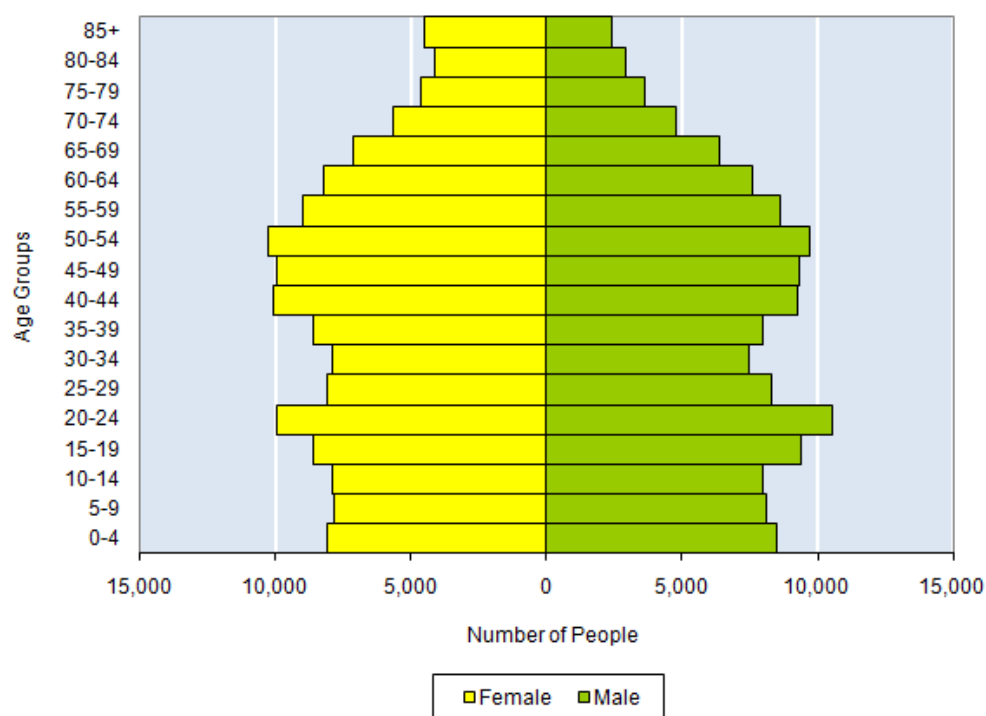


Age, Gender and Ethnicity

Ethnic Groups

Age-Sex Pyramid for the New Zealand European Ethnic Group, 2013



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

Key Points:

- In 2013, 273,306 people in Christchurch identified themselves as belonging to the European ethnic group. Of these, 132,915 (49%) were male and 140,391 (51%) were female.
- The European ethnic group in Christchurch is ageing. While 48,423 people (18%) in this ethnic group are aged under 15 years, 40,452 people (17 per cent) are aged over 64 years. This compares to 19% and 16% respectively in 2006.
- There were a higher proportion of males in all the age groups under 30 years. The highest was between 15 and 24, with 52% compared to 48% female. After 30 years, there were a higher proportion of females in all age groups.
- Gender differences increase with age, with 56% of females over 64 years compared to 44% for males. The difference is greatest in the aged 85 years and over cohort, with 65% female and only 35% male.

What is this about?

This graph shows the proportion of the Christchurch population for each age group who identified themselves as belonging to the European ethnic group in the 2013 Census of Population and Dwellings. The European population is ageing, as shown by the 'bulge' in the middle of the pyramid and the lack of a narrow peak. Younger populations typically have a wide base and progressively get smaller until there is a defined peak at the top of the pyramid. The bulge in the 20-24 year age cohort could be attributed to the increase in migrant workers employed in the Christchurch rebuild.

The large numbers of people in the middle age groups are those of the Baby Boom generation, which is more obvious among the New Zealand European ethnic group than other ethnic groups.

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).

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