

Southland Presbytery Community Profile

Geography

This presbytery is equivalent to

- o Southland Region districts of:
 - o Invercargill City
 - o Southland minus the Southland District Area Units included in Matura Presbytery (Waikaia, Kaweku, Toetoes, and communities of Riversdale, Balfour and Lumsden)
 - o South Southland

It is included in

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

Map of Southland Presbytery





Southland Presbytery region at a Glance

Some of the significant highs and lows for district 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	Southland District	Invercargill City
o Median age (NZ: 35 years)	37	37
o % of people 0-24 years old	33.99%	34.19%
o % of people 25-44 years old	27.80%	26.82%
o % of people 45-64 years old	26.66%	24.44%
o % of people 65 years old and over	11.56%	14.54%
o Population density (people/km ²) (NZ: 9.71)	0.92	102.43
o Population growth (2001-2006)	-0.95%	0.99%

Work and Education

o % receiving income from wages/salary*	58.47%	63.59%
o % receiving income from self-employment*	33.44%	11.06%
o % receiving income from investments*	29.60%	22.05%
o % as full-time students*	5.73%	8.69%
o % without any educational qualification*	31.10%	31.86%
o % graduated from university*	7.02%	8.32%

Ethnicity

o % European	79.38%	78.10%
o % Maori	9.41%	13.70%
o % Pacific Islander	0.58%	2.52%
o % Asian	1.10%	1.52%

Family and Household

o couples with children (as % of families)	45.41%	38.68%
o couples without children (as % of families)	45.87%	41.77%
o % solo parents (as % of families with children)	16.05%	33.55%
o % widowed, or bereaved civil union*	4.23%	6.72%
o % who have never married/partnered*	17.61%	22.39%
o Median family income	\$57,300	\$53,200
o Mean weekly rental for households renting	\$113	\$149
o % of households with 6 or more people	3.01%	2.44%
o % of households with only one occupant	21.99%	26.99%

Benefits

o % receiving unemployment benefit*	2.50%	5.65%
o % receiving sickness benefit*	1.27%	2.19%
o % receiving domestic purposes benefit*	1.54%	3.66%
o % receiving New Zealand superannuation*	14.27%	17.65%

Faith

o % Christian	58.18%	55.66%
o % Maori Christian	0.55%	0.85%
o % having no religion	31.41%	32.26%
o % following New Age/Spiritualism	0.23%	0.33%
o % Hindu	0.11%	0.23%
o % Islam	0.12%	0.17%
o % Buddhist	0.30%	0.46%

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
- Only part of Southland District is included in Southland Presbytery. The statistics in this chart are for all of Southland

General Comments

This presbytery includes the city of Invercargill and part of the rural Southland District, a large proportion (Fiordland) of which is almost uninhabited, giving the region a low population density overall. This area is experiencing almost nil population growth overall.

The presbytery as a whole is slightly older than the New Zealand average, and very European ethnically, although with a significantly higher proportion of Maori than Maitua Presbytery. Education levels are below average; a relatively high proportion have no educational qualifications. Rentals are low, particularly in Southland, and dwelling ownership is high. Family income is lower than average in Invercargill City, and over the whole presbytery area, is more concentrated in the \$30,000 to \$70,000 bracket than the New Zealand average distribution. Whereas Southland District has low percentages receiving benefits, Invercargill City is higher, particularly with regard to unemployment benefit.

There are few people living in the upper three deciles of deprived meshblocks in Southland District (10.2%) whereas Invercargill City has a slightly higher than average proportion (34%).¹

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).²

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

Southland Presbytery (particularly Southland District) is strongly Christian, with few followers of non-Christian faiths. A very high proportion of Christians (and of the total population – around 33%) identify themselves as Presbyterian, with lower than average percentages of most other denominations except Catholics. Presbyterian church attendance has declined 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 stronger-than-average presence of under 25s seldom seen in other presbyteries.

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 Southland 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 Southland Presbytery region was 73,116, a change of 0.54% since 2001 [NZ: change = 7.8%].

Numbers of people counted

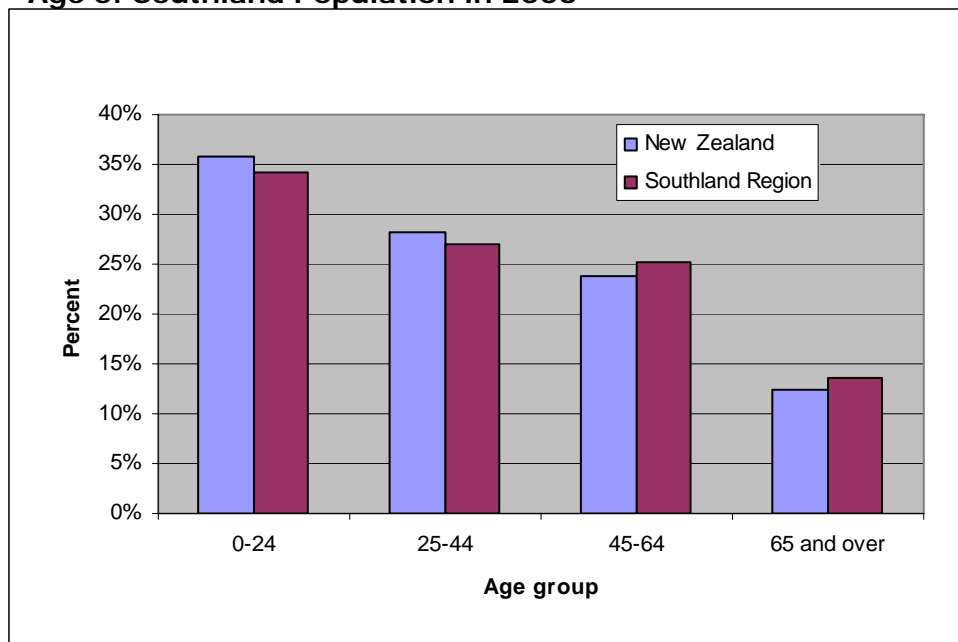
	Southland	New Zealand
Males	36,262	1,965,648
Females	36,850	2,062,323
Total	73,116	4,027,971

Age profile

At the 2006 Census:

- o 21.0% of people in Southland Presbytery region were **under 15** years old [NZ: 21.5%].
- o 13.6% of people in Southland Presbytery region were **over 65** years old [NZ: 12.3%].

Age of Southland Population in 2006



Employment

At the 2006 Census:

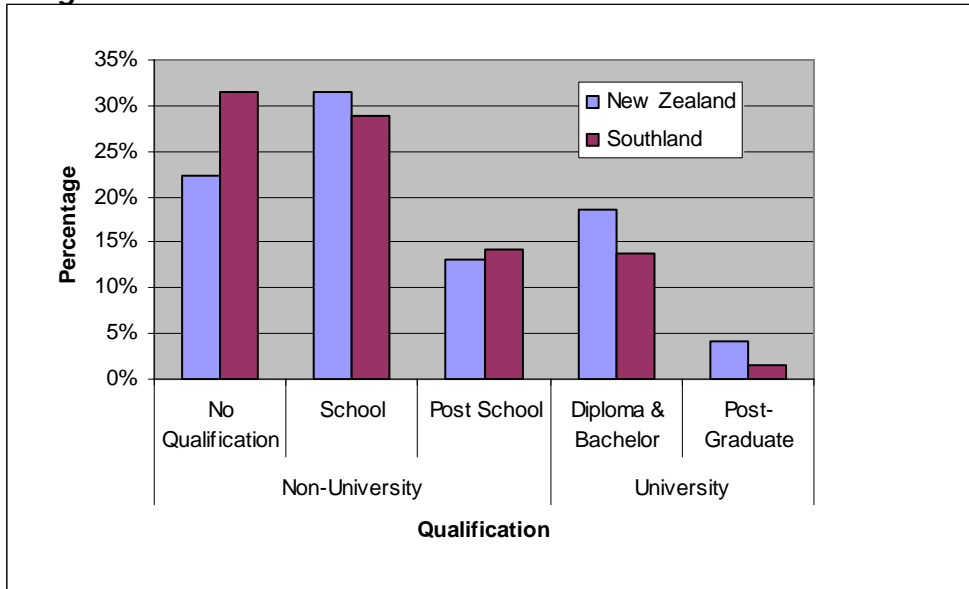
- o The **unemployment rate** in Southland Presbytery region was 4.1% [NZ: 5.4%].
- o The most popular occupational group in Southland Presbytery region was Managers at 17.9% [NZ: professionals (18.9%)].

Education

At the 2006 Census:

- 29.5% of people aged 15 years and over in Southland Presbytery region had a **post-school qualification** [NZ: 35.8%].

Highest Qualification in Southland and NZ

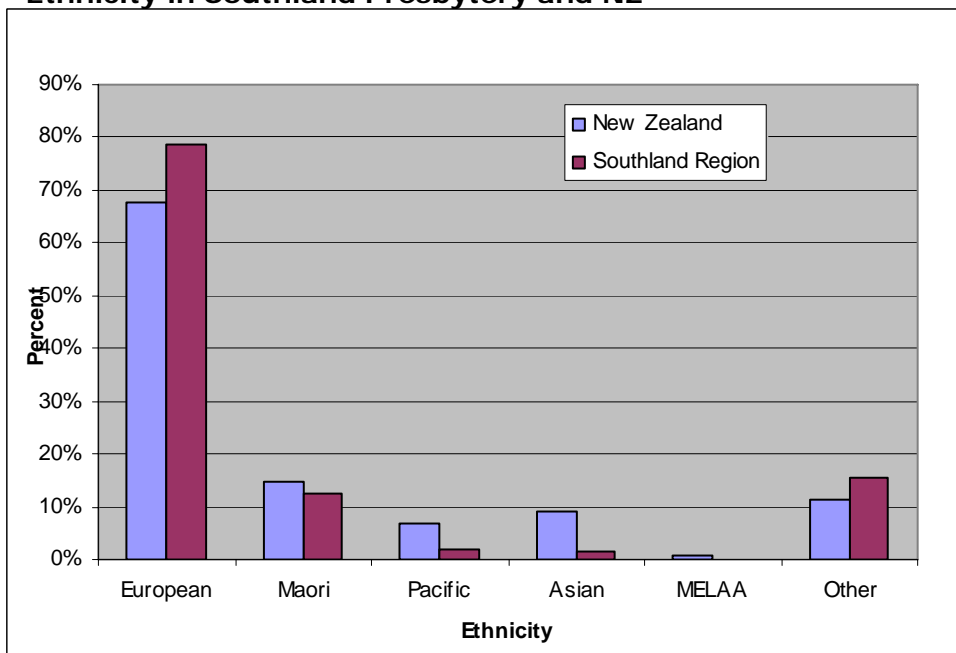


Ethnic groups

At the 2006 Census:

- 78.6% of people in Southland Presbytery region said they belong to the European ethnic group [NZ: 67.6%].

Ethnicity in Southland Presbytery and NZ



MELAA = Middle East, Latin American and African

Families

At the 2006 Census:

- There were 19,953 families in Southland Presbytery region.

Family type

	Southland	New Zealand
Couples with child(ren)	40.8%	42.0%
Couples without children	42.9%	39.9%
1 parent with child(ren)	16.1%	18.1%

Marital Status

	Southland	New Zealand
Never married	29.0%	31.4%
Married (not civil union)	48.0%	44.8%
Previously married/partnered	16.6%	16.0%

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

Households

At the 2006 Census, in Southland Presbytery region there were 28,344 households:

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

Southland District	2.6
Invercargill City	2.4

- **access to a telephone:** 88.0% of households [NZ: 91.7%].
- **access to the internet:** 51.3% 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]

Southland District	\$113
Invercargill City	\$149

- **ownership of dwelling** with or without a mortgage, 73.6% [NZ: 66.9%].

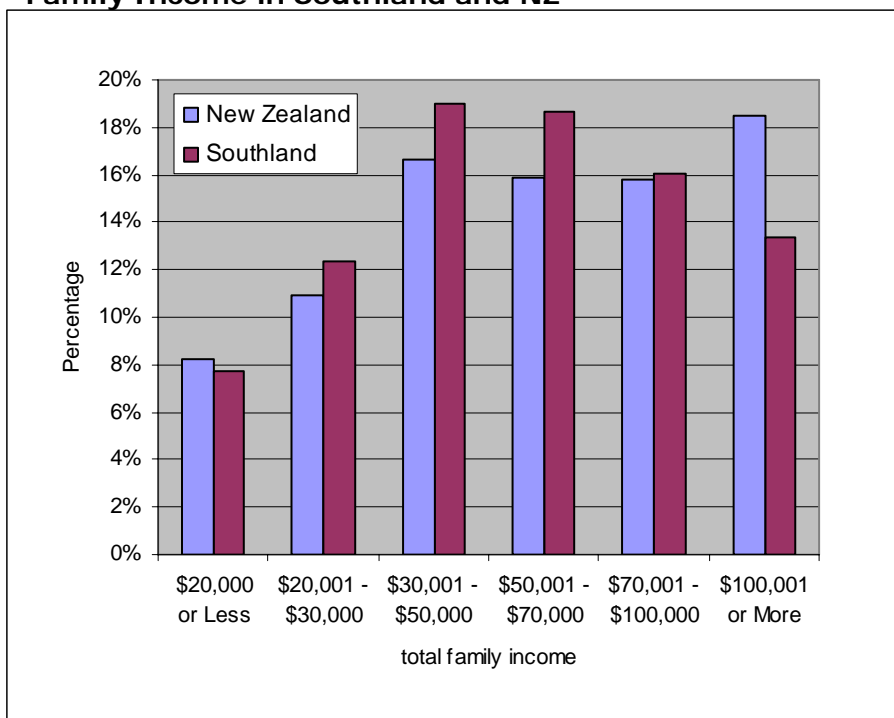
Income

At the 2006 Census:

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

Southland District	\$57,300
Invercargill City	\$53,200

Family Income in Southland and NZ



Benefits and Allowances

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

Benefits and Allowances

	Southland region	New Zealand
Unemployment Benefit	4.50%	3.11%
Sickness Benefit	1.80%	2.38%
Domestic Purposes Benefit	2.87%	3.14%
Student Allowance	1.60%	2.17%

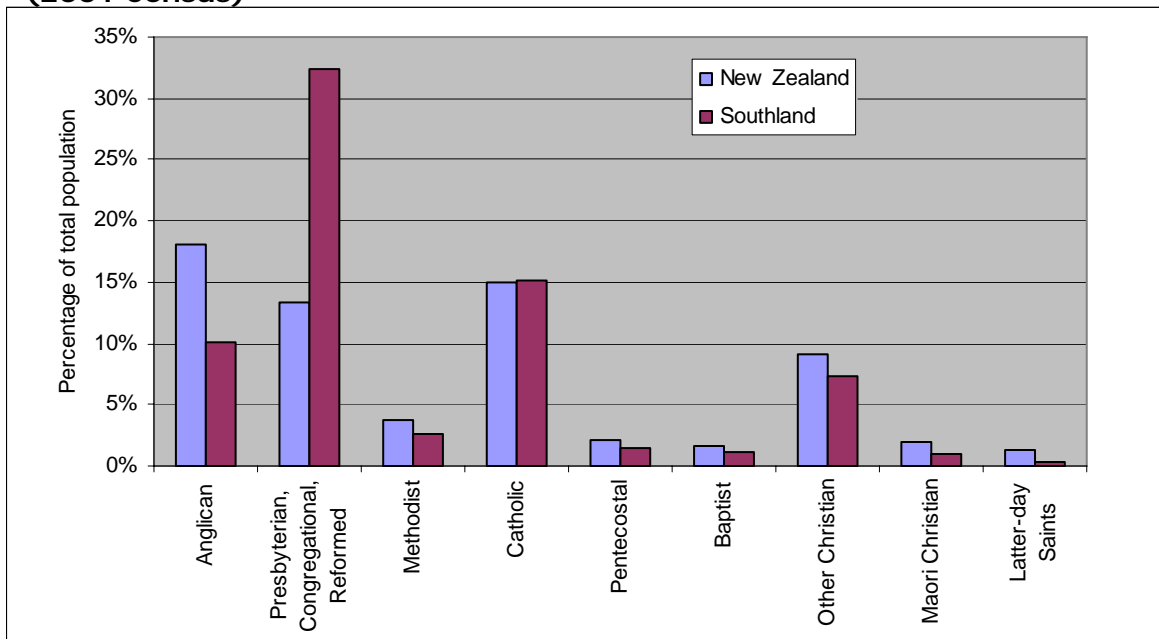
Religion

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%
Southland	63.62%	0.83%	0.33%	0.04%	0.15%	0.22%	0.44%	0.25%	36.45%

* includes Spiritualism

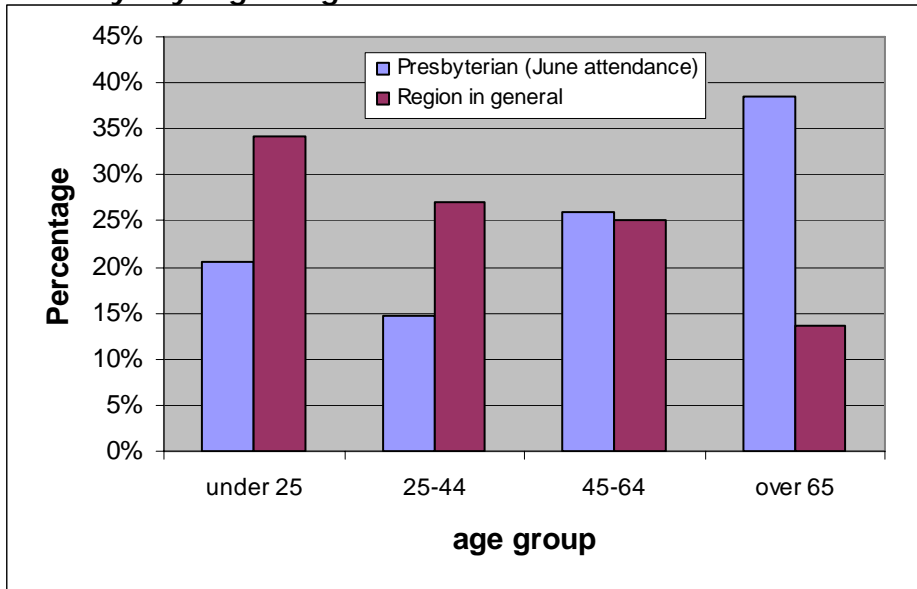
Christian Denomination in Southland Presbytery region and NZ (2001 Census)



“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 Southland Presbytery

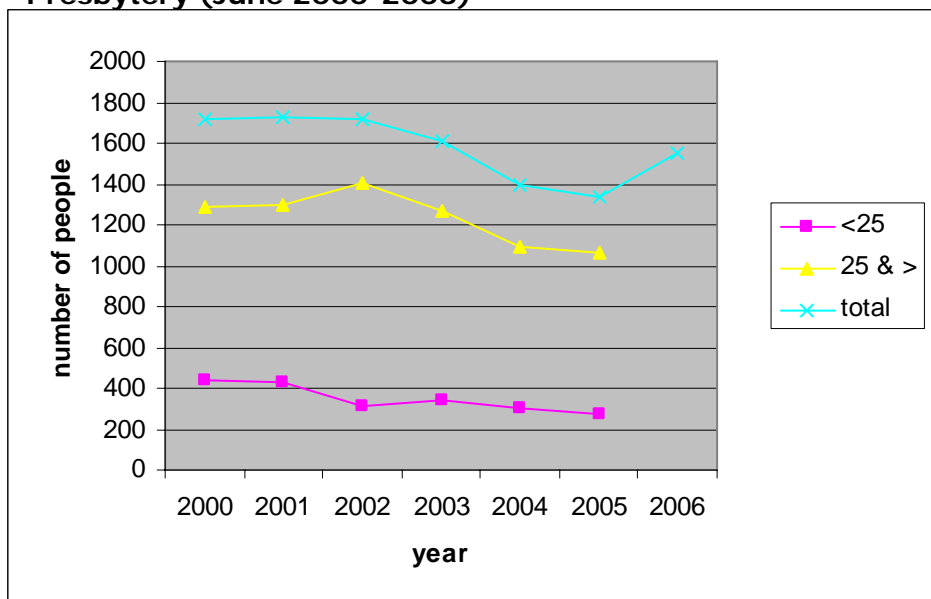
Age of those attending worship during June 2005 in Southland Presbytery compared with Southland Presbytery region age structure



Average numbers attending worship in June 2005 were 1339.

In the 2001 census, 19,866 people in Southland Presbytery region identified themselves as being Presbyterian. Presbyterian statistics record an average June worship attendance of 1724 people in 2001 in the whole of Southland Presbytery.

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



Age categories for 2006 were different so only the total can be given.