kaikoura District receive income from self-employment, typical in predominantly rural districts. Tasman District also shows this, but to a lesser extent. Kaikoura District has the highest proportion of Maori, at 17%. People in the second area are also less likely to receive welfare benefits compared with the first area and with the New Zealand average.

Suicide rates are low in this presbytery area (10.3/100,000 people – the NZ average is 13). Rates of admissions for self-harm are slightly below average (142/100,000 – the NZ average is 153).¹

Kaikoura District has the highest number of non-casino gaming machines of any territorial authority in New Zealand (152/10,000 people). Tasman District is at the low end of the scale, with 50. Nelson City and Marlborough have 66 and 63 respectively.²

Levels of deprivation are below average throughout this presbytery, but in particular in Kaikoura, which has 9% of people living in the upper three deciles of deprived meshblocks. Tasman is also well below average with 13%, as is Marlborough with 15%. Nelson is still below average with 25%.³

In religious terms, the Tasman-Nelson area is very distinct from the Marlborough-Kaikoura area. The first area has a very low proportion of Christians, and a high proportion of non-religious people and followers of New Age/Spiritualist religions. The second area is significantly more Christian and less non-religious, but still average for New Zealand. With regard to the Christian population, the Anglican denomination predominates, with less Presbyterians, Methodists and Catholics than average. Presbyterian attendance statistics fluctuate but the overall trend appears to be one of decline over the past six years, and the age profile of congregations is significantly older than that of the overall presbytery population.

¹ Miranda Devlin. Ministry of Health. 2006. *Suicide Facts: 2004–2005 data*.

Wellington. Suicide statistics are averaged over the years 2002-2004, self-harm statistics are for 2005.

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

³ ³ 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.

Selected Statistics for Nelson-Marlborough 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 Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region was 133,680, a change of 6.13% since 2001 [NZ: change = 7.8%].

Numbers of people counted

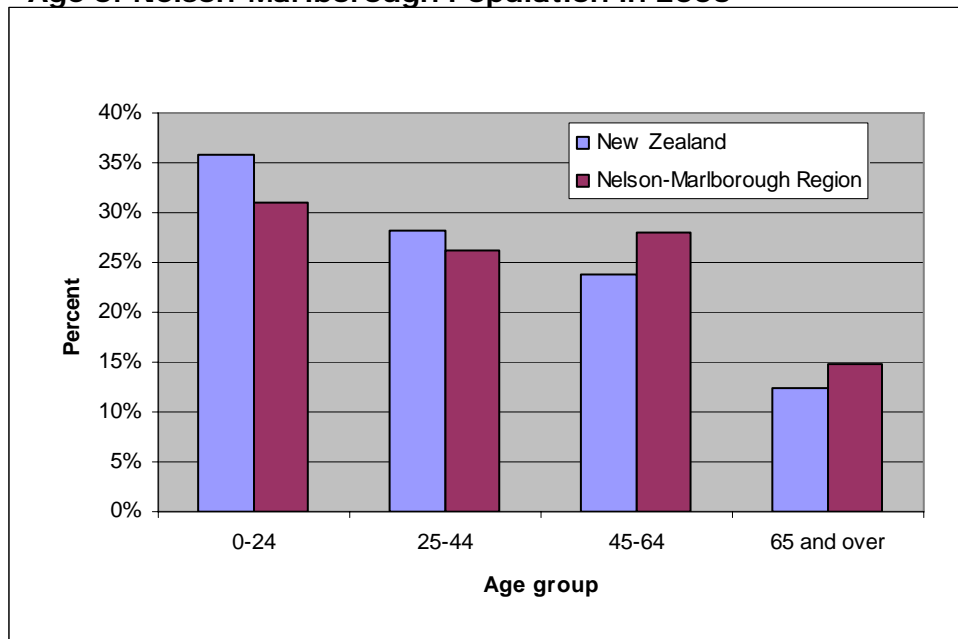
	Nelson-Marlborough	New Zealand
Males	65,934	1,965,648
Females	67,749	2,062,323
Total	133,680	4,027,971

Age profile

At the 2006 Census:

- o 19.8% of people in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region were **under 15** years old [NZ: 21.5%].
- o 14.8% of people in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region were **over 65** years old [NZ: 12.3%].

Age of Nelson-Marlborough Population in 2006



Employment

At the 2006 Census:

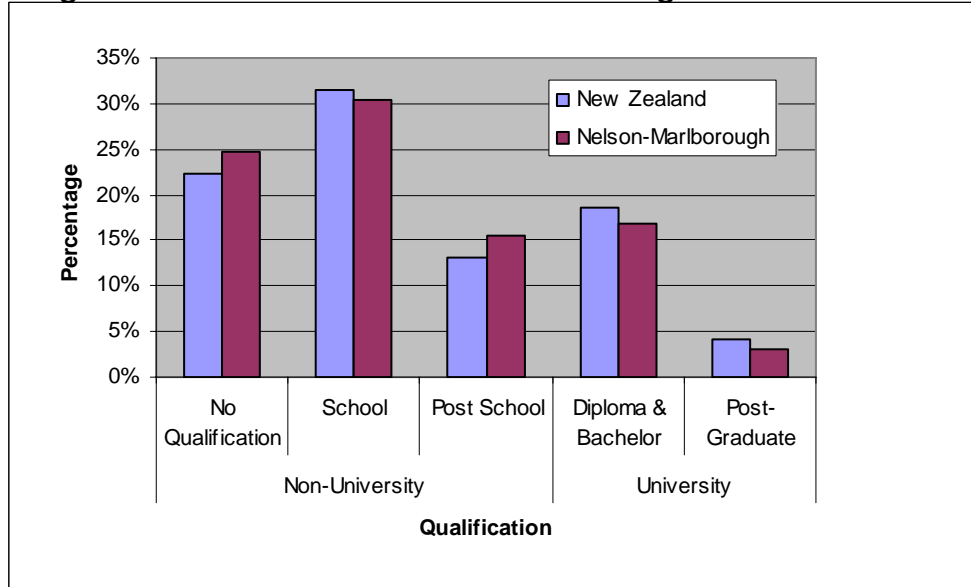
- o The **unemployment rate** in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region was 3.0% [NZ: 5.4%].
- o The most popular occupational group in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region was Labourers at 18.1% [NZ: professionals (18.9%)].

Education

At the 2006 Census:

- 35.2% of people aged 15 years and over in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region had a **post-school qualification** [NZ: 35.8%].

Highest Qualification in Nelson-Marlborough and NZ

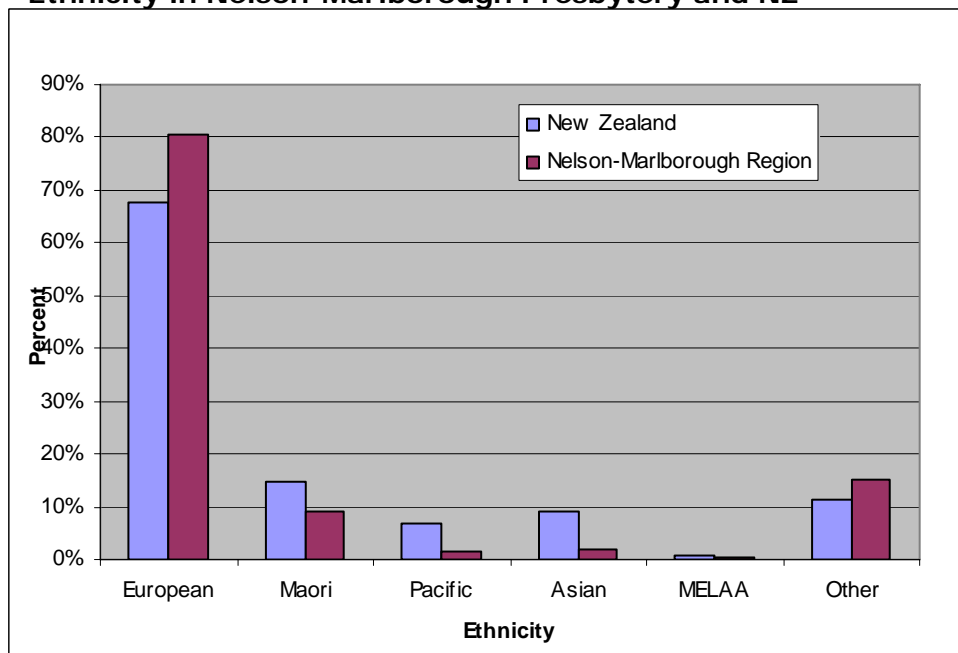


Ethnic groups

At the 2006 Census:

- 80.4% of people in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region said they belong to the European ethnic group [NZ: 67.6%].

Ethnicity in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery and NZ



MELAA = Middle East, Latin American and African

Families

At the 2006 Census:

- There were 37,182 families in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region.

Family type

	Nelson-Marlborough	New Zealand
Couples with child(ren)	38.6%	42.0%
Couples without children	46.7%	39.9%
1 parent with child(ren)	14.7%	18.1%

Marital Status

	Nelson-Marlborough	New Zealand
Never married	26.6%	31.4%
Married (not civil union)	49.0%	44.8%
Previously married/partnered	17.7%	16.0%

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

Households

At the 2006 Census, in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region there were 51,561 households:

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

Tasman District	2.6
Nelson City	2.4
Marlborough District	2.4
Kaikoura District	2.4

- **access to a telephone:** 88.8% of households [NZ: 91.7%].
- **access to the internet:** 57.2% of households [NZ: 60.5%].
- **access to a motor vehicle:** 93.9% of households [NZ: 92.2%].
- **mean weekly rent** for rented permanent private dwellings: [NZ: \$225]

Tasman District	\$189
Nelson City	\$217
Marlborough District	\$195
Kaikoura District	\$191

- **ownership of dwelling** with or without a mortgage, 72.1% [NZ: 66.9%].

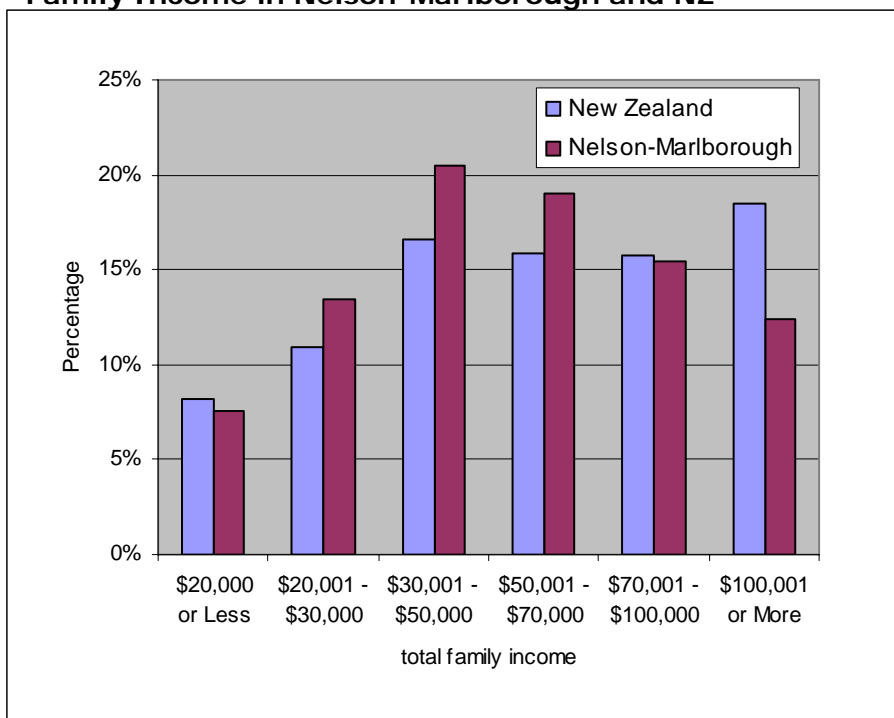
Income

At the 2006 Census:

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

Tasman District	\$51,300
Nelson City	\$53,700
Marlborough District	\$53,900
Kaikoura District	\$50,100

Family Income in Nelson-Marlborough and NZ



Benefits and Allowances

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

Benefits and Allowances

	Nelson-Marlborough region	New Zealand
Unemployment Benefit	1.82%	3.11%
Sickness Benefit	2.19%	2.38%
Domestic Purposes Benefit	2.67%	3.14%
Student Allowance	0.92%	2.17%

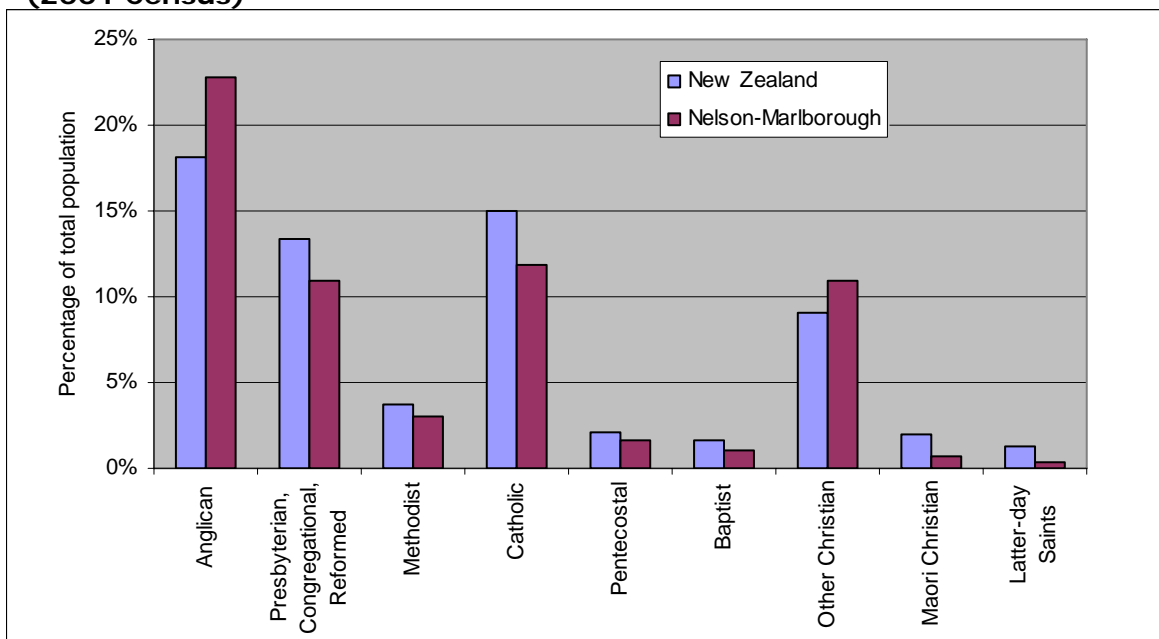
Religion

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%
Nelson-Marlborough	55.58%	0.55%	0.77%	0.15%	0.18%	0.30%	1.01%	0.35%	43.93%

* includes Spiritualism

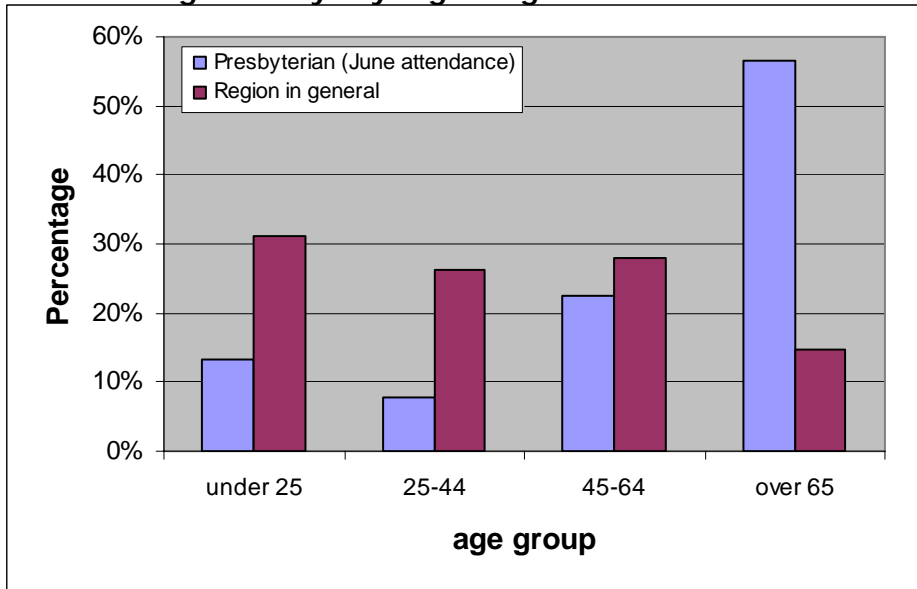
Christian Denomination in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region and NZ (2001 Census)



“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 Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery

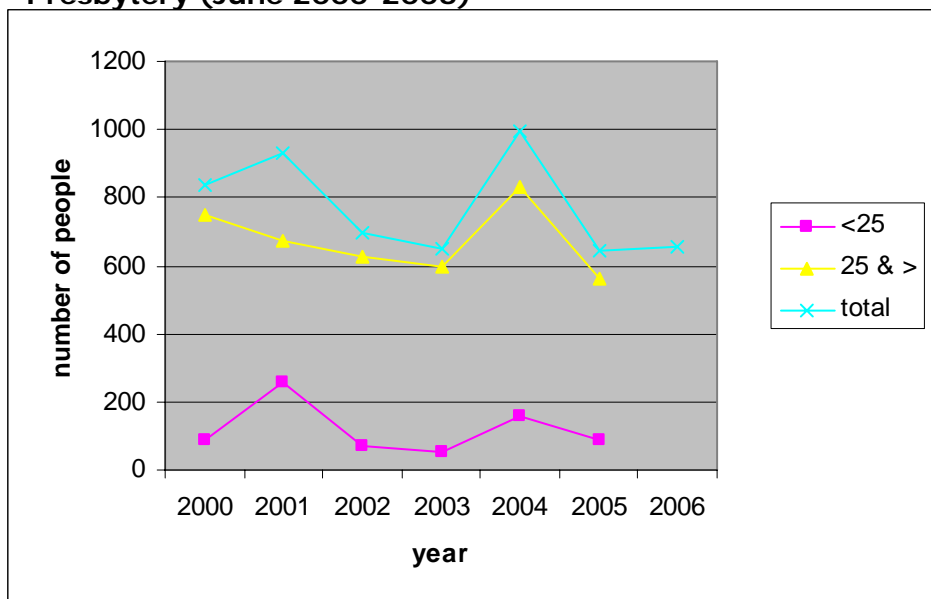
Age of those attending worship during June 2005 in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery compared with Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region age structure



Average numbers attending worship in June 2005 were 646.

In the 2001 census, 11,823 people in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery region identified themselves as being Presbyterian. Presbyterian statistics record an average June worship attendance of 928 people in 2001 in the whole of Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery.

Average Worship Attendance in Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery (June 2000-2006)



The Nelson-Marlborough statistics don't appear to be very reliable. Age categories for 2006 are different so only the total is given.