



Annual Population Report 2018

Overview

The population of Palmerston North is estimated to have increased by 1,400 people in the last 12 months (an increase of 1.6%), reaching 88,700 as at 30 June 2018 (the New Zealand population increase was 1.9%). This was the strongest increase in Palmerston North since the early 1990's.

The Manawatū region population is estimated to be 119,500 people as at 30 June 2018, increasing by 1,900 people (1.6% increase) in the past 12 months.

Manawatū District's population is estimated to have increased by 500 people (1.7% increase) in the year to June 2018.

The Manawatū-Whanganui region population is estimated to have reached 243,700 people, increasing by 3,400 people in the year to June 2018, an increase of 1.4%.

Annual Population Estimates

Annual provisional population estimates were released by Statistics New Zealand today which show stronger growth in the City's population over the last 12 months. The City's population is estimated to be 88,700 people as at 30 June 2018, an increase of 1,400 people over the last 12 months (1.6% increase). The estimates are provisional and may be revised when annual school roll data is published in November. Final population estimates will be published on 15 November.

Estimated Population by Age Group			
Year at 30 June	2017	2018	Annual change
Palmerston North city			
0-14 Years	16,800	17,000	1.2%
15-39 Years	33,600	34,100	1.5%
40-64 Years	24,700	24,900	0.8%
65 Years and over	12,200	12,600	3.3%
Total	87,300	88,700	1.6%
New Zealand			
0-14 Years	933,500	944,600	1.2%
15-39 Years	1,634,900	1,680,800	2.8%
40-64 Years	1,502,200	1,513,100	0.7%
65 Years and over	723,000	746,900	3.3%
Total	4,793,700	4,885,300	1.9%

Source: Statistics New Zealand

The median age of the City population is estimated to have remained at 33.6 years in June 2018, while the median age for the New Zealand population is estimated to have fallen from 37.0 years

in 2017 to 36.9 years in 2018. New Zealand's median age peaked at 37.6 years in 2013 but has been steadily falling since then. The significant decline in the number of people migrating overseas and the increase in the number of people arriving from overseas are contributing to the decline in the median age.

Manawatū-Whanganui Region

The Manawatū-Whanganui region population is estimated to have increased by 3,400 people between June 2017 and June 2018, an annual increase of 1.4%.

Natural population growth in the Manawatū-Whanganui region (the difference between births and deaths) was 900 people while migration contributed growth of an additional 2,600 people. Regions which experienced a weaker rate of population growth than the Manawatū-Whanganui region in the year to June 2018 were Southland, Hawkes Bay, Nelson, Gisborne and West Coast.

Estimated Population as at 30 June	2017 to 2018 change			
	2017	2018	Number	% change
Manawatu district	30,300	30,800	600	1.9%
Horowhenua district	32,500	33,000	500	1.7%
Whanganui district	44,500	45,200	700	1.6%
Palmerston North city	87,300	88,700	1,400	1.6%
Rangitikei district	15,000	15,150	150	1.0%
Tararua district	17,850	17,900	50	0.3%
Ruapehu district	12,700	12,750	50	0.1%
<i>Manawatū region</i>	<i>77,000</i>	<i>78,200</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>1.5%</i>
<i>Horizons North-West</i>	<i>60,850</i>	<i>61,450</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>1.0%</i>
<i>Horizons South-East</i>	<i>179,300</i>	<i>182,050</i>	<i>2,750</i>	<i>1.5%</i>
Total Manawatū-Whanganui Region	240,300	243,700	3,400	1.4%
New Zealand	4,793,700	4,885,300	91,600	1.9%

Source: Statistics New Zealand

All local authorities in the region continue to experience an increase in population. Palmerston North and Whanganui shared the fastest rate of population growth in the Manawatū-Whanganui region, with annual growth of 1.6% a year between 2017 and 2018.

The total New Zealand population is estimated to have reached 4,885,300 as at 30 June 2018, an increase of 91,500 people (1.9% increase from 2017).

Comparison with other Cities

Auckland is estimated to have accounted for 42% of total population growth over the last year, while Canterbury accounted for 13%. Tauranga, Hamilton and Auckland were the only major cities with stronger growth rates than the average for New Zealand.

Palmerston North has a 1.8% share of the national population and is the 9th largest territorial authority – the largest territorial authorities ranked by size are Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington, Hamilton, Tauranga, Dunedin, Lower Hutt and Whangarei.

Estimated Population as at 30 June			2017 to 2018 change	
	2017	2018	Number	% change
Tauranga city	131,500	135,000	3,500	2.7%
Hamilton city	165,400	169,300	3,900	2.4%
Auckland	1,657,200	1,695,900	38,700	2.3%
Whangarei district	89,700	91,400	1,700	2.0%
Christchurch city	381,500	388,400	6,900	1.8%
Wellington city	212,700	216,300	3,600	1.7%
Palmerston North city	87,300	88,700	1,400	1.6%
Dunedin city	128,800	130,700	1,900	1.5%
New Plymouth district	80,700	81,900	1,200	1.5%
Napier city	62,000	62,800	800	1.4%
Rotorua district	71,700	72,500	800	1.1%
Lower Hutt city	104,700	105,900	1,200	1.1%
Hastings district	79,900	80,600	700	1.0%
New Zealand	4,793,700	4,885,300	91,600	1.9%

Source: Statistics New Zealand

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