

2023 Census results

Waitematā 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/.

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

Population growth

At the 2023 Census there were 81,546 usual residents in Waitematā, a decrease of 1320 people since the 2018 Census.

This represents a -1.6% change between 2018 and 2023. There had been a 7.4% increase between 2013 and 2018. Waitematā's growth is lower than that of Auckland as a whole (5.4% increase).

Waitematā represents 4.9% of the Auckland population, compared with 5.3% at the 2018 Census.



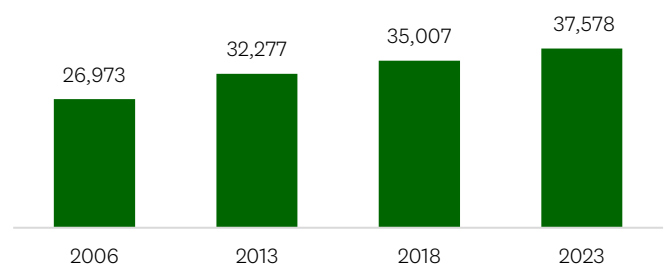
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Number of dwellings

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, Waitematā had a total of 37,578 occupied private dwellings, an increase of 2571, or 7.3% from 2018. This represents slower growth compared to Auckland as a whole (8.7% increase).

Number of occupied private dwellings



In addition, 2721 unoccupied (empty) private dwellings were counted.

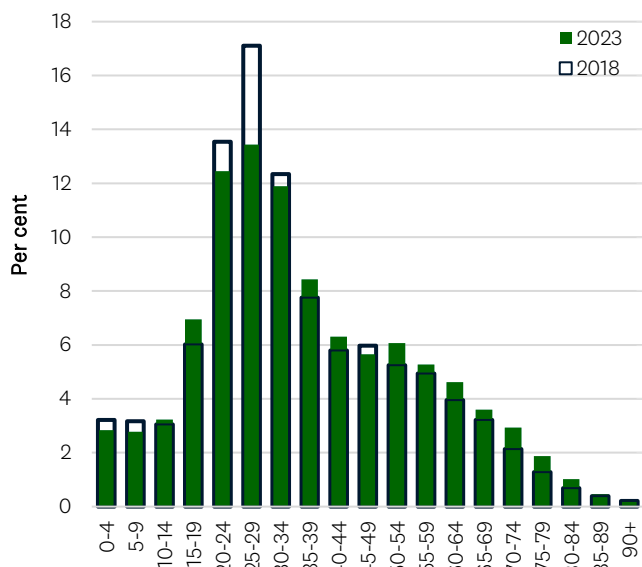
Home ownership

Two in five (39.4%) dwellings in Waitematā were either owned, partly owned, or held in a family trust. This is similar to 2018 (40.0%), but lower compared to Auckland as a whole (59.5%).

The remaining (60.6%) are mainly rented. This is the highest proportion of all the local boards. This includes a mix of renting from private or public sector landlords.

Age structure

One in 11 (8.8%) of the Waitematā population was under 15, compared to 19.2% for Auckland. 81.2% were between 15-64, compared to 67.5% for Auckland. 10.1% were 65 or older, compared to 13.3% for Auckland.



The median age of Waitematā usual residents was 33.3 years, compared with 35.9 years for Auckland.

Māori descent

In 2023, 10.0% of Waitematā 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 30.5 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 Waitematā, 49.7% identified as female (50.2% in Auckland), 49.5% identified as male (49.4% in Auckland) and 0.9% identified as another gender (0.4% in Auckland).

Ethnic diversity

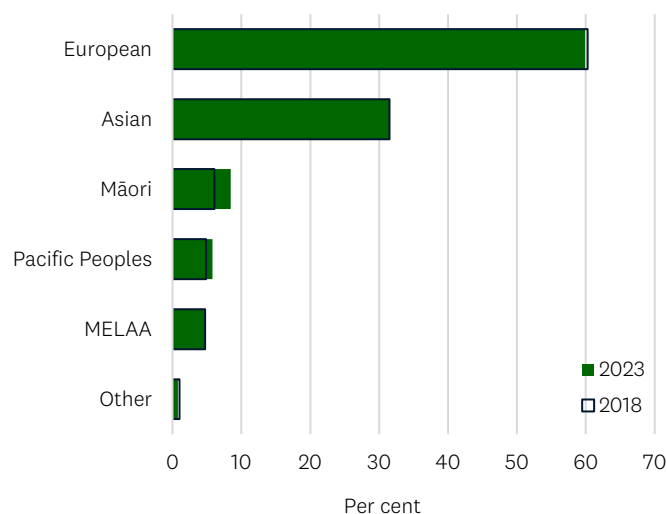
59.9% identified with a European ethnicity (compared to 49.8% across Auckland).

31.5% identified with an Asian ethnicity (compared to 31.3% across Auckland).

8.4% identified as Māori (compared to 12.3% across Auckland).

5.8% identified as Pacific Peoples (compared to 16.6% across Auckland).

4.8% identified as the broad MELAA (Middle Eastern, Latin American and/or African) group (compared to 2.7% across Auckland).



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

Waitematā had an increase in the Māori population between 2018 and 2023. The census counted 6876 Māori usually resident in Waitematā. This is an increase of 1842 people, or 36.6%, since the 2018 Census.



6876

usual residents identified as Māori in 2023

+1842 (+36.6%)

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.