SUMMARY

- At 30 June 2019 the Waimakariri District population is estimated to be 62,800

- The Waimakariri District is 11th in terms of percentage growth (estimated) of all Territorial Authorities and city councils in New Zealand

- The estimated median age for people in the Waimakariri District as at 30 June 2019 is 43.7 years

- The population of the Waimakariri District is estimated to have increased, from 30 June 2018, by 1,500 people. A natural increase of 200 and net migration of 1,300 people

- The change in the age demographics since 2018, shows that proportionally there are fewer children (0-14 years) and more residents aged 65+ in 2019

- For the first time there are more people aged 65+ (12,400) living in the District than children aged under 14 years (11,800)
1. **Introduction**

The estimated resident population is based on the census usually resident population count, updated for residents missed or counted more than once by the census (net census undercount); residents temporarily overseas on census night; and births, deaths and net migration between census night and the date of the estimate (source: Statistics New Zealand).

Each year Statistics New Zealand releases subnational population estimates rebased to the most recent census, in this case the estimates have been rebased to the 2013 Census because of the delay in releasing the 2018 Census data.

Over the last 13 years the Waimakariri District has grown steadily with evidence of slightly less growth in 2008 (international credit crisis), and again in 2010 (Canterbury earthquakes). The following table shows the estimated resident population counts at 30 June for this District.

![Waimakariri District Estimated Resident Population](image)

Source: Statistics NZ

2. **The Waimakariri District estimated resident population at 30 June 2019**

The 2019 provisional population estimates from Statistics NZ for the Waimakariri District indicate a 2.4% growth in population, from 61,300 people at 30 June 2018 to 62,800 people at 30 June 2019. This growth is less than the growth experienced between 2017 and 2018 which was 3.5%.
### 2.1. Percentage change

The following table shows the territorial authorities and city councils that have the greatest percentage change in population across New Zealand. Selwyn District outstrips the growth of any other territorial authority with a 5.3% (2018 = 5.4% growth) increase in estimated population from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Territorial authority and Auckland local board area(2)</th>
<th>At 30 June</th>
<th>Average annual change, June 2013–18</th>
<th>Population change, year ended 30 June 2019 P</th>
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3. Calculated as a constant rate of population change over the period.

Source: Statistics NZ

### 2.2. Population change

Population change is influenced by both natural increase/decrease and migration. Natural increase is the excess of births over deaths, net migration includes both international and national migration. The following table shows the change in population for the Waimakariri District to the year ended 30 June 2019:

| Waimakariri District component changes and median age at 30 June 2019 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Year                                            | Natural increase | Net migration  | Population | Median age |
| 2019                                            | 200             | 1,300           | 62,800     | 43.7       |

Source: Statistics NZ
3. The age of the Waimakariri population

The change in the age demographics for the District is shown in the following graph with fewer children (0-14 years) and more residents aged 65+. For the first time people aged 65+ are a higher percentage of our population than those aged 0-14 years.

![Age groups of population as a percentage](chart.png)

Source: Statistics NZ

The median age of residents in the Waimakariri District is estimated at 43.7 years.
3.1. Population pyramid Waimakariri District and New Zealand

The following population pyramids show the difference between the Waimakariri District’s population and New Zealand as a whole. The median age of Waimakariri’s residents at 43.7 years is older than the median age for the whole of New Zealand at 37.4 years.

The Waimakariri District has proportionally fewer children under the age of nine years and fewer adults aged between 20 and 44 years than New Zealand as a whole.

The Waimakariri District has proportionally more adults over the age of 45 years than New Zealand as a whole.

Source: Statistics NZ