

<key facts



Key facts about New Zealand

People

- < Total population is 4,133,457 as at 21 April 2006
- < There are 96.8 males for every 100 females
- < 85.7 percent of us live in urban areas
- < Life expectancy for the total population is 78.7 years
 - Life expectancy for New Zealand males is 75.7 years. World average for male life expectancy is 74.7 years
 - Life expectancy for New Zealand females is 81.8 years. World average for female life expectancy is 80.6 years
- < Per capita income is \$29,009
- < In 1999, there were 2,668,536 cars in New Zealand, of which 1,831,118 were private cars
- < The New Zealand population is ageing – half the New Zealand population was over the age of 35.7 years as at December 2005

Environment

- < New Zealand has eight lakes over 100 km² and our largest lake is Lake Taupo at 606 km²
- < New Zealand's longest river is the Waikato River at 425 km long
- < The Clutha River carries the most water at 650 m³/s
- < Aoraki/Mt Cook is New Zealand's highest mountain at 3754 m
- < New Zealand's hottest temperature of 40.4 °C was recorded at Rangiora in Canterbury and Jordan in Marlborough
- < New Zealand's coldest temperature of -21.6 °C was recorded at Ophir in Central Otago
- < New Zealand is 1600 km east of Australia
- < We have a state highway network of 10,894 km
- < Our total land area is 268,680 km²
- < New Zealand is 1600 km in length
- < New Zealand's coastline is 15,134 km in length
- < New Zealand has 14 national parks
- < One third of New Zealand is protected in parks and reserves

