



# New Zealand's Population Conference 2025

## Population, growth and social cohesion

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## PANZ NEWELL AWARD 2025

The PANZ Newell Award is given by the Population Association of New Zealand (PANZ) **for the best poster on a population topic written during a course of university study**. The 2025 Newell Award will be awarded during New Zealand's Population Conference 2025 and is open to all current or immediate past tertiary students throughout New Zealand.

Students whose posters meet the criteria and are accepted will get an opportunity to present it at the poster session of the conference. Cost of printing the poster will be covered by PANZ.

Posters can be submitted on a wide range of population topics including:

- Māori & indigenous populations
- Health, mortality, morbidity and ageing
- Gender and identity
- International migration, migrant populations, refugees
- Data and methods
- Census 2023
- Families and households
- Spatial demography
- Fertility
- Diversity
- Environment and climate change
- Inequality, inequity and discrimination
- Internal migration and urbanisation
- Education and labour force
- Housing and homelessness
- Social investment
- Economic demography

**Entries close on 9th May 2025.**

The winner will receive \$500 from PANZ. The two-day registration fees and conference dinner cost will be covered by PANZ. In addition, the cost of domestic travel and accommodation (if living outside the Wellington region) will also be covered for the winner along with two year's free membership to the Association.

All accepted posters (including entries from those who are not students) will be eligible for the people's choice award (\$250 cash prize) for the most popular poster as voted by conference delegates and presented during the conference.

Competition guidelines and criterion are given below. Winner will be notified latest by 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Submission form can be found on our website [NZPopCon – Population Association of New Zealand](#) along with information and updates on the conference. Enquiries related to the conference or the Jacoby prize can be sent to [nzpopcon@population.org.nz](mailto:nzpopcon@population.org.nz).



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### Competition and poster guidelines

#### Conditions of entry

- To be eligible for the 2025 Newell Award, entrants must be a **current or immediate past student (i.e. graduated this year)** at a New Zealand tertiary institution at the time of entry.
- The poster content must:
  - Relate to a population topic
  - Include original research completed as part of the entrant's studies.
- Presenters of accepted posters are expected to register and be present to discuss their poster content during the poster session scheduled. The winner will be chosen based on quality of the research, relevance to the topic, and visual appeal of the presentation.

#### How to enter

##### 1. Poster submission:

An electronic version of the poster must be submitted in **A0 poster format** via email to [nzpopcon@population.org.nz](mailto:nzpopcon@population.org.nz) by the deadline. Free A0 academic poster templates (usually using Powerpoint) are available online. Submitters will be notified if their entry has been accepted within four weeks of the submission closing date.

##### 2. Hard copy posters:

PANZ will organise printing and display of the shortlisted posters (for students only). For other posters accepted into the conference, the poster should be printed in A0 format (approx. 1200 x 800mm) on a single sheet of card and brought to the registration desk on 10 July 2024 morning.

##### 3. Poster session:

Poster presentations that are accepted into the conference will be displayed in the foyer area of the conference. Students should attend the poster sessions to present their research. These are informal opportunities for talking to conference-goers about your poster, rather than formal presentations.



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### Selection Criteria

To be considered for the Award, posters must:

- Be in A0 format template
- Present a recently completed or in-progress piece of original research pertaining to population issues
- Outline the research problem/issue and relevant existing literature
- Outline the research methodology
- Discuss any methodological, data or theoretical problems related to the research
- Present any relevant research findings (if available)

### Poster Guidelines

The following guidelines will assist you in developing a dynamic poster.

#### General:

- Include a title, authors, author affiliations, email or other address, a description of the methods used, and conclusions. References and acknowledgements may also be included.
- Select only the most pertinent data to report on the poster.
- When presenting your poster, bring handouts that include the abstract and any additional supporting information.

#### Text:

- The title should be kept as short as possible so that it can be read and understood quickly.
- All text should be legible from a distance of 1 meter. Use at least a 24-point type size for the main text.
- Serif fonts (e.g. Times) are generally easier to read in the body of the text.
- Sans serif fonts (e.g. Arial) are best for titles, headings, and captions for emphasis.
- Use upper- and lower-case type throughout the poster. Note: use of all upper-case type is harder to read.
- Use **bold** and/or *italics* for emphasis.

#### Photos, Graphs and Illustrations:

- Use plenty of graphical elements.
- Keep graphics as simple as possible. More complex data is better presented in a handout.
- Photographs should be discernible at a distance of 1 meter, and they should be printed with a matte finish to reduce glare. They are more effective when used sparingly.