

European in Auckland

2018 Census results

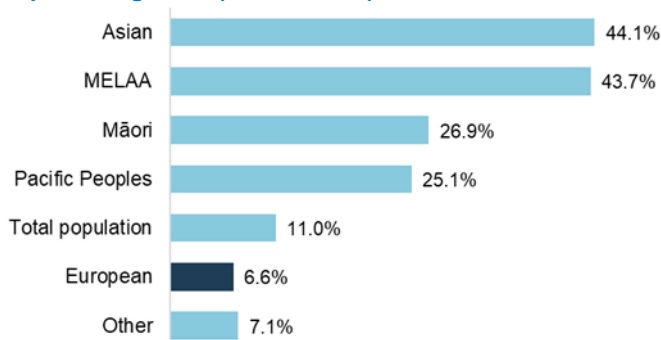
The 2018 New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings was held on 6 March 2018. This is the official count by Stats NZ of how many people and dwellings there are in New Zealand.

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

European is the slowest growing ethnic group

At the 2018 Census there were 841,383 usual residents in Auckland who identified with a European ethnicity (53.5% of Auckland's population). This is an increase of 52,092 people, or 6.6%, since the 2013 Census. The European population has grown more slowly than the wider Auckland population.

Population growth (2013 to 2018)



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841,383
people in 2018

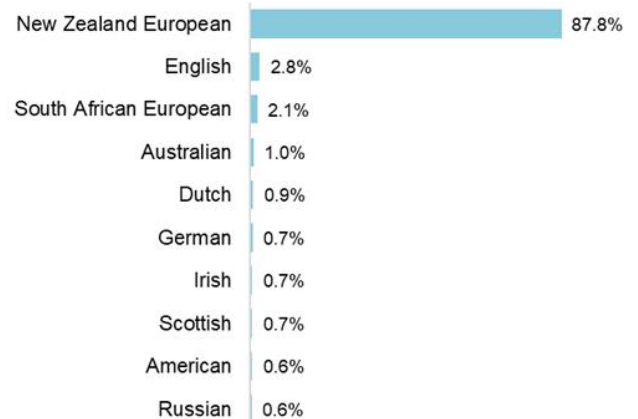
+ 52,092 (6.6%)
since the 2013 Census

The majority of Auckland's European are NZ European

People who identify as NZ European accounted for 87.8% of the broad European ethnic group in Auckland. All other groups in this category are significantly smaller.

The largest other European groups identified as English (2.8%), South African European (2.1%), and Australian (1.0%).

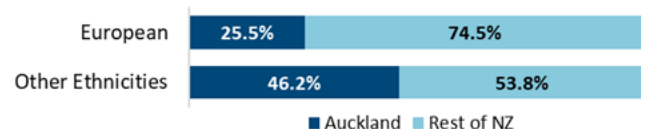
Largest European ethnic groups living in Auckland



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

A quarter (25.5%) of New Zealand's European population live in Auckland.

Proportion of the European population living in Auckland



European remains Auckland's largest ethnic group

In 2018, 53.5% of the total Auckland usually resident population identified with an European ethnicity, down from 59.3% 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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The European population is distributed relatively evenly over Auckland's 21 local board areas. More than 80% of the population identified with a European ethnicity in five local board areas (Aotea/Great Barrier, Waiheke, Rodney, Franklin, Hibiscus and Bays).

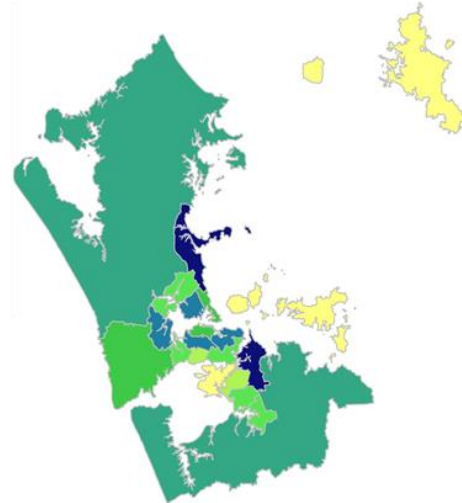
European population by local board (2018)

	Number	%	Distribution of European population (%)
Rodney	59,013	88.9	7.0
Hibiscus and Bays	84,057	80.8	10.0
Upper Harbour	34,746	55.3	4.1
Kaipātiki	51,633	58.5	6.1
Devonport-Takapuna	40,152	69.3	4.8
Henderson-Massey	57,633	48.7	6.8
Waitākere Ranges	38,823	74.5	4.6
Aotea / Great Barrier	855	91.3	0.1
Waiheke	8,055	88.9	1.0
Waitematā	49,950	60.3	5.9
Whau	32,040	40.4	3.8
Albert-Eden	58,899	59.7	7.0
Puketāpapa	19,356	33.6	2.3
Ōrākei	61,221	72.6	7.3
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	33,438	43.8	4.0
Howick	64,776	46.0	7.7
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	14,976	19.1	1.8
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	14,142	16.6	1.7
Manurewa	27,942	29.2	3.3
Papakura	28,305	49.1	3.4
Franklin	61,371	82.0	7.3
Auckland total	841,383	53.5	100.0

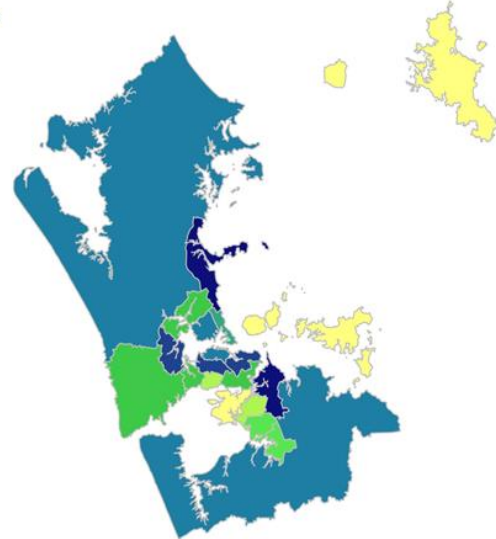
The maps below show the number of the usually resident population in Auckland's 21 local board areas who identify with a European ethnicity, over time. There has been an overall decrease in two local board areas between 2006 and 2018 – Ōtara-Papatoetoe and Manurewa.

Number of usual residents identifying with a European ethnic group, by local board (2006, 2013 and 2018)

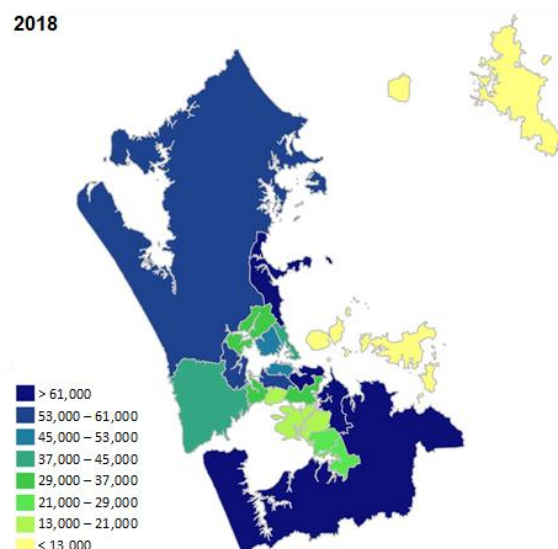
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2013



2018

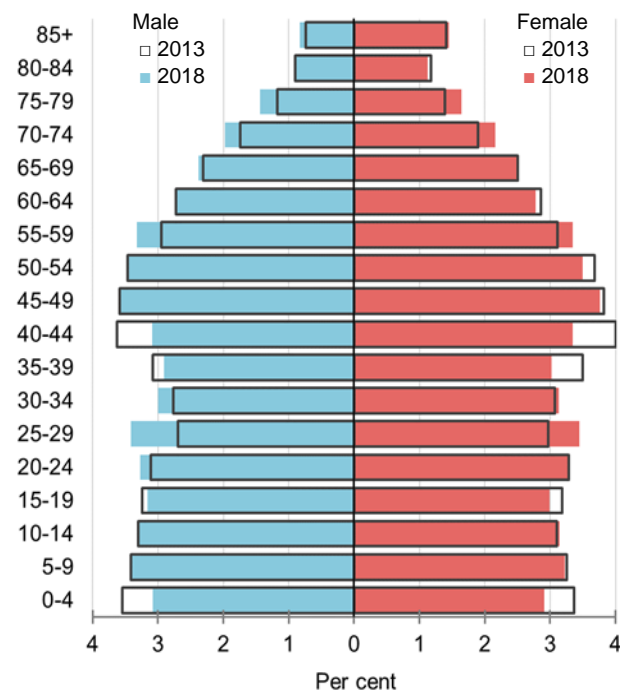


Auckland's European population has a relatively older age structure

In 2018, 16.4% of Auckland's European population were aged 65 or older, compared to 7.0% of those identifying with other ethnicities. Between 2013 and 2018 there was a notable structural ageing effect, with a decrease in the proportions aged 0 to 19, and an increase in most other age groups except those aged 40 to 44.

Almost one in five (19.1%) of the European population was 0-14 years old, compared to 21.0% of other ethnicities. There had been a decrease in the proportions of European aged 0 to 4 years during that time.

European age /sex structure (2013 compared with 2018)



Age	European		Other Ethnicities	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
0-14	160,437	19.1	153,408	21.0
15-64	543,168	64.6	525,540	72.0
65 +	137,778	16.4	51,399	7.0
Total	841,383	100.0	730,347	100.0

In 2018 the Auckland European population included:



160,437

children aged under 15 years

+ 2640 (1.7%)

since the 2013 Census



137,778

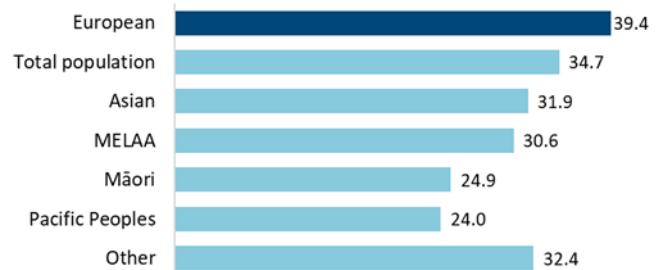
People aged over 65

+ 17,469 (14.5%)

since the 2013 Census

At the 2018 Census, the median age of the European population in Auckland was 39.4 years, compared with 34.7 years overall in Auckland. European females (40.3 years) have a higher median age than European males (38.4 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