

Ethnicity and Age Research for the Community Lay Pastor Role

Our area tends to be middle and upper class families. It is the 47th largest of 269 suburbs in Auckland. The medium house price in Bucklands Beach is \$1.66 million despite the majority of housing being built in the 1970s. There is currently a lot of new housing being added as demand for our local schools rises. The cost of renting a 3 bedroom house in Bucklands Beach is between \$650-\$800 per week. Because of this many families have both parents working full time to pay for high rent or mortgage costs (and young people are spending more and more time at home alone).

This means that the needs in our community that are usually found behind closed doors are: depression, anxiety, stress, addiction and mental or emotional abuse. With these rising living costs and effects of Covid-lockdowns mental health issues are on the rise. Research shows that Asian cultures are the least likely to access mental health services and those in the least deprived areas are 2.2 times less likely to also. Older Asian parents who have come to the country to care for their children's children may be very isolated when the family is at work and school, and of course may also experience the handicaps of language. European and Asian people are also more individualistic focused so often lack belonging within a community as the Bible calls us to be.

[Bucklands Beach, Manukau City - Suburb Profile and Property Market Trends. \(onerof.co.nz\)](#)

[Mental Health and Addiction: Service Use 2019/20 tables | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

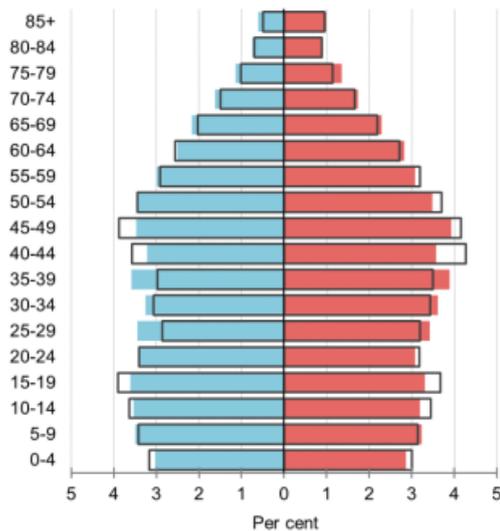
The below link is the Howick Local Board census results from 2018. We have inserted the graphs from this that show the age and ethnicity makeup of our area. Both of these graphs compared to the members of our church congregation do not line up. We have a Parish roll of 77, with 27 under the age of 45 and 50 over 45 (Parish Profile 2019). We have no connection with our local Marae and subsequently no Maori in our congregation nor Pacific People. Since the previous Mandarin leader has left the Mandarin congregation has gone down to 5 key families, which is not representative of the 46.5% of

Chinese ethnicity in our community. The role aims to reach and care for the people in the community in the hopes that those we have a connection with better reflect the makeup of our community.

Howick age structure

At the 2018 Census 19.4% of Howick Local Board's population was under 15, compared to 20.0% of Auckland.

13.5% were 65 or older, compared to 12.0% of Auckland.



At the 2018 Census, the median age in Howick was 37.3 years, compared with 34.7 years in Auckland.

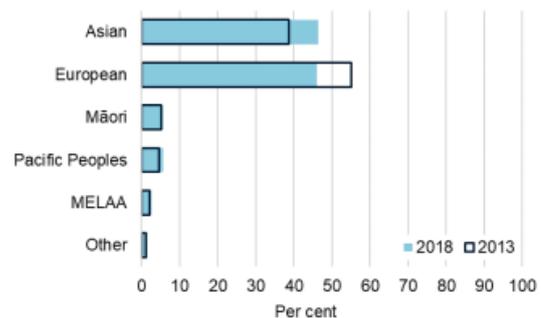
Ethnic diversity

46.5% identified as Asian ethnicity (compared to 28.2% Auckland).

46.0% identified as European (compared to 53.5% Auckland).

5.7% identified as Māori (compared to 11.5% Auckland). 8,052 Māori usually live in Howick. This is an increase of 1,728 people, or 27.3%, since the 2013 Census.

5.7% identified as Pacific Peoples (compared to 15.5% Auckland).



MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American and African. People could choose more than one ethnicity and categories are not exclusive. Percentages will add to more than 100.

Howick had a high growth in Asian population. Since the 2013 Census this ethnic group has increased by 18,030 people, or 37.9%. Asian people are now the largest ethnic group in Howick.

[2018 census results. Howick Local Board \(censusauckland.co.nz\)](https://censusauckland.co.nz)

Schools in the area

Earlier in the application we spoke about the percentage of Chinese students that attend the three schools that are all less than 700 meters from the church premises. Below are the latest ERO reports for these schools which show these stats. Because all three schools are so close to the church and include Primary through to College, we believe that we will easily be able to connect with families and young people in our area. Two thirds of the Kindergarten that operate on the church site are also Chinese. This Kindergarten has 25 children

as well as staff that we have already started making connections with the Holiday Programme that we ran in the July 21 and subsequent school holidays and the Community Dinners that we held. During conversations we had with some of the local schools while we are advertising our Holiday Programme, a need for adults to spend time with some of the kids that are dropped off to school early because of working parents was raised. We currently don't have the personnel resources to meet some of these needs but we believe by investing in people to fill this role we will be able to focus building towards being able to respond to these kinds of relational demands.

[Pigeon Mountain School | Education Review Office \(ero.govt.nz\)](#)

[Bucklands Beach Intermediate | Education Review Office \(ero.govt.nz\)](#)

[Macleans College | Education Review Office \(ero.govt.nz\)](#)

[Little Cubs Kindergarten | Education Review Office \(ero.govt.nz\)](#)