

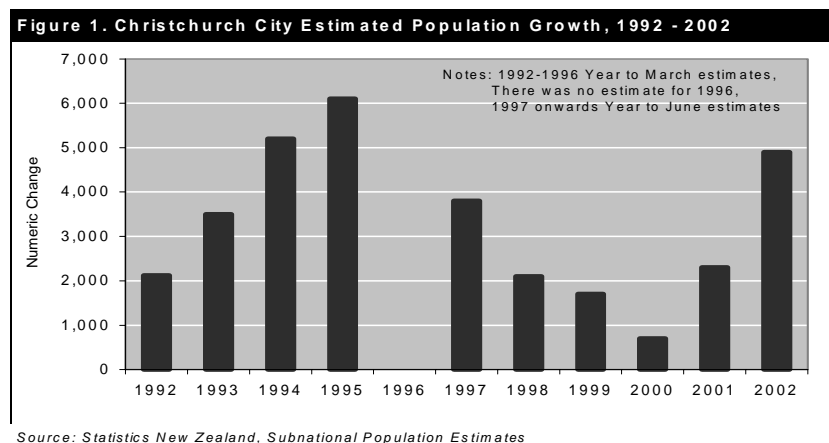
5. LATEST CHRISTCHURCH POPULATION ESTIMATE – JUNE 2002

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee about the latest population estimates for Christchurch, released by Statistics New Zealand¹.

Christchurch's resident population was estimated to be 332,100 at June 2002. This is an increase of 4,900 people from the June 2001 population estimate of 327,200. This is an annual population growth rate of 1.5 per cent, which is consistent with the national population growth rate (Table 1).

Figure 1 shows the annual change in population for the past decade. The increase in population of 4,900 for the year to June 2002 is the largest increase in population since 1995, and the third highest annual increase since 1991.



Population Growth of Christchurch's Surrounding Districts

Table 1 shows the most recent population estimates for Waimakariri, Selwyn and Banks Peninsula District Councils. Both Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts are growing at a rate higher than the New Zealand average and Christchurch growth rate. Whereas Banks Peninsula is growing at a lower rate than the other districts but at a similar growth rate to Christchurch.

District Council	Population Estimate	Annual Numeric Change	Annual Percentage Change
Christchurch	332,100	4,900	1.5
Waimakariri	38,900	1,000	2.6
Selwyn	29,200	900	3.2
Banks Peninsula	8,150	100	1.4
New Zealand	3,938,800	58,300	1.5

Source: Statistics New Zealand, Subnational Population Estimates

The implications of this population growth and the internal migration trends will be addressed by Ivan Thomson at the February 2003 Committee meeting.

Staff

Recommendation: That this information be received

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Recommendation: That the implications of this information, as it applies to Urban Planning and Growth, be presented to the Committee in the new year.

¹ More information on Statistics New Zealand's subnational population projections can be found on the internet at: <http://www.stats.govt.nz/domino/external/pasfull/pasfull.nsf/web/Hot+Off+The+Press+Subnational+Population+Estimates+As+at+30+June+2002?open>.