

# 2023 Census results

## Waitākere Ranges 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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.

### Population growth

At the 2023 Census there were 53,898 usual residents in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board, an increase of 1803 people since the 2018 Census.

This represents a 3.5% increase between 2018 and 2023. There had been a 7.6% increase between 2013 and 2018. Waitākere Ranges Local Board's growth is lower than that of Auckland (5.4% increase).

The Waitākere Ranges Local Board represents 3.3% of the Auckland population, the same as at the 2018 Census.



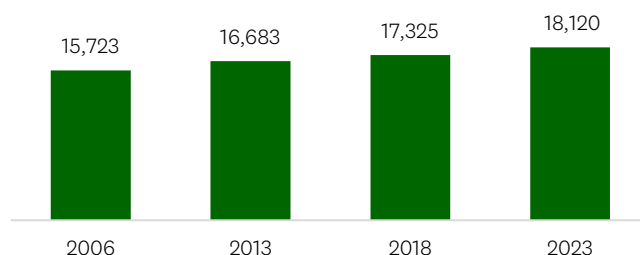
**53,898**  
usual residents in 2023  
**+1803 (+3.5%)**  
since the 2018 Census

### 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, the Waitākere Ranges Local Board had a total of 18,120 occupied private dwellings, an increase of 795, or 4.6% from 2018. This represents slower growth compared to Auckland as a whole (8.7% increase).

#### Number of occupied private dwellings



In addition, 732 unoccupied (empty) private dwellings were counted.

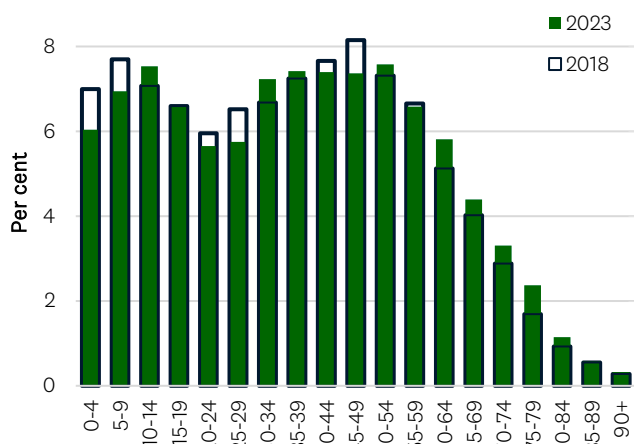
### Home ownership

Nearly three in four (73.1%) of dwellings in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area were either owned, partly owned, or held in a family trust. This is similar to 2018 (72.7%), but much higher than Auckland as a whole (59.5%).

The remaining (26.9%) dwellings were mainly rented. This includes a mix of renting from private or public sector landlords.

## Age structure

One in five (20.5%) of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board's population was under 15, compared to 19.2% for Auckland. 67.4% were between 15-64, compared to 67.5% for Auckland. 12.1% were 65 or older, compared to 13.3% for Auckland.



The median age of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board's usual residents was 37.9 years, compared with 35.9 years for Auckland.

## Māori descent

In 2023, 15.8% of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board 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 26.1 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 the Waitākere Ranges Local Board, 49.9% identified as female (50.2% in Auckland), 49.6% identified as male (49.4% in Auckland) and 0.5% identified as another gender (0.4% in Auckland).

## Ethnic diversity

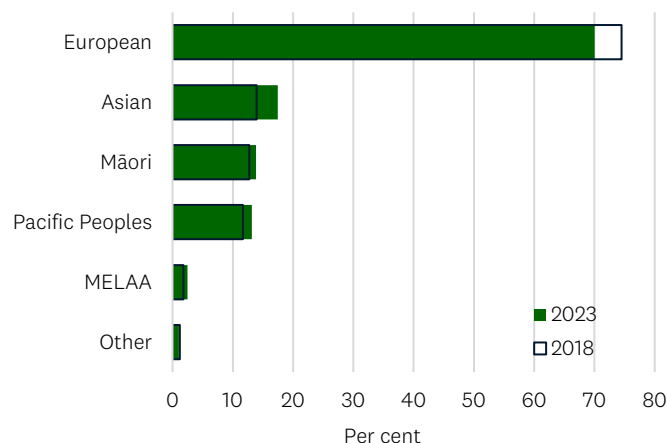
70.0% identified with a European ethnicity (compared to 49.8% across Auckland).

17.4% identified with an Asian ethnicity (compared to 31.3% across Auckland).

13.8% identified as Māori (compared to 12.3% across Auckland). The census counted 7452 Māori usually resident in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board. This is an increase of 831 people, or 12.6%, since the 2018 Census.

13.2% identified as Pacific Peoples (compared to 16.6% across Auckland).

2.5% 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.

The Waitākere Ranges Local Board has had a large increase in Asian ethnicities between 2018 and 2023. Since the 2018 Census this group increased by 2130 (+29.3%).



**9405**

usual residents identified as Asian in 2023

**+2130 (+29.3%)**

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).