



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

# Critical Issues for Population in Aotearoa

## **Policy implications of an ageing population**

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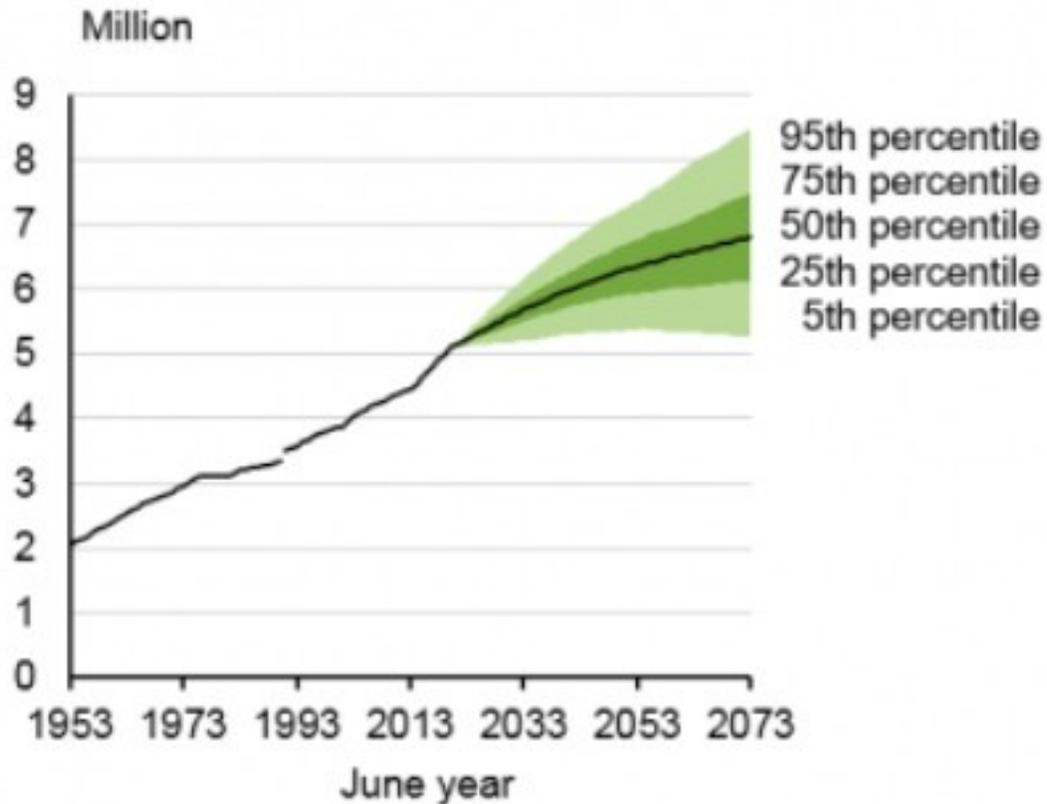
# The ageing population

1. What does NZ's future look like?
2. What are the implications
  - for society
  - For individuals
3. Are we ready for this profound shift?

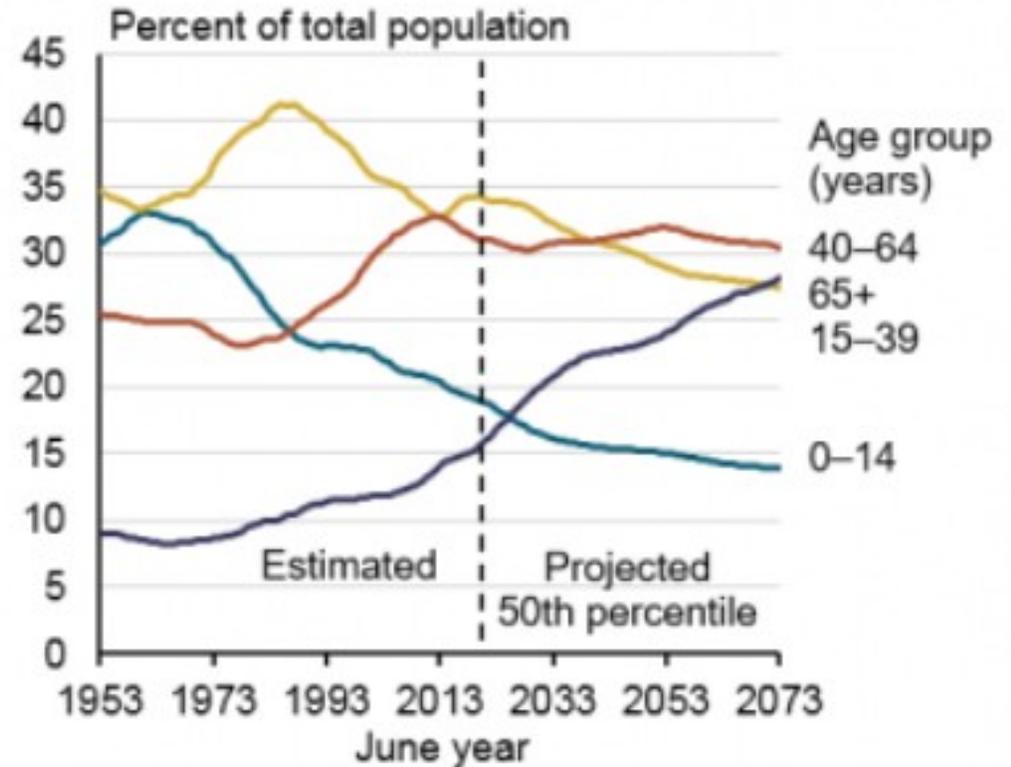


# Age structure changes dramatically

## New Zealand population 1953–2073



## Age distribution of population 1953–2073

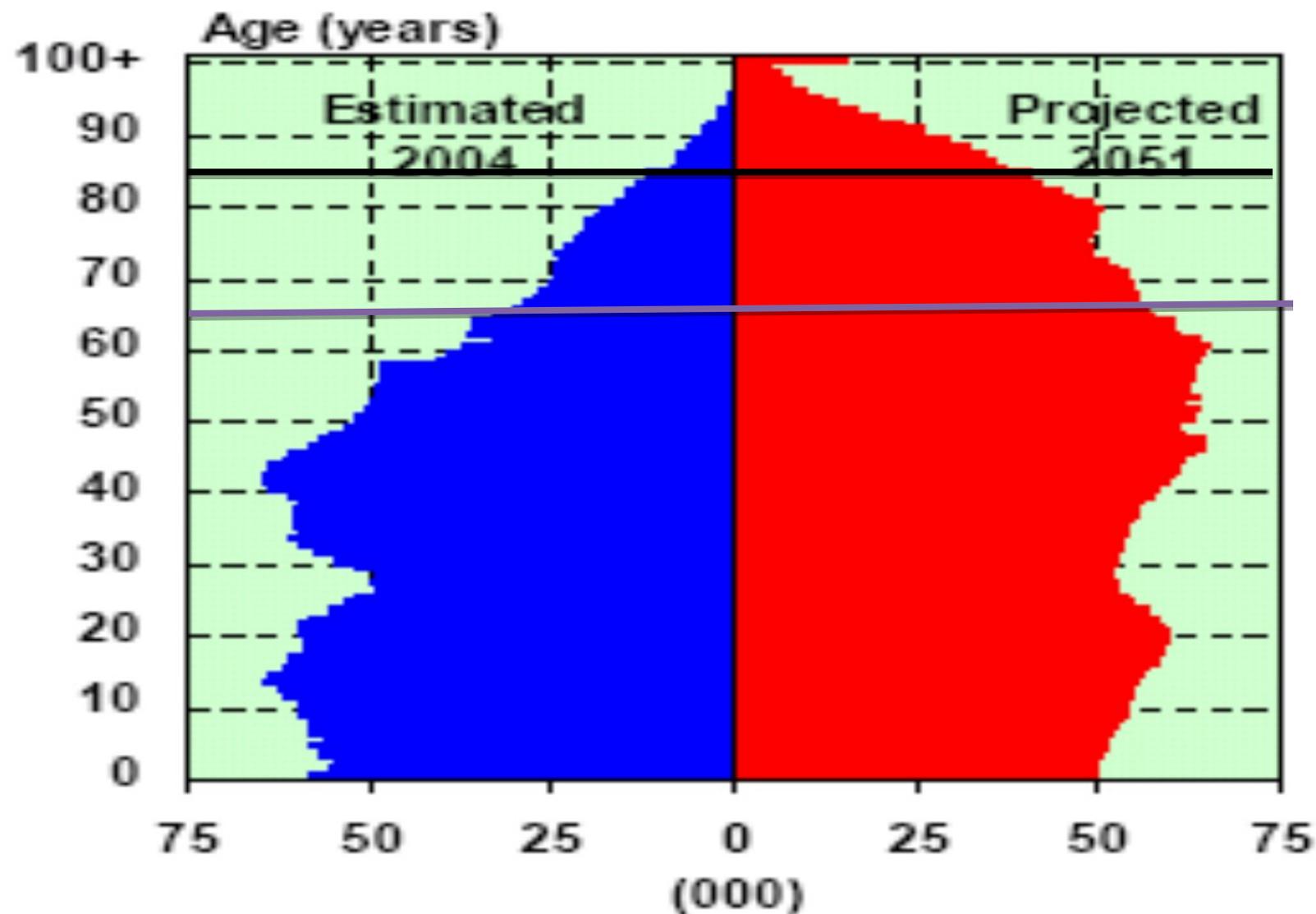


Source: Stats NZ

Note: The break in data between 1990 and 1991 denotes a change from the de facto population concept to the resident population concept.

# New Zealand of the future- what will it look like?

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# The real resource issue

- If the old get a bigger share of what is available there is less for others
  - Cost of New Zealand Super
  - Cost of fixing ears eyes hips knees teeth of the old
  - Cost of older age care
  - Cost of dementia
  - Costs of housing
- Will New Zealand Super fund save us?
  - The fund will deliver a trickle by mid century
  - By the century end will be an enormous pot of money- 30% GDP
  - Does not guarantee anything about parameters of the pension
  - Doesn't alter the real resource issue