

2023 Census results

Auckland

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 Auckland region.

Population growth

At the 2023 Census there were 1,656,486 usual residents in Auckland, an increase of 84,768 people since the 2018 Census.

This represents a 5.4% increase between 2018 and 2023 (lower than the 11.0% increase between 2013 and 2018). Auckland's growth during that time period is slightly lower than that of New Zealand (6.3% increase).

Auckland represents 33.2% of the New Zealand population, similar to 33.4% at the 2018 Census.



1,656,486
usual residents in 2023

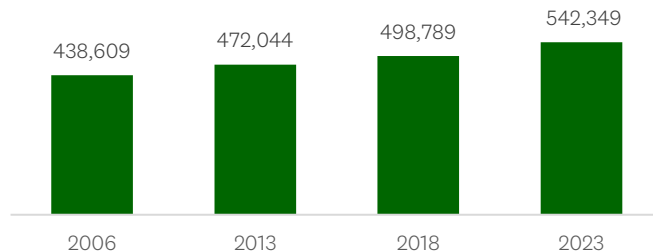
+84,768 (+5.4%)
since the 2018 Census

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, Auckland had a total of 542,349 occupied private dwellings, an increase of 43,560, or 8.7% from 2018. This represents higher growth compared to New Zealand as a whole (7.8% increase).

Number of occupied private dwellings



In addition, 24,228 unoccupied (empty) private dwellings were counted.

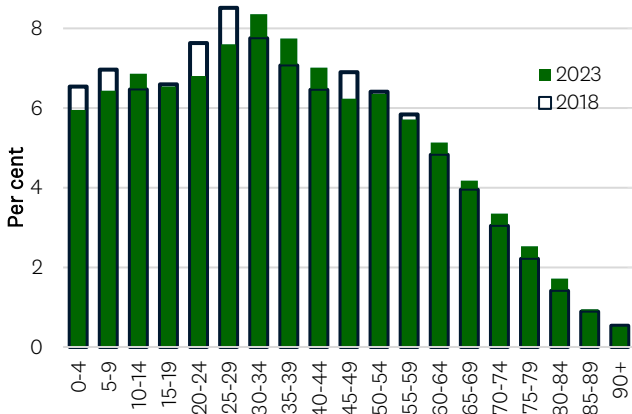
Home ownership

Three in five (59.5%) dwellings in Auckland were either owned, partly owned, or held in a family trust. This is similar to 2018 (59.4%), and lower compared to New Zealand as a whole (66.0%).

The remaining (40.5%) dwellings were mainly rented. This includes a mix of renting from private or public sector landlords.

Age structure

Almost one in five (19.2%) of Auckland's population was under 15, compared to 18.7% in New Zealand. 67.5% were between 16-64, compared to 64.7% in New Zealand. 13.3% were 65 or older, compared to 16.6% in New Zealand.



The median age of Auckland usual residents was 35.9 years, compared with 38.1 years for New Zealand as a whole.

Māori descent

In 2023, 13.8% of Auckland usual residents stated they were of Māori descent, compared to 19.6% for New Zealand as a whole.

The median age of those of Māori descent was 26.5 years (27.2 for New Zealand).

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 Auckland, 50.2% identified as female (50.3 in New Zealand), 49.4% identified as male (49.3% in New Zealand) and 0.4% identified as another gender (0.4% in New Zealand).

Ethnic diversity

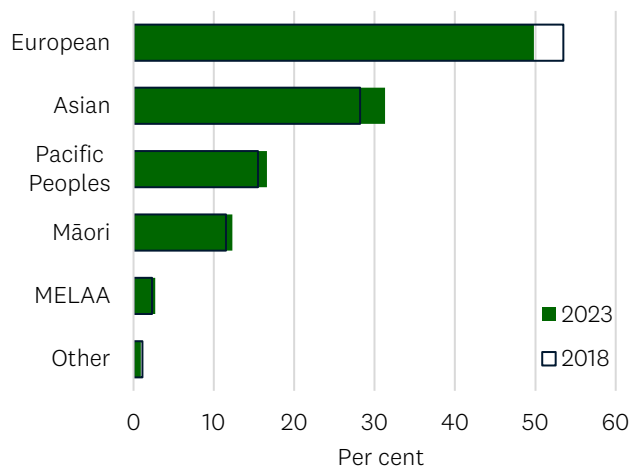
49.8% identified with a European ethnicity (compared to 67.8% of New Zealand).

31.3% identified with an Asian ethnicity (compared to 17.3% of New Zealand).

16.6% identified as Pacific Peoples (compared to 8.9% of New Zealand).

12.3% identified as Māori (compared to 17.8% of New Zealand). The census counted 203,544 Māori usually resident in Auckland. This is an increase of 22,350 people, or 12.3%, since the 2018 Census.

2.7% identified as the broad MELAA (Middle Eastern, Latin American and/or African) group (compared to 1.9% of New Zealand).



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

Auckland had a high growth in Asian population between 2018 and 2023, increasing by 17.1%. This follows on from an increase of 135,444 people (+44.1%) between 2013 and 2018.



518,178

usual residents identified as Asian in 2023

+75,504 (+17.1%)

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.