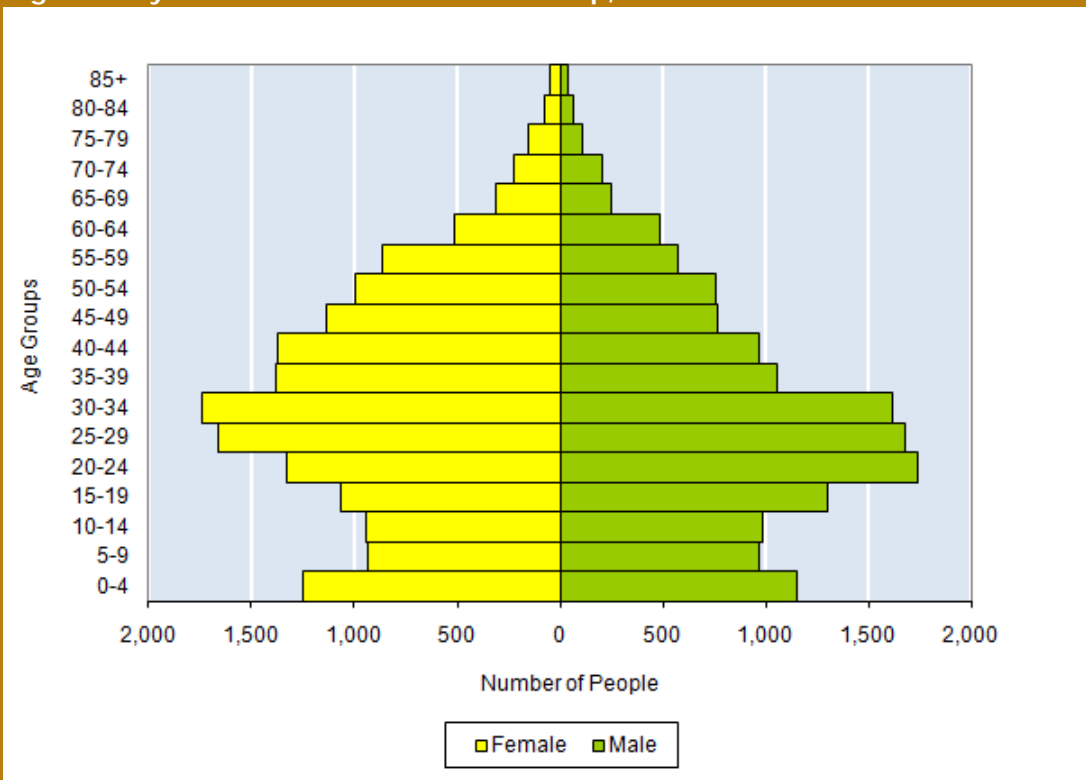


## Age, Gender and Ethnicity

## Ethnic Groups

Age-Sex Pyramid for the Asian Ethnic Group, 2013



Source: Statistics New Zealand: Census of Population and Dwellings.

## Key Points:

- In 2013, 30,717 people in Christchurch identified themselves as belonging to the Asian ethnic group. Of these, 14,724 (48%) were male and 15,993 (52%) were female.
- Just over 20 per cent (6,234) of the Asian ethnic group were aged under 15 years, with eight per cent (2,406) of these aged under five. The gender split shows that 51% were male and 49% female, which was the reverse of the overall gender split.
- Just under three quarters (23,004) were of working age (15-64 years). The proportion of women aged 25 to 49 was 54% compared to 46% for males, which was greater than the overall gender split.
- Only five per cent (1,470) of the Asian population was aged over 65 years in 2013. The gender split shows that 55% were female and 45% were male, which was a bigger difference than the overall gender split.

## What is this about?

This graph shows the proportion of the Christchurch population for each age group who identified themselves as belonging to the Asian ethnic group in the 2013 Census of Population and Dwellings. The Asian age structure is a reflection of immigration policy, which favours younger to middle aged immigrants who can contribute to the economy. This age structure also indicates the large number of young Asian people who come to Christchurch to study, both tertiary and English language studies. The larger number of women between the ages of 25 to 49 is a reflection of the trend whereby women migrate with their children whilst the male family member remains overseas. It is also easier for female family members to migrate under the 'family quota' immigration category.

The age and gender structure of the ethnic groups within the City's population is important as it provides information necessary to provide appropriate services; such as healthcare, schools, and accommodation suitable for older people in Christchurch.

## Data limitations:

This data is based on total responses and includes all of the people who stated each ethnic group, whether as their only ethnic group or as one of several ethnic groups. Where a person reported more than one ethnic group, they have been counted in each applicable group. Therefore the total number of responses will be greater than the total number of people.

"Ethnicity is the ethnic group or groups a person identifies with or has a sense of belonging to. It is a measure of cultural affiliation (in contrast to race, ancestry, nationality, or citizenship). Ethnicity is self-perceived and a person can belong to more than one ethnic group.", (Statistics New Zealand, 'Definitions and Forms', 2013).

## Related topics:

- Migration
- Population growth
- Population structure
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