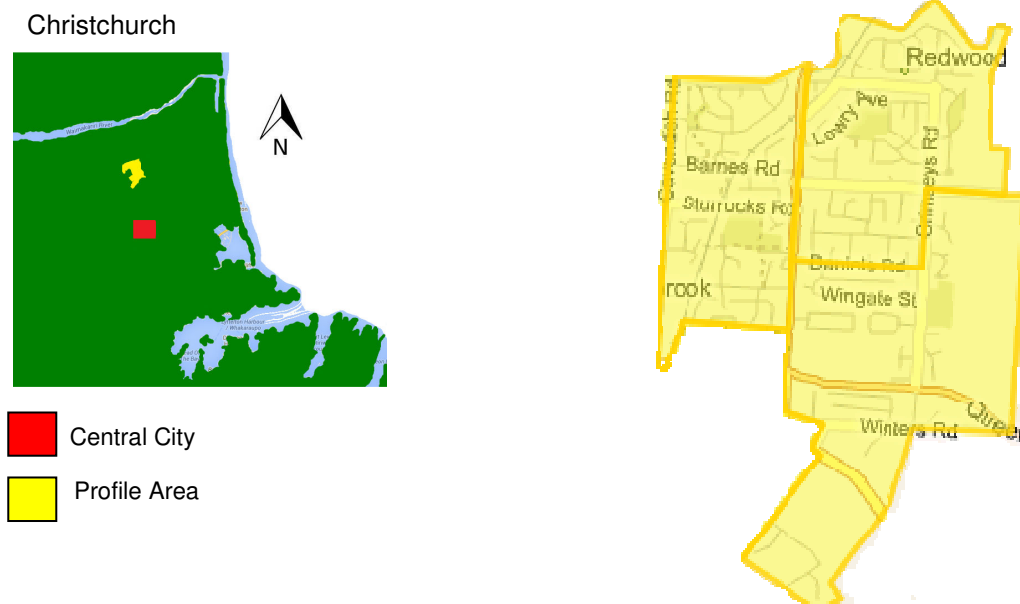


Community profile

Redwood

Census area units: Redwood North, Redwood South, Styx Mill



The Redwood area includes Redwood North, South and Styx Mill, covering a total area of 4.0943 square kilometres and is situated approximately 7.8 kilometres north of the Christchurch Central Business District (CBD). Redwood was originally named Styx, but was re-named Redwood in the 1960s when the local residents voted to rename Redwood after a Sequoia redwood tree that still stands in Prestons Road. Redwood was seen as a farming area of Christchurch when first settled; it is now made up of a mixture of rural land where market farms are run, light industrial areas and older and newer residential suburbs.

The schools located in Redwood are Redwood Primary School, Northcote Primary School and St Bede's College. Redwood hosts five preschools and Plunket rooms. The majority of these sites are located on Main North Road in Redwood.

Main North Road is a four lane road that is one of the main thoroughfares for traffic travelling north of the city. Main North Road cuts through the middle of Redwood. There is a small business village within Redwood located on Main North Road.

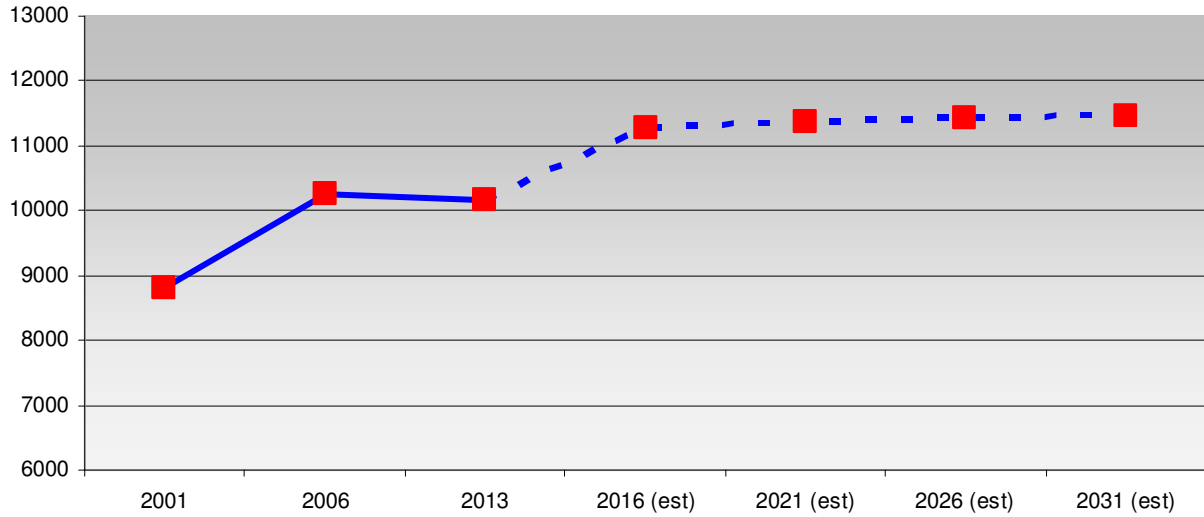
Redwood hosts 12 parks and reserves, including Redwood Park, Owen Mitchell Park and Murchison Park. Redwood has its own community radio station called Good Music FM 107.5 (formerly know as Radio Redwood).

The area's total population in the 2013 Census data is 10,149 and Redwood is estimated to grow to 11,090 by 2031, which is not significant due to minimal available land for future development.

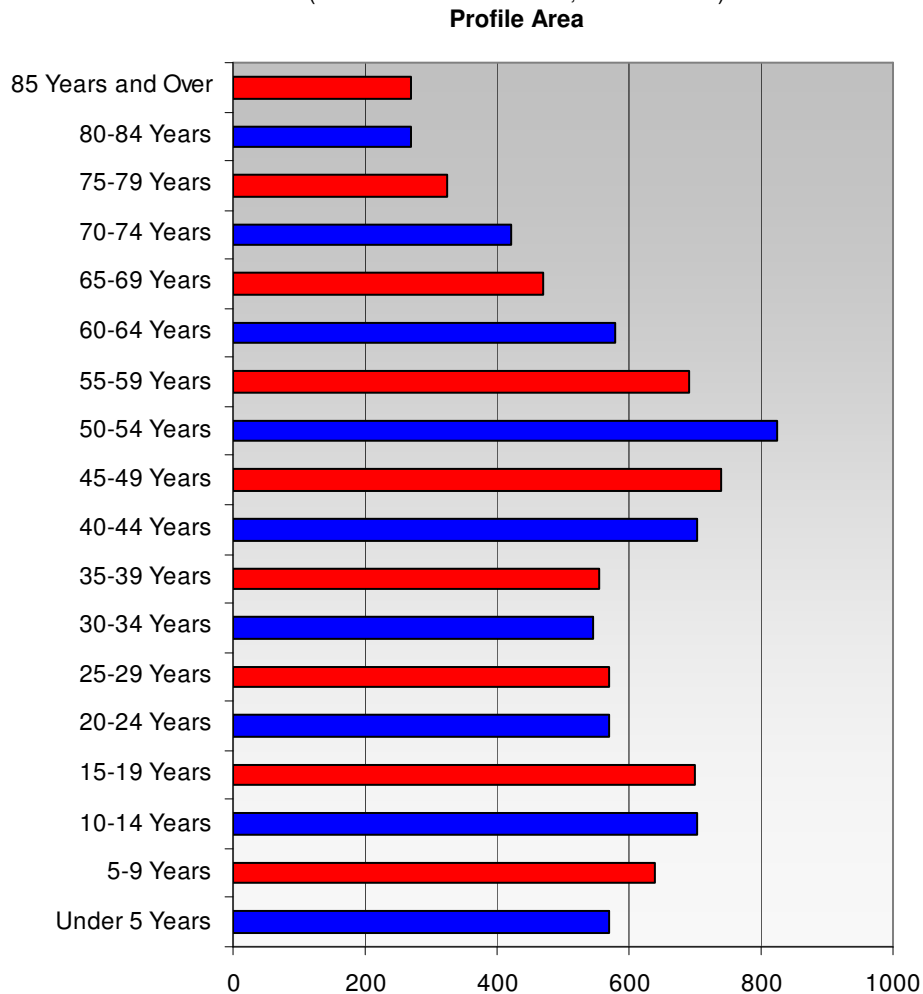
The median age for Redwood residents is 41.9 years which is higher compared with the median age across the city of 38.6 years. In Redwood, 14.3 per cent of the population is aged over 65 years, which is slightly lower than the regional average.

Key demographics

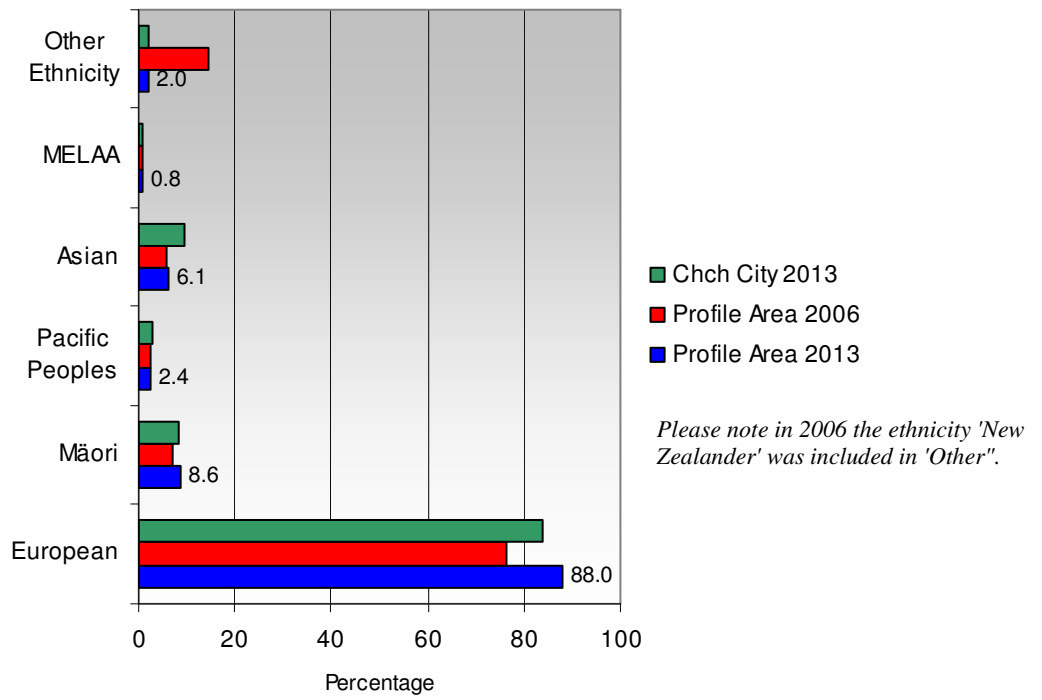
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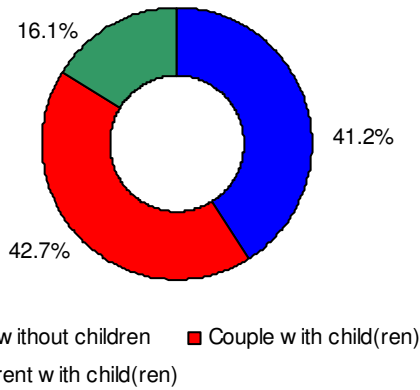
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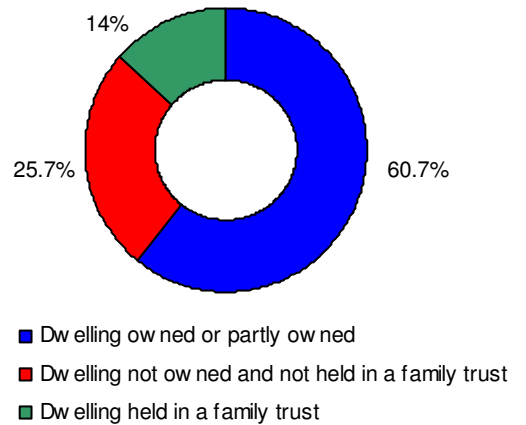
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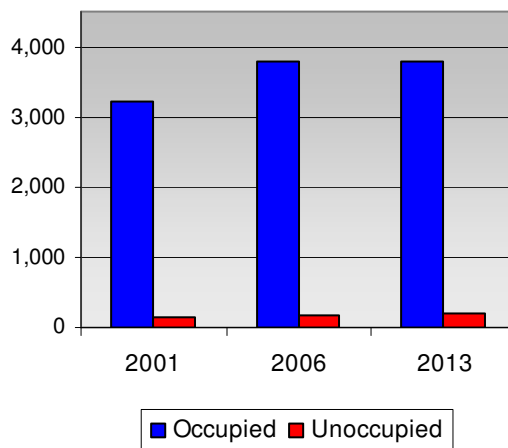
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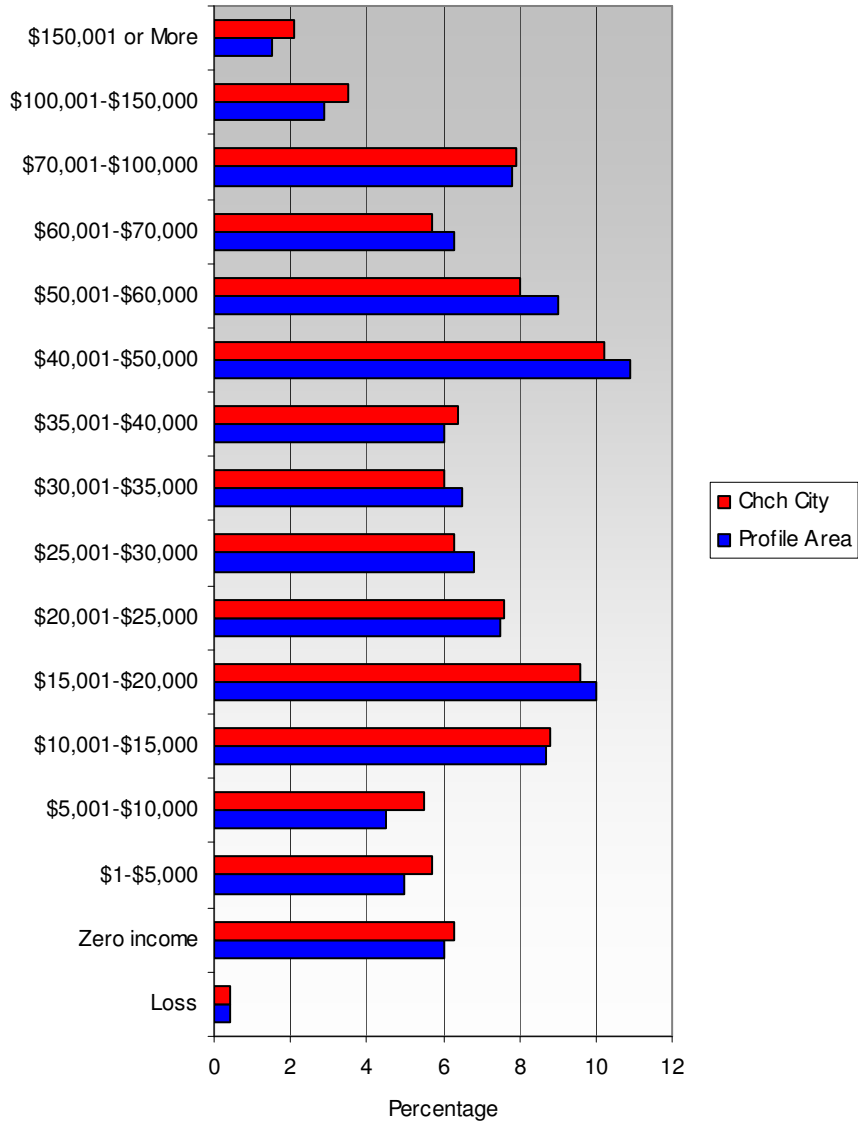
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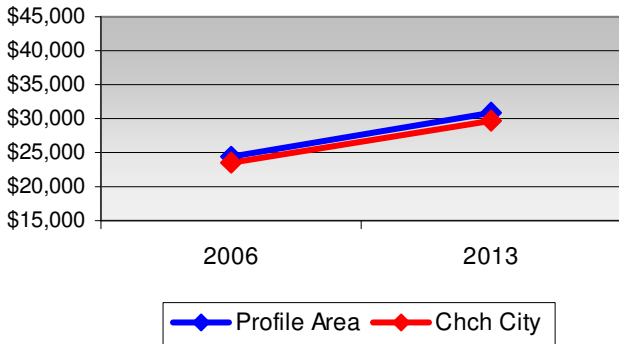
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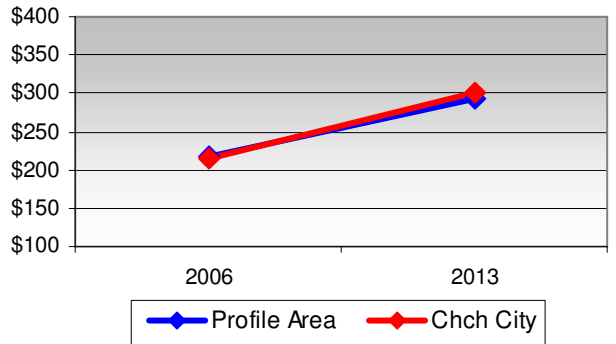
Personal income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City
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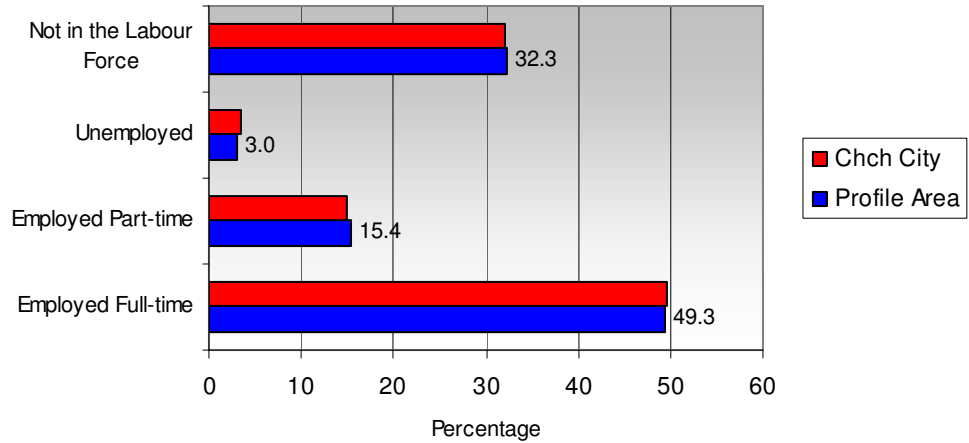
Median Personal Income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City
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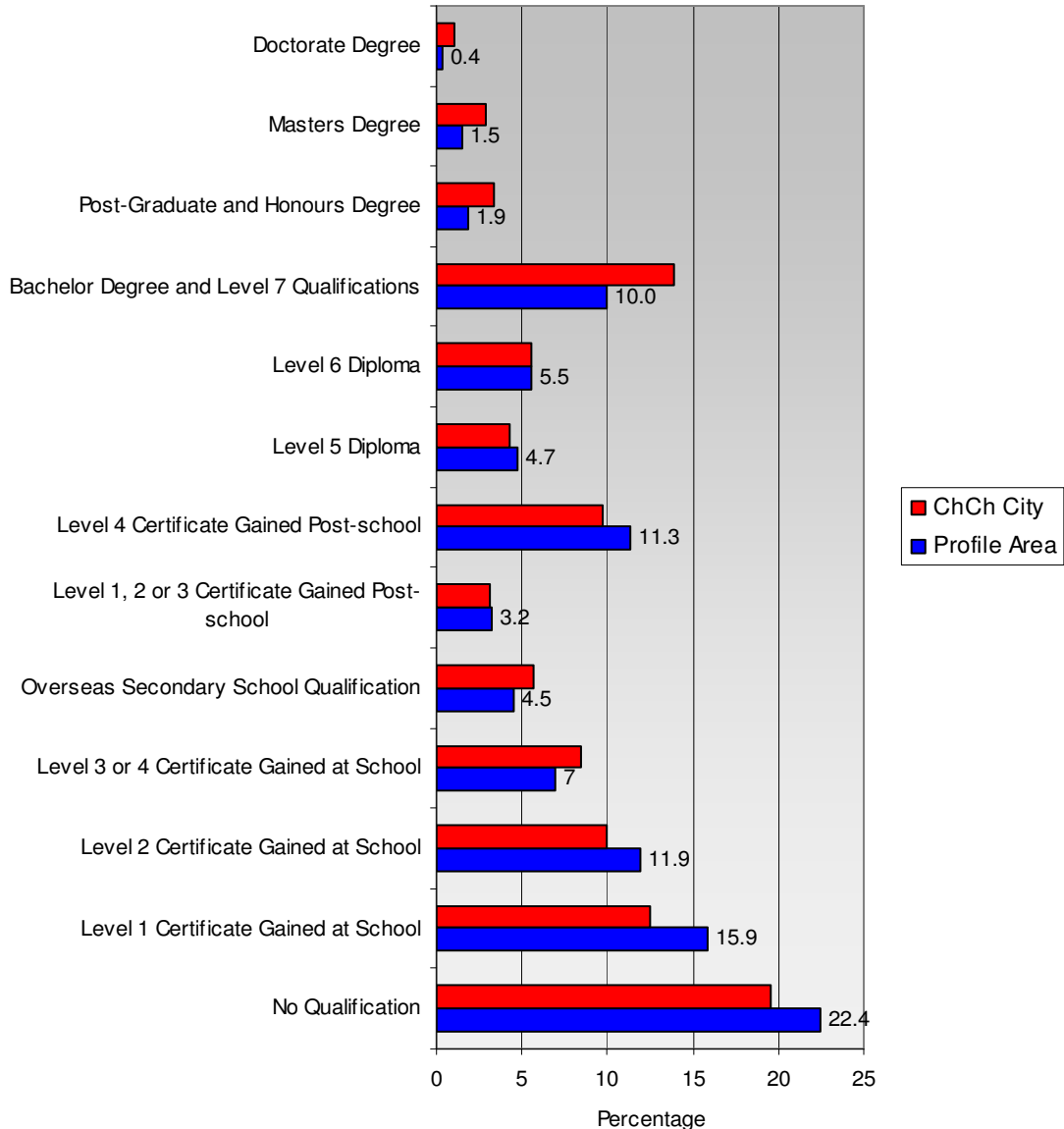
Median Weekly Rent for rented households, in private occupied dwellings
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



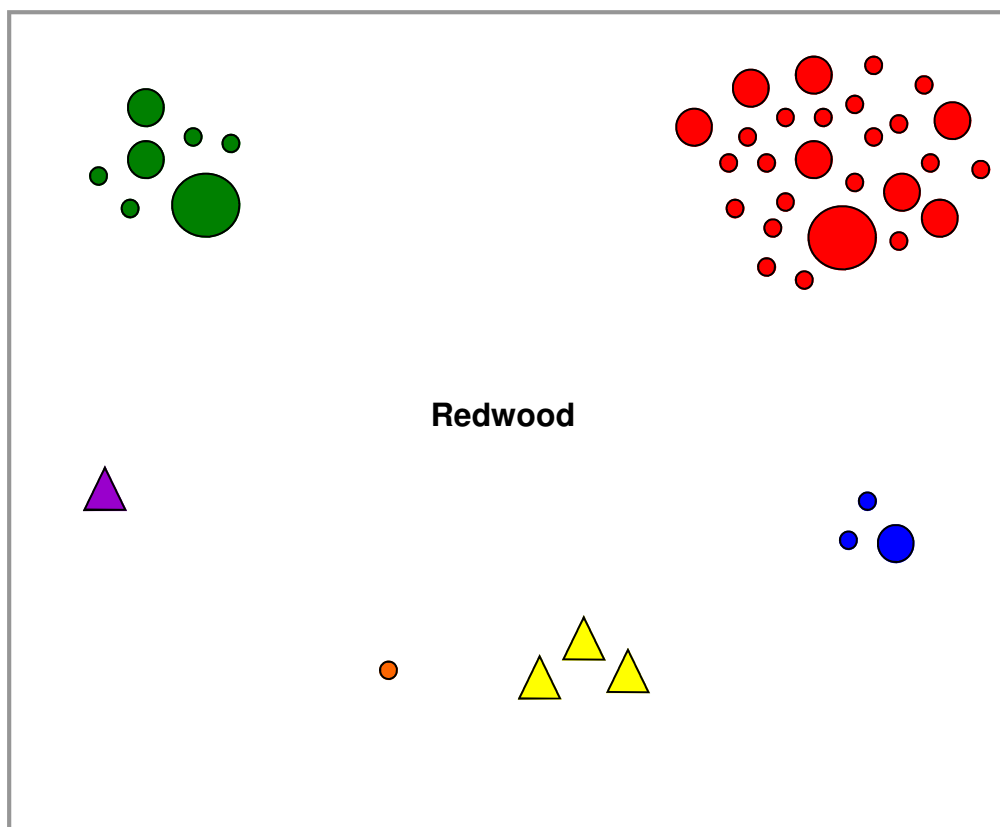
Work and Labour Force status (%)
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



Highest Educational Qualification for the census usually resident population, aged 15 years and over
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



Community infrastructure mapping



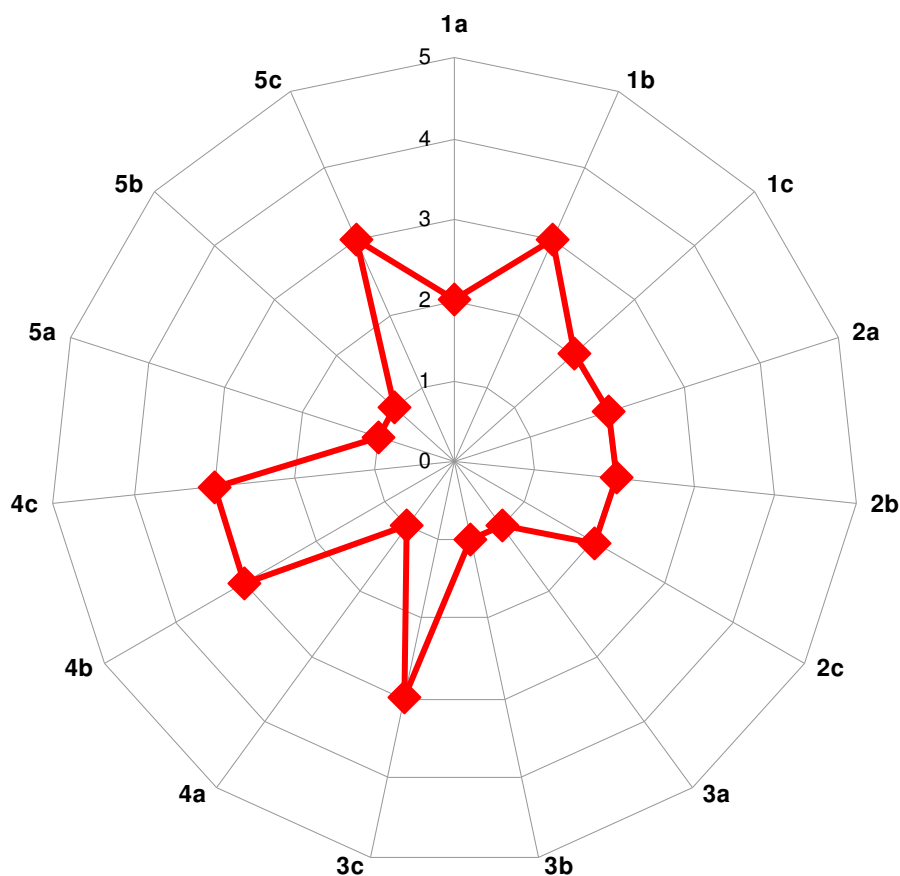
- Community development/support organisations
- Sport/recreation/leisure groups
- Faith-based organisations
- Residents/business associations
- ▲ Schools
- ▲ Community facilities (Council owned)
- ▲ Libraries (Council owned)

The above ratings have been based on reach, diversity and participation. For example, bigger circles tend to be groups that provide a wider range of services, or have large numbers of participants. They also tend to be groups that are well networked within the community.

Redwood has a varied and well-populated social infrastructure. There are 39 identified groups that make up the social infrastructure, comprising seven community organisations, 12 sports organisations, 15 recreational/leisure groups, one residents' group and four meeting venues.

Strong groups can be found across sectors, with meeting venues having high reach and impact across the zone. There are a large number of groups in the recreational/leisure and sports sectors which have noticeably more reach across the zone.

Community resilience mapping



Scale: 1 = Low 5 = High

15 Measures of resilience

Community Support Organisations (rating)

- 1a** # of organisations (2)
- 1b** strength of organisations (3)
- 1c** community development principles (2)

Volunteering (rating)

- 2a** investment in volunteers (2)
- 2b** # of volunteer hours from Fundforce (2)
- 2c** # of volunteer hours from Census (2)

Connectedness (rating)

- 3a** # of Neighbourhood Support groups (1)
- 3b** # of residents' associations (1)
- 3c** access to networking groups/forums (3)

Participation (rating)

- 4a** community events (1)
- 4b** Fundforce participation rates (3)
- 4c** club membership #s (3)

Preparedness (rating)

- 5a** # of Neighbourhood Support groups (1)
- 5b** # households in Neighbourhood Support (1)
- 5c** capability of groups to lead local response (3)

Note: **2b, 4b** - These ratings only take into account figures from community projects funded by Council.
2c - These figures are based on 2006 Census data as this information is not yet available for 2013.
3a, 5a, 5b - These ratings are based on groups and households registered with Christchurch Gets Ready as at November 2013.

Community environment

Social environment

Redwood is situated between Papanui and Belfast. The majority of residents shop and seek activities and services outside of this immediate area. Redwood has an active social, hobby and sporting community and is made up primarily of residential dwellings. Redwood boasts six parks and 12 reserves, providing many opportunities to participate and enjoy the outdoors.

The earthquakes have caused no apparent change in the capacity of the organised community infrastructure in the Redwood zone. Churches report that their facilities are now at capacity as groups and organisations from other parts of the city seek accommodation. In particular, St Silas Anglican and St Lukes Presbyterian churches are accommodating a number of Bishopdale/Papanui groups and others from around the city. This includes another church currently sharing the facility at St Lukes Presbyterian church due to earthquake issues. This has increased the number of programmes being offered to the Redwood community.

The two primary schools, Northcote and Redwood, are situated within the area and provide a strong focus for Redwood children and families, as does St Bede's College. They are all working with the local community and sharing resources. Most local primary students will go on to attend Papanui High School.

Redwood Library and Redwood Park are a focal point for the community. The Redwood Library provides significant support and information for the local community and remains a well-used facility for all ages of this community.

Built environment

The earthquakes impacted slightly on the Redwood area with minimal liquefaction and damage to roads. Businesses were quick to reopen and essential services are all functioning. Moderate damage was reported, however, many homes lost their chimneys and fences.

Christchurch City Council provides social housing for 76 people and 199 Housing New Zealand units/properties. Most of this stock is undamaged and remains operational.

The two major facilities in Redwood are the two churches: St Silas Anglican and St Lukes Presbyterian. There is also a community lounge at one of the Council housing facilities that is well used by small local groups meeting on a weekly basis. As mentioned, the Redwood Library is also well utilised by the Redwood community.

The Northern Rail Route cycleway was extended in early 2013 to create a direct cycleway from Redwood through to South Hagley Park and the central city. This is providing an avenue for those living in Redwood to connect with schools and local centres through the use of cycling.

The Northern Arterial Motorway will positively affect Redwood residents, as presently northern commuters use Main North Road as part of the commute between Christchurch Central Business District and the northern suburbs. With the construction of the Northern Arterial Motorway, traffic will bypass Main North Road and commuters will travel through the eastern side of Redwood. This will be a relief for all those parents that cross the Main North Road at peak times with their families going to school and preschools.

Economic environment

According to the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand, 53 dwellings were sold in the REINZ Northern Inner area (this also includes Belfast, Papanui, Redwood and Bishopdale). The median price rose from \$289,000 for the year ending September 2012 to \$420,000 for 2013. This is greater than the 13 per cent increase reported by Quotable Value for house values in 2013.

The latest figures released on in the real estate market for September and November 2013 showed that 26 properties were sold in Redwood (excluding Regents Park and Redwood Springs) and the median sale price was \$372,850.

In 2006, there were 587 businesses with 1420 employees within the Redwood profile area. This is compared with 2013, where there were 685 businesses with 1900 employees. The increase may be credited to the development of the small business park development in Redwood off Cavendish Road that started in 2007.

Local businesses are mainly based in Main North Road within the intersections of Daniels and Prestons Roads. However, there is a large industrial park along Sturrocks Road and Cavendish Road that hosts both large industrial organisations as well as small to medium sized businesses.

Access to local services is limited in Redwood and residents travel to Belfast or Papanui to meet their individual needs.

Natural environment

Redwood has six parks and 12 reserves, providing many opportunities to participate and enjoy the outdoors. As Redwood is broken into two sides with the Main North Road running through the middle, there are three significant parks; Owen Mitchell Park and Murchison Parks situated on the eastern side of Redwood and Redwood Park is situated on the western side. There are a large number of reserves including the Styx Mill Conservation Reserve. A portion of Styx River Mill Conservation Reserve sits within the north-east boundary of the Redwood profile area; this portion of the reserve has Redwood Springs within it. Prestons Creek runs through the eastern side of Redwood, this natural resource runs mainly underground.

Land condition

Technical category two (TC2) - Minor to moderate land damage from liquefaction is possible in future significant earthquakes. Repair / rebuild process can begin.

Technical category three (TC3) - Moderate to significant land damage from liquefaction is possible in future significant earthquakes. Repair / rebuild process can begin on buildings that do not require foundation repair or rebuild. Site-specific investigation is required for those that do.

Following the land announcements on 28 October 2011, the Department of Building and Housing (DBH) technical classifications have classified some residential properties as technical category two (TC2, yellow) and technical category three (TC3, blue).

North of Redwood Park are pockets of land zoned technical category three (TC3) situated within Regents Park Drive, Main North Road, Barnes Road, Canberra Place and south of Murchison Park around Solomon Avenue, Wakelin Place, Denniston Crescent, Jenkins Avenue and Prestons Road.

Key issues identified

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Redwood community has good infrastructure and is well connected to services offered in Papanui and Belfast. 	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redwood has a good civil defence volunteer base, with an active Neighbourhood Support network. <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Redwood Residents' Association is currently in hiatus. <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redwood Library is working with the local community to become more community focussed and meet local needs where possible. The Redwood Residents' Association is currently in hiatus. Redwood residents are looking forward to the motorways as the congestion on the main north road during peak hours is taking a toll on both the residents and the infrastructure.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of support and services for youth in the area. 	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local youth worker has joined the newly established Shirley/Papanui youth worker network aimed at providing support, information, advice and peer supervision across the ward. A Redwood youth worker is engaged in a cross- ward programme aimed at increasing civic participation. <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A social worker in local primary schools is working with both students and local families to develop initiatives for the area into the future. A KiwiSport worker in both local primary schools is noticing increased interest in local sports with the Redwood children and a number of school sports teams from Redwood entered in local interschool 2013 competitions. Staff in 2014 will continue ongoing work with the local Salvation Army who is keen to continue working in Redwood in 2014.

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
continued...	<p data-bbox="778 232 975 264"><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul data-bbox="778 282 1385 495" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="778 282 1385 495">• Belfast Community organisations are working alongside local social workers around the needs of the Redwood community. They are also looking at how community service providers can better meet the local needs through a collaborative approach.
<ul data-bbox="150 573 608 604" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="150 573 608 604">• Church facilities are at capacity. 	<p data-bbox="778 573 975 604"><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul data-bbox="778 622 1366 712" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="778 622 1366 712">• Christchurch City Council staff continue to work with local churches around the usage of their facility. <p data-bbox="778 730 975 761"><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul data-bbox="778 779 1382 931" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="778 779 1382 931">• Council staff continue to work with the local churches around usage of the local facilities. Where possible, referrals are being made to other local facilities that have space. <p data-bbox="778 949 975 981"><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul data-bbox="778 999 1377 1088" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="778 999 1377 1088">• Church facilities are still at capacity and the wear and tear on these facilities is starting to take a toll on budgets.