



# PANZ NEWSLETTER

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### Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa Greetings to you all

It has been a busy year so far for the PANZ Council. We seem to have barely paused from delivering the successful 2023 conference, to planning the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the New Zealand Demographic Society (NZDS), the forerunner to what is now the Population Association of NZ / Te Roopu Waihangā Iwi o Aotearoa. Details on the 50<sup>th</sup> are outlined in this newsletter and I hope many of you will join us.

When the NZDS started in 1974, Aotearoa New Zealand was home to just over 3 million people. It was a different and rapidly modernising world. Birth rates were dropping but still relatively high at around 2.6 children per adult female (1976 Census), compared with an estimated fertility rate in 2024 of 1.52. More women were in the paid workforce than before but labour force participation rates were less than half of current rates (32.5% in 1976 compared with 67.5% in 2024). The population was predominantly European (90%) and Māori (8%), with all other main groups (namely, Pacific and Asian) constituting 1 percent or less (1971 Census). By 2023, European ethnicity had decreased to 68 percent, and all other groups had increased - 18 percent Māori, 18 percent Asian, 9 percent Pacific peoples, and 2 percent Middle Eastern/Latin American /African (total response ethnicity).

The NZDS started at a time of social, population, and economic change and provided a scholarly input into many of the issues of today. In the early 1970s there were many local and global issues that seemed ominous – as we also face today. Now more than ever we need good research and robust data to understand our country and to make sound decisions.

I am looking forward to the second release of 2023 Census data in October. The data will allow us to update our understanding of a wide range of topics including changes in the makeup of our nation, detailed ethnicity and language, income, and rich detail about the dwellings we live in. Excitingly we will also have data on our rainbow populations, including gender and sexual identity.

Nga mihi nui,  
Rosemary, 2024/25 President

Image of NZ stamps from 1970s, sourced <https://otagomuseum.nz/blog/aotearoas-invertebrate-stamps/>

# PANZ Council news

## 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

The 50th PANZ AGM was held on 12 June 2024, attended by 25 members. Thank you to everyone who came along online.

As well as unanimous approval for life membership to Natalie Jackson, the association agreed that membership subscriptions will move to a two-yearly cycle next year, to coincide with the conference year.

There were two changes to the PANZ Council: Anna Howe stepped down and we welcomed Professor Philip Morrison onto the council.

## New PANZ Life Member

On occasion, PANZ awards life membership to individuals who are highly regarded experts in their field, and who have made a significant contribution to the social science of demography, as well as to national understanding of population-related issues.

At the recent AGM we were delighted to award life membership to Dr Natalie Jackson. Natalie is widely recognised as one of the best applied demographers in New Zealand and Australia. She held the founding Director of NIDEA and Professor of Demography positions at the University of Waikato from 2010 to 2015. You can read more on her career [here](#).



## Register now to attend our 50 year anniversary!

**Friday 18 October 2024**

1pm – 4.30pm

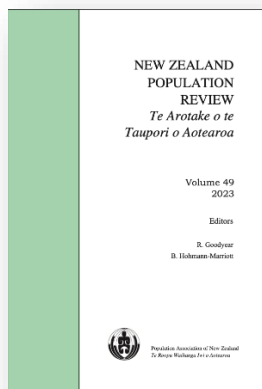
Royal Society of NZ Aronui Theatre

Wellington

*RSVP by 12 September*

This is a free, in-person event, open to all current association members, Life Members and special friends. Programme includes reflections on the impact of PANZ, past present and future, by Life Members and a special panel discussion session on Perspectives on a Population Policy for Aotearoa New Zealand. Followed by drinks and nibbles.

**Register using [this form](#).**



The **New Zealand Population Review (NZPR) / Te Arotake o te Taupori o Aotearoa** is the official journal of PANZ.

Volume 49 was released earlier this year and is available on the PANZ website. This wide-ranging issue features analysis of the Prime Minister's comments on 'having more babies', new methods for diversity projections, and modelling migrant inequality using the IDI.

Volume 50 is underway, and we are hoping to release it by the end of the calendar year.

**We are accepting submissions for Vol 51.** Guidelines for submissions can be found on the PANZ website [here](#).

## A message from Professor Lisette Burrows, Director

Kia ora koutou

It has been a hectic few months here at Te Ngira with much to celebrate.

Shefali Pawar, our superlative and long-serving Senior Research Officer, has taken up a new position as Senior Demographer at Te Whatu Ora. Congratulations Shefali!

Dr Nikki Barrett graduated with her PhD in April, beginning her Erihapeti Rehu-Murchie Fellowship, 'Tino rangatiratanga through Kaupapa Māori pregnancy and parenting solutions' with Te Ngira. Dr Kim Southey has also started work on her Ngā Puanga Pūtaiao Fellowship.

Moana Rarere flew through her oral defence to become Dr Rarere in July. Her thesis, 'Understanding contemporary Māori demographic fertility patterns and trends in Aotearoa New Zealand' will be of great interest to PANZ members.

Dr Jesse Whitehead won a secondment with Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health in the Office of the Chief Science Advisor in May-June. His time there afforded a fine opportunity for exchange about strengthening evidence-informed decision making and improving rural-urban health measurement and health development.

Te Ngira staff collaborated with Len Cook to write a Public Health Communication Centre Aotearoa brief, 'Counting What Matters: Rethinking Aotearoa's population statistics without a census'.

Last month, Professor Tahu Kukutai, Associate Professor Polly Atatoa Carr and Associate Professor Kate Prickett (Research Associate of Te Ngira and Director of the Roy McKenzie Centre for the Study of Families at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University Wellington) provided a submission on the future of census on behalf of Te Ngira.

Tahu's text, *The Oxford Handbook of Indigenous Sociology* was one of 41 category winners in the Association of American Publishers' Annual PROSE Awards for 'significant contributions' in scholarly publishing. Ka Rawe Tahu!

Polly delivered a keynote at Evolve Education Conference in March and a workshop at the Health Service Research Conference, Oxford University, UK last month.

Moana is working with Mana Digital Ltd, Te Kōhanga Reo National Office and Poari Matua on a Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga funded project '*Weaving Māori hearts in the digital wharenui: Nurturing whakawhanaungatanga through a kaupapa Māori social media platform - Tōku Whānau*'.

Finally, Te Ngira is a sponsor for the Indigenous Data Sovereignty Masterclass series that will be held in Tāmaki on 11 November, as a precursor to the 12th International Indigenous Research Conference. The Masterclasses will be facilitated by 10 leading authorities from Aotearoa and overseas who will deliver content specific to their area of IDSoV expertise. Registration will be open in due course through the IIRC24 website. There is a lot going on and plenty to do!

Ngā mihi, Lisette

## Future Census update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Stats NZ consultation: 'Modernising our approach to the 2028 Census'. Formal submissions and engagement feedback will help inform how we might collect and produce census data more effectively from 2028 and beyond.

The Government Statistician has brought together an Independent Evaluation Panel to provide a recommendation on the approach to the next census. Panel members represent a diverse range of perspectives, bringing together expertise from academia, commerce and technology, central government, disability, international perspectives, Rainbow, Pacific, and iwi Māori. The Panel is chaired by Dr Jonathan Godfrey who is a Senior Lecturer in Statistics at Massey University and an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to disabled people.

Members will assess and evaluate conceptual census design work developed by Stats NZ and related reviews and reports, such as the Independent Review of the 2023 Census.

In addition, the Panel will consider the themes from feedback submitted to Stats NZ during the six-week public consultation period, as well as feedback themes from ongoing engagement with iwi and Māori, government and non-government agencies, and key communities.

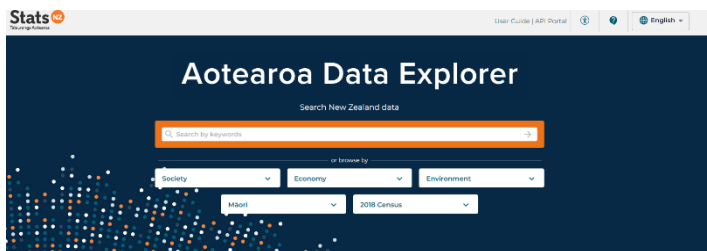
Read more at [Independent Evaluation Panel to make recommendation on census approach](#)

## Upcoming dates for 2023 Census data release

- 26 Sept: Customised iwi requests on individuals and dwellings data
- 3 October: Individuals and dwellings data
- 23 October: Electoral data release
- 31 October: Customised iwi requests on families, extended families and households
- 7 November: Families, extended families and household data

Click [here](#) for details on what is being released in 2024 and 2025.

## Aotearoa Data Explorer is now live



Our new data tool, **Aotearoa Data Explorer (ADE)**, is live.

ADE offers improved search functionality, programmatic data retrieval through API, sharable links to data tables, and basic charts for data visualisation.

This tool will eventually replace NZ.Stat. However you will still be able to access NZ.Stat until end of day **13 September**, so you'll have time to get used to ADE and make any changes you need to your processes.

Data from previous censuses will be migrated to ADE and upcoming 2023 Census data tables will be published in this tool from October 2024.

For users that are familiar with our data tools, or completely new to Aotearoa Data Explorer, we have provided [videos](#) on You Tube and [user guides](#) to help you find your way around. There will also be specific information for API data users.

Read more about why [we are changing our data tools](#) on our website.

**Link to ADE:** [www.explore.data.stats.govt.nz](http://www.explore.data.stats.govt.nz)

## Other news

### Migration news

Stats NZ released the latest international migration statistics on 13 August. Provisional estimates for the June 2024 year compared with the June 2023 year were:

- migrant arrivals: 204,500 ( $\pm$  1,200), down 1 percent
- migrant departures: 131,200 ( $\pm$  1,100), up 33 percent
- annual net migration: gain of 73,300 ( $\pm$  1,600), compared with a net gain of 108,800 ( $\pm$  300).

The 131,200 migrant departures in the June 2024 year are, provisionally, the highest on record for an annual period.

### Upcoming conferences

**International Indigenous Research Conference (IIRC)**, Waipapa Marae, University of Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand -In person only. 12-15 November 2024. Hosted by Ngā Pae o Māramatanga. Register now. [www.iirc.ac.nz](http://www.iirc.ac.nz)

**2024 Australian Population Assn Conference:** Adelaide, 20-21 Nov 2024. Details to come. <https://www.apa.org.au/content/events>

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) **2025 International Population Conference:** Brisbane, 13-18 July 2025. Paper submissions are due 15 September 2024 and can be submitted here: <https://ipc2025.popconf.org/>

### Counting what matters: Rethinking Aotearoa's population statistics without a census

A briefing prepared by some of New Zealand's leading demographers and users of population statistics has been released via the Public Health Communication Centre Aotearoa. The paper summarises some of the critical needs and challenges that NZ's national population statistics must meet. It then reviews plans for a shift away from a 5-yearly Census to the use of administrative data instead. The authors argue that this shift needs to be carefully considered.

Authors: Len Cook, Lisette Burrows, Barry Milne, Kate Prickett, Philippa Howden-Chapman, Nevil Pierse, Tahu Kukutai, Alistair Gray, Polly Ataoa-Carr, Peter Crampton.

<https://www.phcc.org.nz/briefing/counting-what-matters-rethinking-aotearoas-population-statistics-without-census>

Thank  
you for  
reading!

We aim to publish newsletters three times a year, in order to keep the association engaged and connected. The next PANZ newsletter will be in late 2024. If you have any items you would like to be included in our next newsletter please get in touch with [Alison Reid](#), or any PANZ Council member.

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