

# Population, ages and ethnicities of children



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*New Zealand  
has 1,122,000 children  
under 18 - that's 24% of  
the population*



## FAQS

Q: How many babies are born each year?

A: About 60,000 each year. 52% male and 48% female.

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

A: Almost 5% of babies born in 2015 were to teen mothers.

Q: How many children die each year?

A: 251 babies under 1 year old and 122 aged 1 - 14 years died in 2015.

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

A: Greater Auckland: 316,000. Wellington, Hutt Valley and Porirua 76,600, Christchurch City 63,500.

[More cities and regions here.](#)

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

A: About 69% of New Zealand children live in two-parent households, with 18% living in sole-parent households and 12% living in multi-adult households (e.g. with grandparents).

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

71%



European or other including NZer

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

25%



Maori

13%



Pacific peoples

12%



Asian

1%

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
1,122,000	312,000	321,000	299,000	190,000

## New Zealand children by AGE & ETHNICITY

Total children	age 0 - 4	age 5 - 9	age 10 - 14	age 15 -17
<b>European or other including NZer</b>				
780,620	222,230	216,960	211,270	130,160
<b>Maori</b>				
275,520	84,040	77,160	71,780	42,540
<b>Pacific peoples</b>				
143,440	44,560	39,360	37,620	21,900
<b>Asian</b>				
131,000	41,130	33,920	32,790	23,460
<b>Middle East, Latin American or African</b>				
15,840	5,340	4,310	3,770	2,420

## Sources and further information



Except where stated, all data in this information sheet is sourced from the lasted available (2013) census data from Statistics New Zealand. For more detailed info go to:

- Census data about [family and households](#)
- [2015 Births and Deaths](#)
- [MSD Household Incomes Report](#) (p134 for proportion of two-parent families)