

# 2023 Census results

## Upper Harbour Local Board

### About the 2023 Census

The 2023 New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings was held on 7 March 2023.

This is the official count by Stats NZ of how many people and dwellings there are in New Zealand. It provides a snapshot of New Zealand on census day. Stats NZ used a combined census model in 2023 to produce the highest possible data quality. For more information on what this involved, go to: [www.stats.govt.nz/topics/using-a-combined-census-model-for-the-2023-census/](http://www.stats.govt.nz/topics/using-a-combined-census-model-for-the-2023-census/).

This summary report provides an overview of results from the census for the Upper Harbour Local Board area.

### Population growth

At the 2023 Census there were 76,959 usual residents in Upper Harbour, an increase of 14,118 people since the 2018 Census. This is the second-highest increase of all the local boards.

This represents an increase of 22.5% between 2018 and 2023. There had been a 17.1% increase between 2013 and 2018. Upper Harbour's growth is higher than that of Auckland as a whole (5.4% increase).

Upper Harbour represents 4.6% of the Auckland population, compared with 4.0% at the 2018 Census.



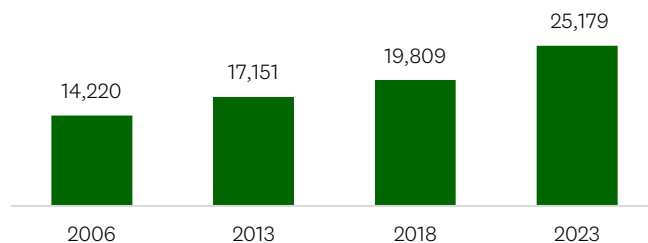
**76,959**  
usual residents in 2023  
**+14,118 (+17.1%)**  
since the 2018 Census

### Number of dwellings

The census captures the number of occupied and unoccupied private and non-private dwellings. Non-private dwellings (short or long-term communal or transitory type accommodation, e.g. communal staff quarters, hospitals and prisons) are not reported here.

At the 2023 Census, Upper Harbour had a total of 25,179 occupied private dwellings, an increase of 5370, or 27.1% from 2018. This represents higher growth compared to Auckland as a whole (8.7% increase) and is the highest increase of all the local boards.

#### Number of occupied private dwellings



In addition, 846 unoccupied (empty) private dwellings were counted.

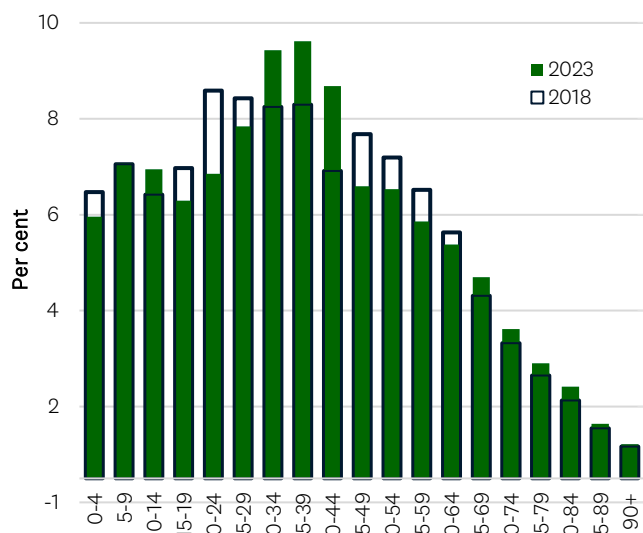
### Home ownership

Over two thirds (69.2%) of dwellings in Upper Harbour were either owned, partly owned, or held in a family trust. This is up slightly from 2018 (67.6%), and a lot higher compared to Auckland as a whole (59.5%).

The remaining (30.8%) dwellings were mainly rented. This includes a mix of renting from private or public sector landlords.

## Age structure

Nearly one in five (18.5%) of the Upper Harbour population was under 15, compared to 19.2% for Auckland. 68.1% were between 15-64, compared to 67.5% for Auckland. 13.5% were 65 or older, compared to 13.3% for Auckland. Upper Harbour had the largest proportional increase (+36.3%) in those aged over 65 of all the local boards.



The median age of Upper Harbour usual residents was 36.7 years, compared with 35.9 years for Auckland.

## Māori descent

In 2023, 7.3% of Upper Harbour usual residents stated they were of Māori descent, compared to 13.8% for Auckland as a whole.

The median age of those of Māori descent was 27.7 years (26.5 for Auckland).

## Gender identity

The 2023 Census included a question on gender identity. This refers to a person's social and personal identity as male, female, or another gender, or genders that may be non-binary.

In Upper Harbour, 50.4% identified as female (50.2% in Auckland), 48.9% identified as male (49.3% in Auckland) and 0.7% identified as another gender (0.4% in Auckland).

## Ethnic diversity

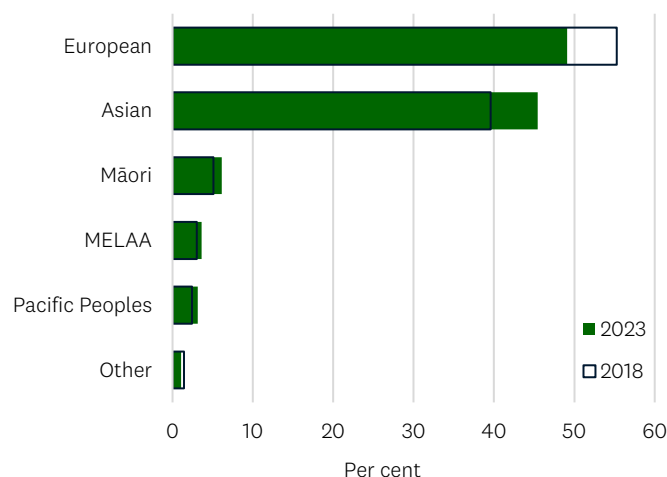
49.1% identified with a European ethnicity (compared to 49.8% across Auckland).

45.5% identified with an Asian ethnicity (compared to 31.3% across Auckland).

6.1% identified as Māori (compared to 12.3% across Auckland). The census counted 4713 Māori usually resident in Upper Harbour. This is an increase of 1503 people, or 46.8%, since the 2018 Census. This is the second-highest proportional increase of all the local boards.

3.6% identified as the broad MELAA (Middle Eastern, Latin American and/or African) group (compared to 2.7% across Auckland).

3.1% identified as Pacific Peoples (compared to 16.6% across Auckland).



People could choose more than one ethnicity and categories are not exclusive. Percentages will add to more than 100.

Upper Harbour's biggest numerical increase between 2018 and 2023 was for Asian ethnicities. Since the 2018 Census this group increased by 10,116 (+40.7%).



**34,983**

usual residents identified as Asian in 2023

**+10,116 (+40.7%)**

since the 2018 Census

## Further information

This document was prepared in November 2024 by the Social and Economic Research and Evaluation team. For further information please contact us at [census@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:census@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).