



Population futures in an uncertain world
The changing faces of Aotearoa New Zealand

Critical Issues for Population in Aotearoa

Fertility, families and households

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Fertility,

NZW:FEE survey (NZ Women: fertility, employment, and education) 1995

- Childbearing dynamics – maternal age, timing and spacing
- Children ever born
- Childlessness
- Migration effects and climate change
- Economic, social and cultural aspects
- Cost of children and value of children
- Employment and parenthood
- Wellbeing and child health
- Maternal health – mortality, gestational diabetes etc
- Infant mortality

Aitken - The Infertility Trap - 2022

Census, vitals and historical data are critical

Longitudinal and time stamped data is vital!

Why does this matter?



**WE'RE
DUE TO
HIT PEAK
HUMAN
IN 2064.
THEN
WHAT
HAPPENS?**

Colonial subtexts



Are Human Beings Weeds?

What is a "weed"? Generally it means a plant growing where

