

Information topic	Details
Indicator name	<b>Population Size</b>
Domain and topic	Population: Population Size
Indicator definition and units	Number of people in New Zealand, by ethnicity and Territorial Authority (TA)
Data source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Zealand Census. Statistics New Zealand. Available from <a href="http://www.stats.govt.nz/census/2013-census.aspx">http://www.stats.govt.nz/census/2013-census.aspx</a> (accessed February 2017)</li> <li>- Historical population estimates tables. Statistics New Zealand. Available from <a href="http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/population/estimates_and_projections/historical-population-tables.aspx">http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/population/estimates_and_projections/historical-population-tables.aspx</a> (accessed February 2017)</li> <li>- Estimates and projections. Statistics New Zealand. Available from <a href="http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/population/estimates_and_projections.aspx">http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/population/estimates_and_projections.aspx</a> (accessed February 2017)</li> </ul>
Methodology	Census usually resident population count: count of all people who usually live in New Zealand and are present in New Zealand on a given census night (excludes visitors from overseas and residents who are temporarily overseas on census night)
Time period and time scale	Census, annual estimates and projections; from 1926 onwards
Population coverage	National
Measures of frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of people in New Zealand</li> <li>- Number of people in New Zealand, by TA</li> <li>- Number of people in New Zealand, by ethnicity</li> </ul>
Limitations of indicator	Total ethnicity counting results in over-counting ethnic groups (i.e. totals add up to more than 100% as an individual can select more than one ethnicity).
Limitations of data source	Because of the 2011 Canterbury earthquake, the 2011 was postponed until 2013. The gap between the current census (2013) and the previous one (2006) is therefore seven years. Change in the data between 2006 and 2013 may thus be greater than the usual five-year gap between censuses.
Created by	Statistics New Zealand
Related indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Population Change</li> <li>- Population Density</li> </ul>

For more information

Statistics New Zealand. A century of censuses – population.  
Available from <http://www.stats.govt.nz/Census/2013-census/profile-and-summary-reports/century-censuses-population.aspx> (accessed February 2017)