



Population and dwellings

Number of people counted

Total population

- 32,148 people usually live in West Coast Region. This is an increase of 822 people, or 2.6 percent, since the 2006 Census.
- Its population ranks 16th in size out of the 16 regions in New Zealand.
- West Coast Region has less than one percent of New Zealand's population.

Population of West Coast Region and New Zealand

2013 Census

Sex	West Coast Region	New Zealand
Male	16,185	2,064,015
Female	15,963	2,178,033
Total people	32,148	4,242,051

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Māori population

- 3,171 Māori usually live in West Coast Region. This is an increase of 255 people, or 8.7 percent, since the 2006 Census.
- Its Māori population ranks 16th in size out of the 16 regions in New Zealand.
- Less than one percent of New Zealand's Māori population usually live in West Coast Region.

Māori population of West Coast Region and New Zealand 2013 Census

Sex	West Coast Region	New Zealand
Male	1,521	288,639
Female	1,653	309,966
Total people	3,171	598,602

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Note: Total population figures are for the census usually resident population count.

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Number of dwellings counted

- There are 13,803 occupied dwellings and 2,796 unoccupied dwellings in West Coast Region.
- For New Zealand as a whole, there are 1,570,695 occupied dwellings and 185,448 unoccupied dwellings.
- There are 129 dwellings under construction in West Coast Region, and 9,756 under construction in New Zealand.

Dwellings in West Coast Region and New Zealand 2013 Census

Occupancy status	West Coast Region	New Zealand
Occupied		
Private dwelling	13,524	1,561,956
Non-private dwelling	279	8,739
Total occupied dwellings	13,803	1,570,695
Unoccupied	2,796	185,448
Under construction	129	9,756
Total dwellings	16,728	1,765,896

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Note: This time series is irregular. Because the 2011 Census was cancelled after the Canterbury earthquake on 22 February 2011, the gap between this census and the last one is seven years. The change in the data between 2006 and 2013 may be greater than in the usual five-year gap between censuses. Be careful when comparing trends.

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Age and sex

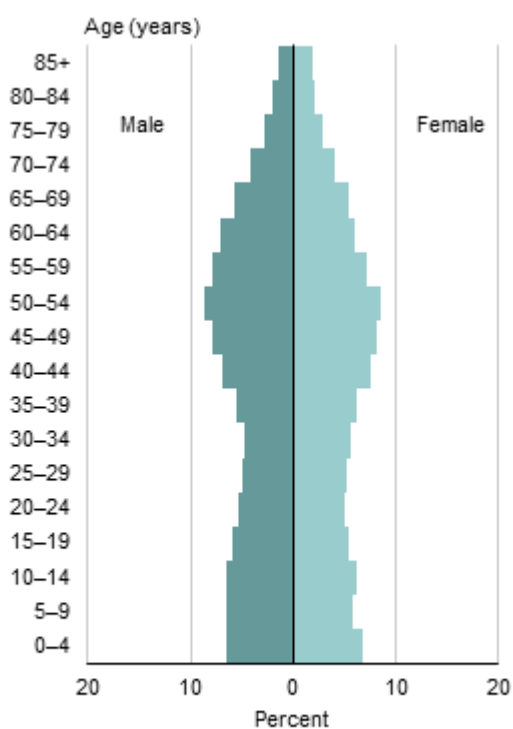
Total population

- The median age (half are younger, and half older, than this age) is 42.8 years for people in West Coast Region. For New Zealand as a whole, the median age is 38.0 years.
- 16.1 percent of people in West Coast Region are aged 65 years and over, compared with 14.3 percent of the total New Zealand population.
- 19.1 percent of people are aged under 15 years in West Coast Region, compared with 20.4 percent for all of New Zealand.

Age and sex of people

West Coast Region

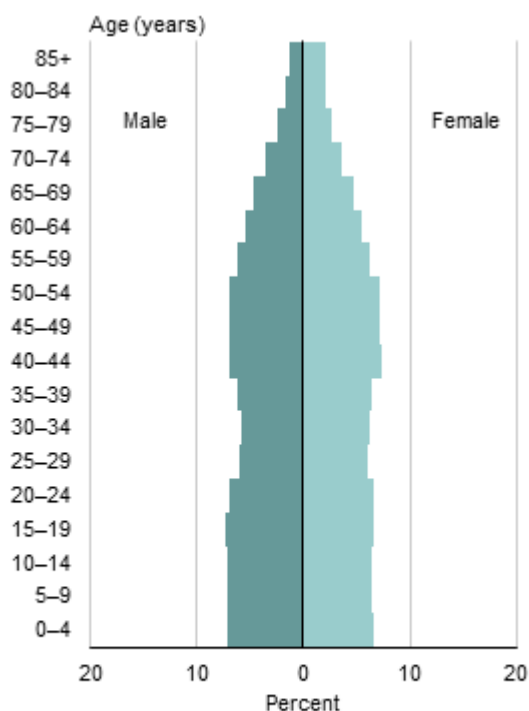
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Age and sex of people

New Zealand
2013 Census



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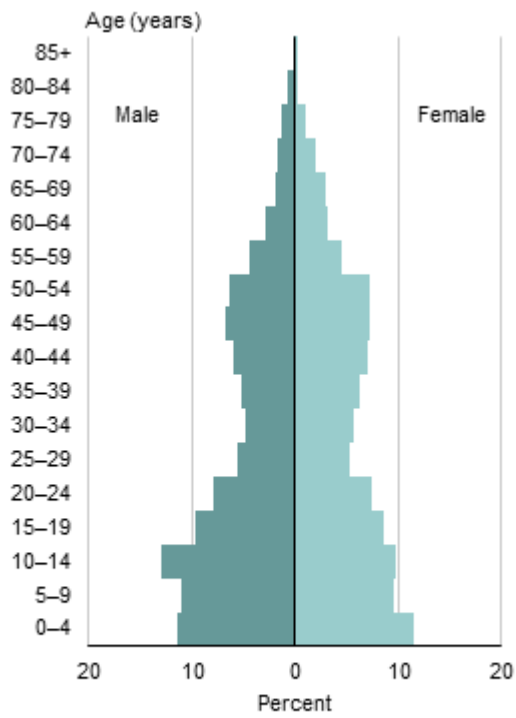
Māori population

- The median age of Māori (half are younger, and half older, than this age) is 25.2 years in West Coast Region, compared with a median of 23.9 years for all Māori in New Zealand.
- 6.0 percent of Māori in West Coast Region are aged 65 years and over, compared with 5.4 percent of New Zealand's Māori population.
- 33.2 percent of Māori are aged under 15 years in West Coast Region, compared with 33.8 percent for all Māori in New Zealand.

Age and sex of Māori

West Coast Region

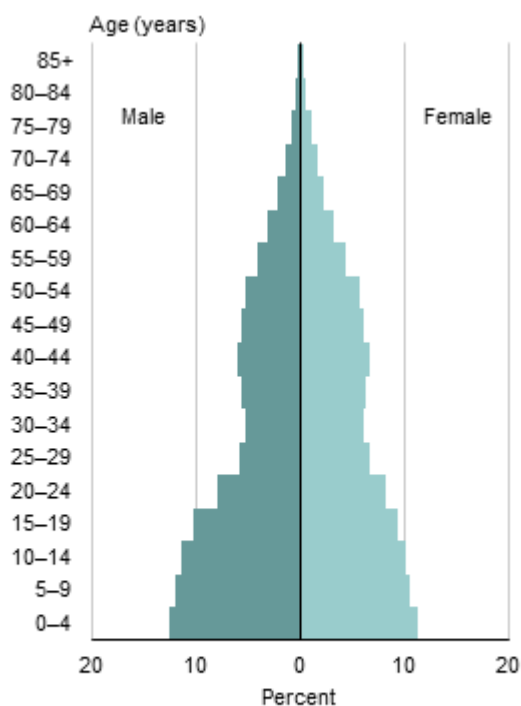
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Age and sex of Māori

New Zealand
2013 Census



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Cultural diversity

Ethnic groups

- 91.2 percent of people in West Coast Region belong to the European ethnic group, compared with 74.0 percent for New Zealand as a whole.
- 10.5 percent of people in West Coast Region belong to the Māori ethnic group, compared with 14.9 percent for all of New Zealand.

Ethnic groups in West Coast Region and New Zealand		
2013 Census		
Ethnic group ⁽¹⁾	West Coast Region (percent)	New Zealand (percent)
European	91.2	74.0
Māori	10.5	14.9
Pacific peoples	1.0	7.4
Asian	2.2	11.8
Middle Eastern, Latin American, African	0.4	1.2
Other ethnicity		
New Zealander	2.8	1.6
Other ethnicity nec	0.0	0.0
Total other ethnicity	2.8	1.7

1. Includes all people who stated each ethnic group, whether as their only ethnic group or as one of several. Where a person reported more than one ethnic group, they have been counted in each applicable group. As a result percentages do not add up to 100.

Note: nec = not elsewhere classified.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Birthplace

Total population

- 11.0 percent of people in West Coast Region were born overseas, compared with 25.2 percent for New Zealand as a whole.
- For people born overseas who are now living in West Coast Region, the most common birthplace was England, and England is the most common overseas birthplace for all of New Zealand.

Māori population

- 1.2 percent of Māori in West Coast Region were born overseas, compared with 1.8 percent for New Zealand as a whole.

Languages spoken

Total population

- After English, the next most common language spoken in West Coast Region is te reo Māori, which is spoken by 1.8 percent of people. For New Zealand as a whole, the most common language apart from English is te reo Māori, spoken by 3.7 percent of people.
- New Zealand Sign Language is used by less than one percent of people in West Coast Region, compared with less than one percent of people for all of New Zealand.
- 92.1 percent of people in West Coast Region speak only one language, compared with 79.8 percent of people for all of New Zealand.

Māori population

- After English, the next most common language spoken by Māori in West Coast Region is te reo Māori, which is spoken by 11.0 percent of Māori.
- In New Zealand, the next most common language spoken by Māori is te reo Māori, which is spoken by 21.3 percent.
- New Zealand Sign Language is used by less than one percent of Māori in West Coast Region compared with less than one percent of Māori for all of New Zealand.
- 86.6 percent of Māori in West Coast Region speak only one language, compared with 76.5 percent of all Māori in New Zealand.

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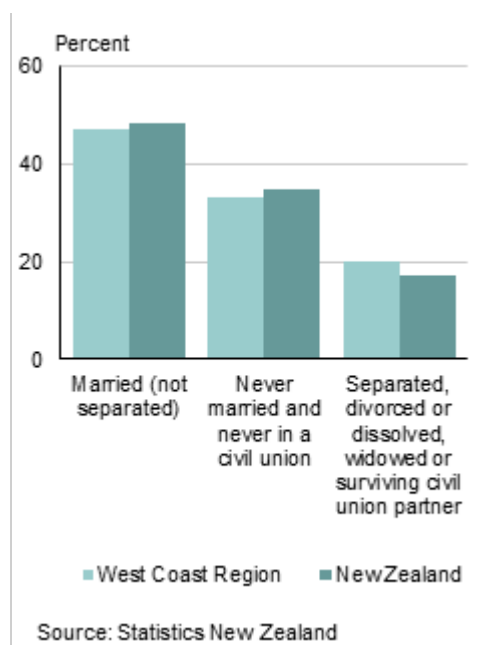
Relationship status

Total population aged 15 years and over

- 33.3 percent of people aged 15 years and over living in West Coast Region have never married, 46.9 percent are married, and 19.9 percent are separated, divorced or widowed.
- 37.9 percent of people aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region who have never been married, live with a partner.

Legally registered relationship status for people aged 15 years and over

West Coast Region and New Zealand
2013 Census

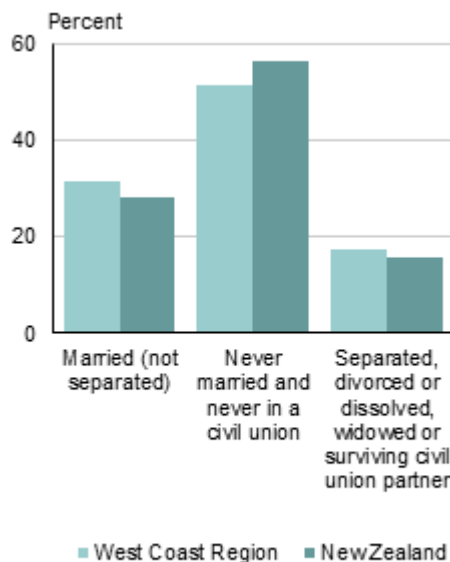


Māori population aged 15 years and over

- For Māori aged 15 years and over living in West Coast Region, 51.2 have never married, 31.4 percent are married, and 17.4 percent are separated, divorced or widowed.
- 39.4 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region who have never been married, live with a partner.

Legally registered relationship status for Māori aged 15 years and over

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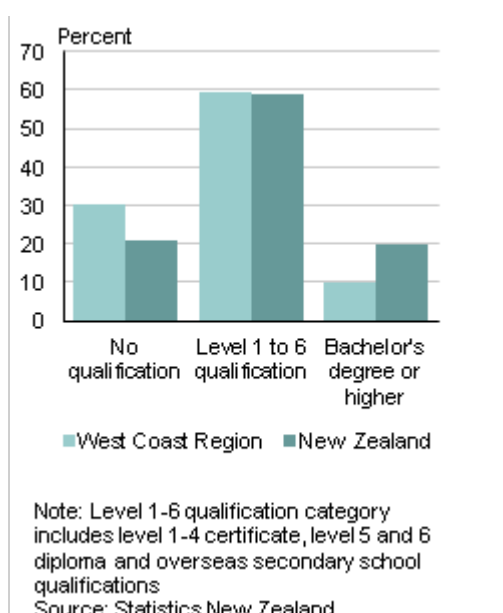
Qualifications

Total population aged 15 years and over

- 69.5 percent of people aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region have a formal qualification, compared with 79.1 percent of people in New Zealand.
- In West Coast Region, 10.1 percent of people aged 15 years and over held a bachelor's degree or higher as their highest qualification, compared with 20.0 percent for New Zealand as a whole.

Highest qualification for people aged 15 years and over

West Coast Region and New Zealand
2013 Census



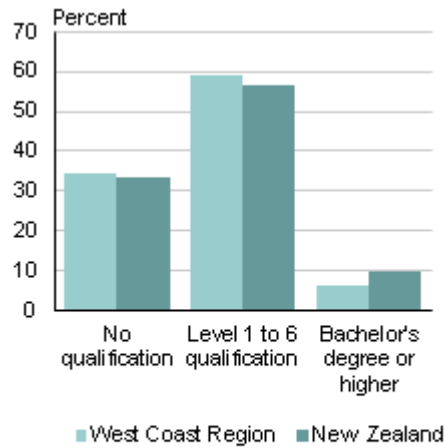
Māori population aged 15 years and over

- In West Coast Region, 65.5 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over have a formal qualification, compared with 66.7 percent for Māori in New Zealand.
- 6.1 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region held a bachelor's degree or higher as their highest qualification, compared with 10.0 percent of New Zealand's Māori population.

Highest qualification for Māori aged 15 years and over

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Note: Level 1-6 qualification category includes level 1-4 certificate, level 5 and 6 diploma and overseas secondary school qualifications.
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Work

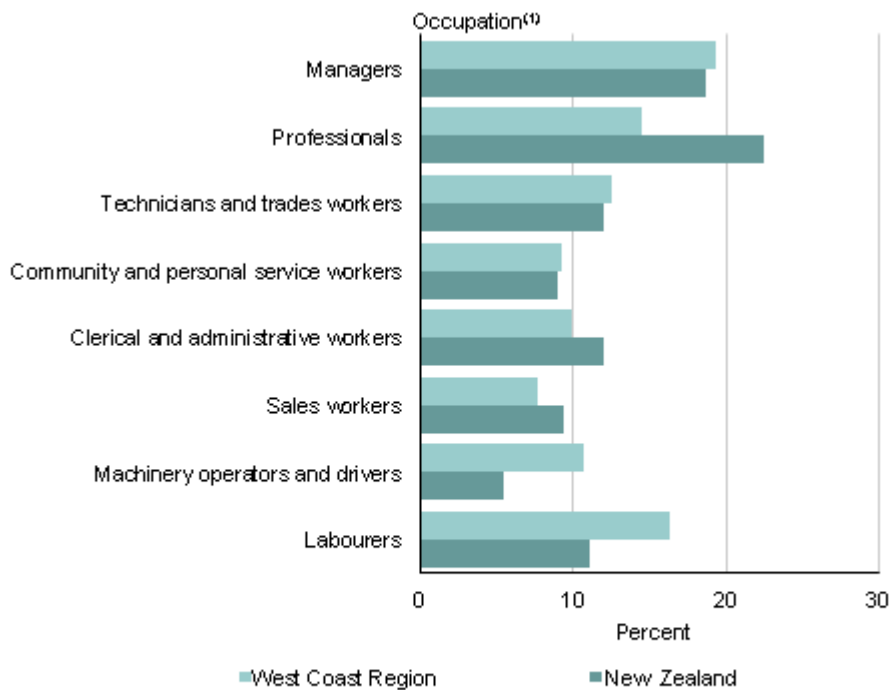
Total population aged 15 years and over

- The unemployment rate in West Coast Region is 4.7 percent for people aged 15 years and over, compared with 7.1 percent for all of New Zealand.
- The most common occupational group in West Coast Region is 'managers', and 'professionals' is the most common occupational group in New Zealand.

Occupation for employed people aged 15 years and over

West Coast Region and New Zealand

2013 Census



1. Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO V1.1)
Source: Statistics New Zealand

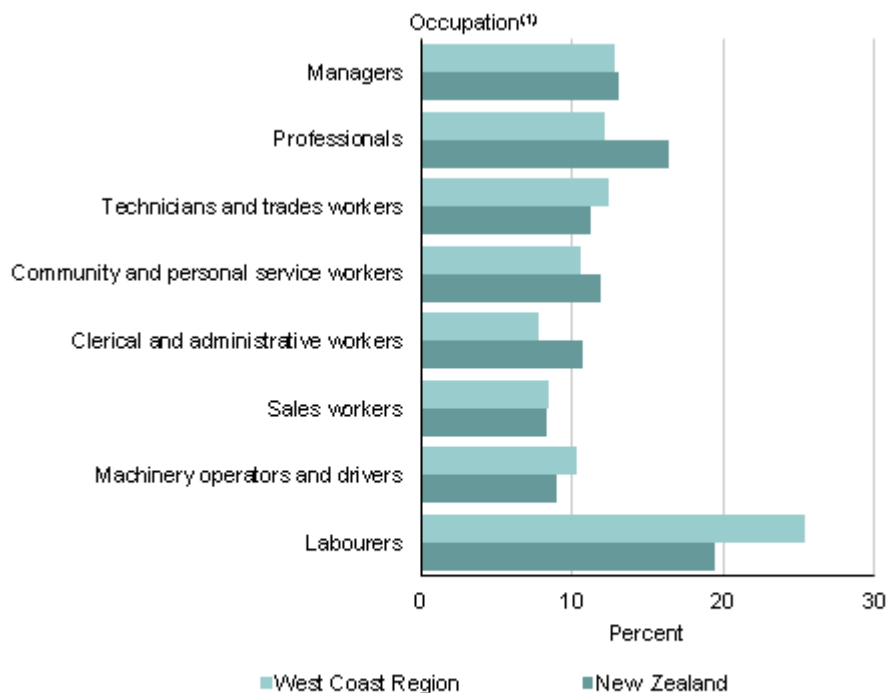
Māori population aged 15 years and over

- The unemployment rate of Māori aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region is 8.3 percent, compared with 15.6 percent for New Zealand's Māori population.
- The most common occupational group for Māori in West Coast Region is 'labourers', and 'labourers' is the most common occupational group for Māori in New Zealand.

Occupation for employed Māori aged 15 years and over

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Income

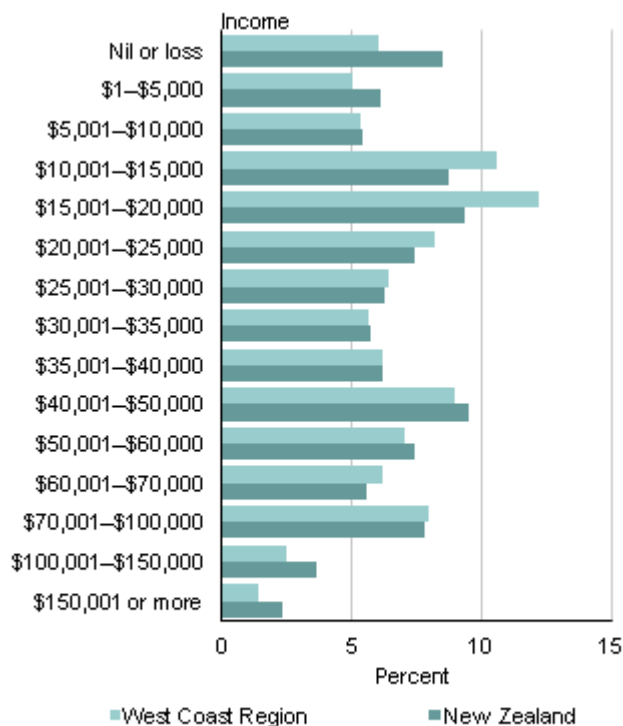
Total population aged 15 years and over

- For people aged 15 years and over, the median income (half earn more, and half earn less, than this amount), in West Coast Region is \$26,900. This compares with a median of \$28,500 for all of New Zealand.
- 39.3 percent of people aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region have an annual income of \$20,000 or less, compared with 38.2 percent of people for New Zealand as a whole.
- In West Coast Region, 25.2 percent of people aged 15 years and over have an annual income of more than \$50,000, compared with 26.7 percent of people in New Zealand.

Total personal income for people aged 15 years and over

West Coast Region and New Zealand

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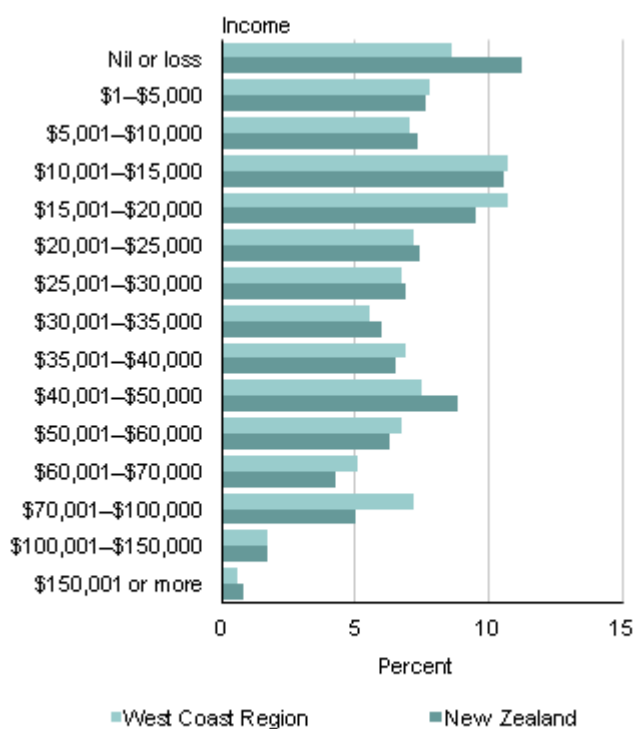
Source: Statistics New Zealand

Māori population aged 15 years and over

- For Māori aged 15 years and over, the median income (half earn more, and half less than this amount) in West Coast Region is \$23,500, compared with a median of \$22,500 for all Māori in New Zealand.
- In West Coast Region, 44.9 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over have an annual income of \$20,000 or less, compared with 46.3 percent of Māori in New Zealand.
- 21.4 percent of Māori aged 15 years and over in West Coast Region have an annual income of more than \$50,000, compared with 18.1 percent of all Māori in New Zealand.

Total personal income for Māori aged 15 years and over

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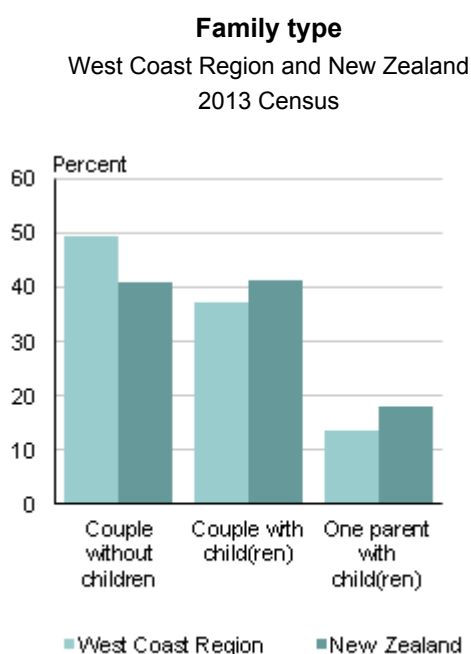
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Families

Family type

- Couples with children make up 37.2 percent of all families in West Coast Region, while couples without children make up 49.2 percent of all families.
- In New Zealand, couples with children make up 41.3 percent of all families, while couples without children make up 40.9 percent of all families.
- 13.6 percent of families in West Coast Region are one parent with children families, while one parent with children families make up 17.8 percent of families for New Zealand as a whole.



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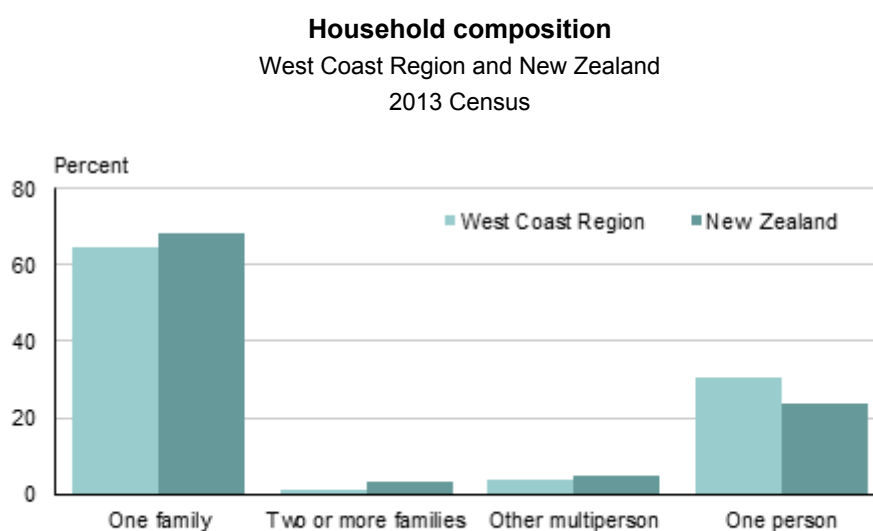
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Households

Household composition

- One-family households make up 64.5 percent of all households in West Coast Region. For New Zealand as a whole, one-family households make up 68.3 percent of all households.
- In West Coast Region, there are 3,942 one-person households making up 30.7 percent of all households. In New Zealand, one-person households make up 23.5 percent of all households.
- The average household size in West Coast Region is 2.3 people, compared with an average of 2.7 people for all of New Zealand.



Source: Statistics New Zealand

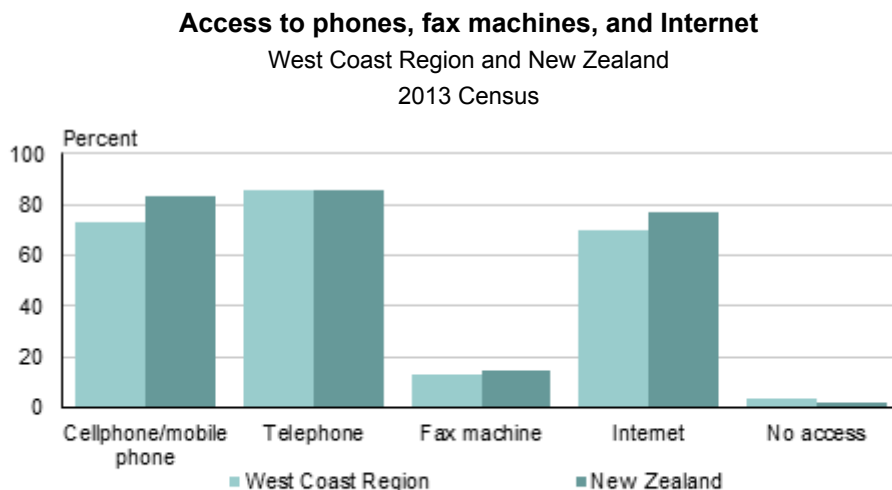
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Phone, fax, and Internet

Access to phones, fax machines, and Internet

- 69.6 percent of households in West Coast Region have access to the Internet, compared with 76.8 percent of households in New Zealand.
- In West Coast Region, 73.2 percent of households have access to a cellphone, compared with 83.7 percent of households for New Zealand as a whole.



Note: Households can access more than one type of telecommunication device. Therefore percentages do not add up to 100.
Source: Statistics New Zealand

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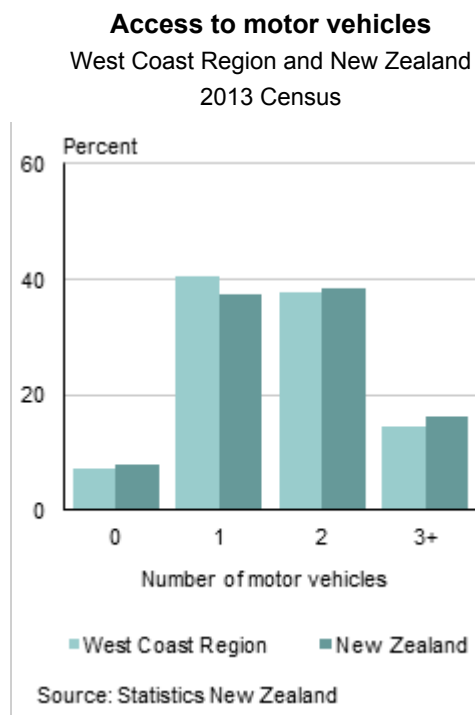
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Transport

Access to motor vehicles

- 14.4 percent of households in West Coast Region have access to three or more motor vehicles, compared with 16.1 percent of all households in New Zealand.



Note: All figures are for households in occupied private dwellings.

Main means of travel to work

- The most common means of travel to work on census day for people in West Coast Region was driving a private car, truck or van (55.2 percent of people who travelled to work used this form of transport).
- This was followed by driving a company car, truck or van (18.1 percent) and walking or jogging (11.0 percent).
- For New Zealand as a whole, the most common means of travel to work was driving a private car, truck or van, followed by driving a company car, truck or van, and walking or jogging.

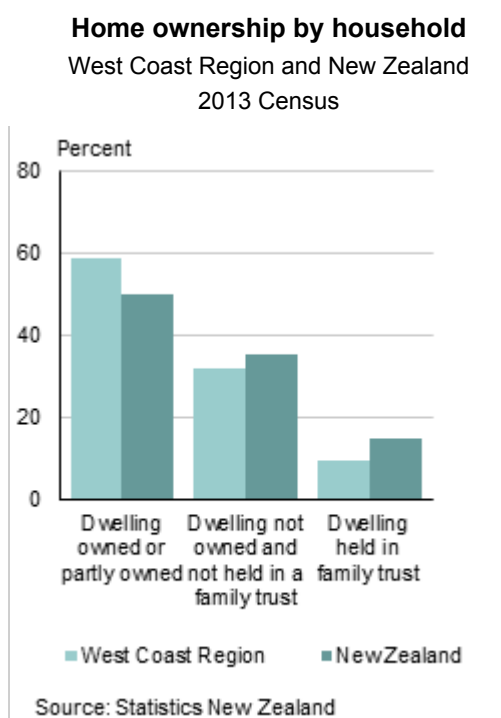
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Housing

Home ownership

- In West Coast Region, 68.1 percent of households in occupied private dwellings owned the dwelling or held it in a family trust.
- For New Zealand as a whole, 64.8 percent of households in occupied private dwellings owned the dwelling or held it in a family trust.
- For households in West Coast Region who rented the dwelling that they lived in, the median weekly rent paid was \$200. This compared with \$280 for New Zealand as a whole.



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Building consents

Building consent data for the year ended December 2013 showed that:

- The total number of building consents issued for dwellings, including apartments, in West Coast Region was 144.
- The total number of building consents issued for apartments in West Coast Region was 0.
- The total value of residential building work in West Coast Region was \$45,123,423.
- The total value of non-residential building work in West Coast Region was \$29,476,237.

Note: Building consent data is obtained from all accredited building consent authorities (ie territorial authorities) and is compiled if the building consent issued is valued over \$5000. See data quality information on building consents.

Business

Business demographics

Business demographic data for the year ended February 2013 showed that:

- There were 3,848 business locations (geographic units) in West Coast Region compared with 507,908 for all of New Zealand. This is a decrease of less than one percent from the year ended February 2006 for West Coast Region.
- There were 15,320 paid employees in West Coast Region compared with 1,941,040 for all New Zealand. This is an increase of 9.5 percent from the year ended February 2006 for West Coast Region.

Top five industries in West Coast Region

By employee count

For year ended February 2013

Industry (ANZSIC06) ⁽¹⁾	West Coast Region		New Zealand	
	Employee count	Percent of total employee count	Employee count	Percent of total employee count
Accommodation and food services	1,830	11.9	134,440	6.9
Health care and social assistance	1,630	10.6	211,350	10.9
Retail trade	1,630	10.6	195,870	10.1
Manufacturing	1,610	10.5	211,710	10.9
Construction	1,460	9.5	124,870	6.4

1. Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 2006 (ANZSIC06 V1.0).

Note: Some regions, territorial authorities, and local boards may have more than one industry with the same employee count but the table has been restricted to five industries.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Note: Business demographic data is sourced from a register of economically significant businesses which is maintained by Statistics New Zealand. See data quality information on business demographics.

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