



Asian people in Auckland

2018 Census results

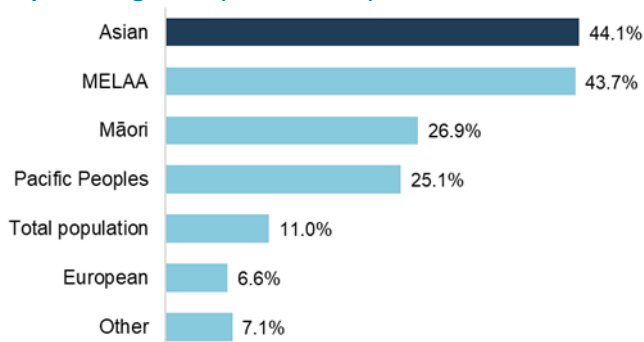
The 2018 New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings was held on 6 March 2018. This is the official count by Stats NZ of how many people and dwellings there are in New Zealand.

This information sheet provides an overview of initial results from the census for people in the broad Asian ethnic group. Ethnicity is self-perceived, and a person can be part of more than one ethnic group.

Asian is the fastest growing ethnic group

At the 2018 Census there were 442,671 usual residents in Auckland who identified with an Asian ethnicity (28.2% of Auckland's population). This is an increase of 135,447 people, or 44.1%, since the 2013 Census. The Asian population has grown more rapidly than the wider Auckland population.

Population growth (2013 to 2018)



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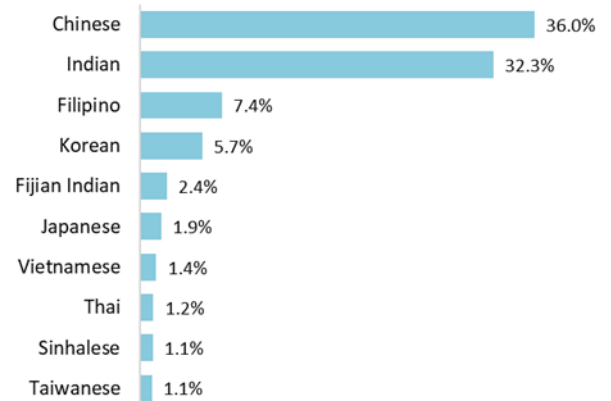
442,671
people in 2018

+ 135,447 (44.1%)
since the 2013 Census

The Asian ethnic group is diverse

Over a third (36.0%) of the Auckland Asian population identified as Chinese and 32.3% as Indian. A smaller proportion (7.4%) identified as Filipino and a further 5.7% as Korean.

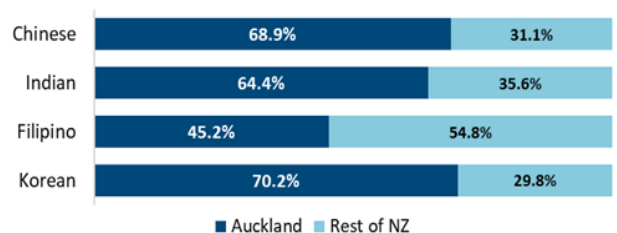
Largest Asian ethnic groups living in Auckland



Percentages are within the total Asian ethnic group in Auckland. Asian Level 4 ethnic groups (those with percentage \geq 1% in Auckland). People could choose more than one ethnicity

Over two thirds of New Zealand's Chinese, Indian and Korean populations live in Auckland, compared to a quarter (25.5%) of those who identify as European.

Proportion of the Asian population living in Auckland



The proportion of Aucklanders who are Asian has increased

In 2018, 28.2% of the total Auckland usually resident population identified with an Asian ethnicity, up from 23.1% at the 2013 Census.

Ethnic group as % of Auckland total population (%)

	2013	2018
European	59.3	53.5
Asian	23.1	28.2
Pacific Peoples	14.6	15.5
Māori	10.7	11.5
MELAA	1.9	2.3
Other	1.2	1.1

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Almost half of all usual residents living in Puketāpapa (49.1%) and Howick (46.5%) local board areas identified with an Asian ethnicity. Howick is home to the highest proportion of Auckland's Asian population (14.8% live there).

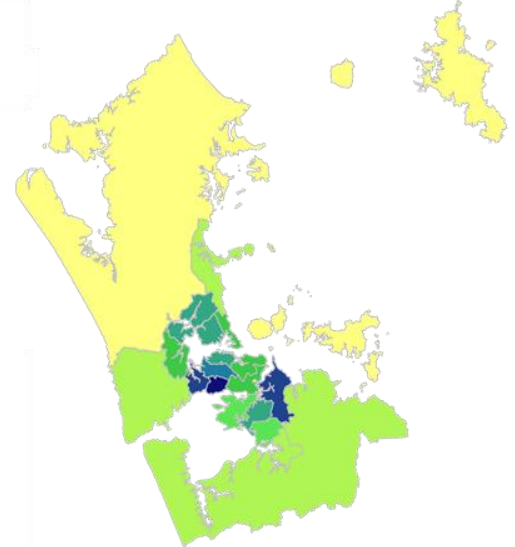
Asian population by local board (2018)

	Number	%	Distribution of Asian population (%)
Rodney	3,756	5.7	0.8
Hibiscus and Bays	16,626	16.0	3.8
Upper Harbour	24,867	39.6	5.6
Kaipātiki	29,034	32.9	6.6
Devonport-Takapuna	15,249	26.3	3.4
Henderson-Massey	32,523	27.5	7.3
Waitākere Ranges	7,275	14.0	1.6
Aotea / Great Barrier	15	1.6	0.0
Waiheke	366	4.0	0.1
Waitematā	26,103	31.5	5.9
Whau	31,959	40.3	7.2
Albert-Eden	31,524	32.0	7.1
Puketāpapa	28,266	49.1	6.4
Ōrākei	19,296	22.9	4.4
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	21,309	27.9	4.8
Howick	65,541	46.5	14.8
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	14,925	19.0	3.4
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	29,880	35.1	6.7
Manurewa	24,345	25.4	5.5
Papakura	13,497	23.4	3.0
Franklin	6,324	8.5	1.4
Auckland total	442,671	28.2	100.0

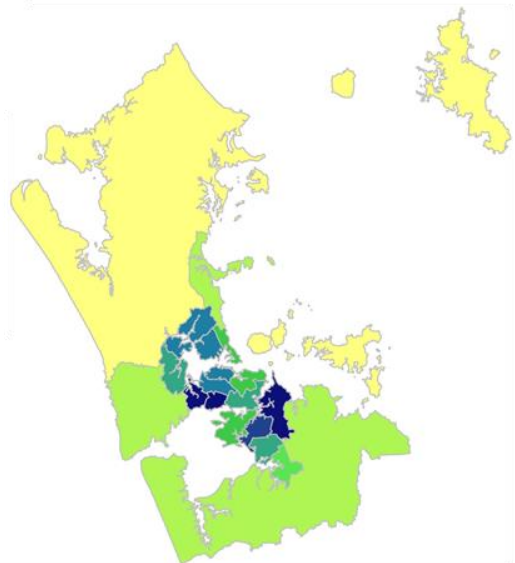
The maps below show the proportion of the usually resident population in Auckland's 21 local board areas who identify with an Asian ethnicity, over time. There has been an increase in all local board areas.

Proportion of local board population identifying with Asian ethnic group (2006, 2013 and 2018) (%)

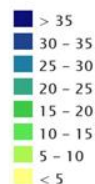
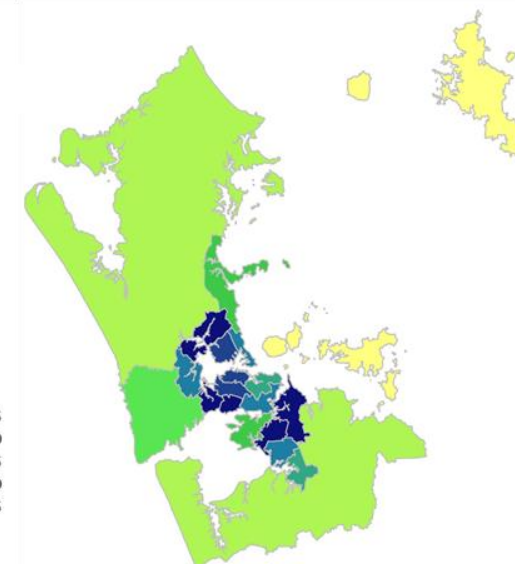
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2013



2018



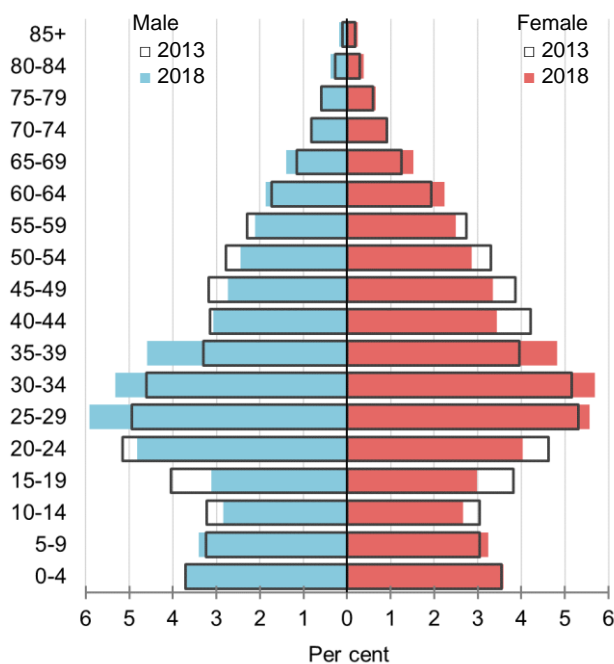
Auckland's Asian population has a high proportion of young adults

As the age/sex chart shows below, at the 2018 Census, almost a third (31.9%) of the Asian population in Auckland was aged between 25 and 39 years, up from 27.5% in 2013.

During that time there was a decrease in the proportion aged 15 to 24 years (17.7% in 2013 and 15.0% in 2018).

In 2018, a relatively small proportion (7.1%) were aged 65 years or older. The 65.8% growth rate in this age group between 2013 and 2018 is significantly faster than that of the Asian population overall (44.1%).

Asian age/sex structure (2013 compared with 2018)



Age	Asian		Other Ethnicities	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
0-14	86,112	19.5	227,733	20.2
15-64	325,203	73.5	743,505	65.9
65 +	31,356	7.1	157,821	14.0
Total	442,671	100.0	1,129,059	100.0

In 2018 the Auckland Asian population included



86,112

children aged under 15 years

+ 25,296 (41.6%)
since the 2013 Census



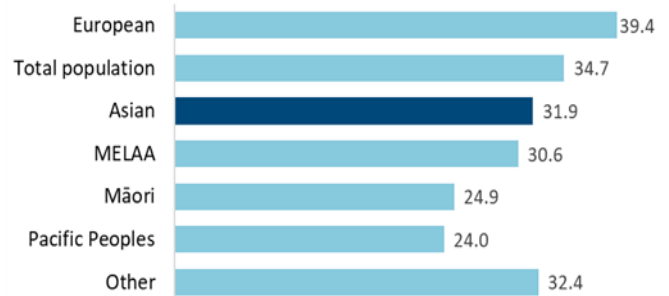
31,356

People aged over 65

+ 12,441 (65.8%)
since the 2013 Census

At the 2018 Census, the median age of the Asian population in Auckland was 31.9 years, compared with 34.7 years overall in Auckland. Asian females (32.9 years) have a higher median age than Asian males (30.8 years).

Median age (2018) (years)



A note on data sources

In response to issues with the 2018 Census, Stats NZ has, for the first time, used administrative and other data to help fill gaps caused by response rates that were lower than anticipated. More information on data sources used by variable is available on the Stats NZ website. Stats NZ [rates the quality of ethnicity data as high](#).

Further information

For further information on Auckland-related census data, please visit our interactive census data mapping site www.censusauckland.co.nz or contact the Research and Evaluation Unit at census@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz