

Population, ages and ethnicities of children

*New Zealand has 1,124,000 children under 18 - that's **23%** of the population*



FAQS

Q: How many babies are born each year?

A: There were 59,610 births in the year to December 2017. 52% male and 48% female.

Q: How many babies are born to teenage mothers each year?

A: 3.9% of babies born in 2017 were to teen mothers - the lowest teen fertility rate ever, and half the rate of ten years ago.

Q: How many children die each year?

A: 228 babies under 1 year old and 111 aged 1 - 14 years died in 2017.

Q: How many children live in each area of New Zealand (2018)?

A: Estimated numbers of children are:
Greater Auckland: 389,000.
Wellington, Hutt Valley and Porirua 94,200,
Christchurch City 81,800.

Q: How many children live in two-parent and one-parent families?

A: About 76% of New Zealand children live in two-parent households, with 16% living in sole-parent households and a further 8% with a sole parent living within a wider household.

Most children are European, with Maori, Asian and Pacific being other major ethnicities

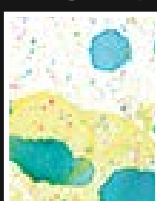
71%



European or other including NZer

Note: ethnicities add to over 100% because some children have more than one ethnicity

26%



Maori

15%



Asian

14%



Pacific Peoples

2%

Middle East, Latin, American or African

New Zealand children by AGE



Total children	age 0 - 4	age 5 - 9	age 10 - 14	age 15 -17
1,124,040	307,000	324,700	309,400	182,940

New Zealand children by AGE & ETHNICITY

Total children	age 0 - 4	age 5 - 9	age 10 - 14	age 15 -17
European or other including NZer				
793,110	212,100	231,900	222,300	126,810
Maori				
293,450	83,800	86,100	79,400	44,150
Asian				
171,860	58,100	48,400	40,800	24,560
Pacific Peoples				
153,010	45,200	45,100	39,800	22,910
Middle East, Latin American or African				
22,800	8,200	6,600	5,200	2,800

Sources and further information

Except where stated, all data in this information sheet is sourced from the latest available (2013) census data from Statistics New Zealand, with population projections to 30 June, 2018. For more details go to:

- Census data about [family and households](#)
- [Births and Deaths](#)
- [MSD Household Incomes Report](#) (p158 for proportion of children in two-parent families)
- [National ethnic population projections by age, 2013 census](#)

