

Asian Population Projections for New Zealand and the Northern Region [2016]

Statistics New Zealand's most recent ethnic population projections for New Zealand show that the Asian population in the Northern Region is projected to be 401,950 in 2015/16. This represents 22.6% of the Northern Region's total population. Of the Northern Region DHBs, Auckland DHB is projected to have both the largest Asian population and the highest proportion of the Asian population (149,650, 30.1%)

Table 1: Northern Region 2015/16 Population, % Asian

DHB	Asian	Total	% Asian
Northland	5,450	169,150	3.2%
Waitemata	119,650	583,390	20.5%
Auckland	149,650	497,590	30.1%
Counties	127,200	528,340	24.1%
Northern Region	401,950	1,778,470	22.6%
New Zealand	612,350	4,638,750	13.2%

The table below shows the projected Asian population for the Northern Region in 2015/16 and the proportion of New Zealand's total Asian population represented by DHB. Table 2 shows that two thirds of New Zealand's Asian population live in the Northern Region, and a quarter of Asian peoples live in the Auckland DHB area.

Table 2: Northern Region 2015/16 Asian Population, % of NZ Total Asian

DHB	Asian	% NZ Asian
Northland	5,450	0.9%
Waitemata	119,650	19.5%
Auckland	149,650	24.4%
Counties	127,200	20.8%
Northern Region	401,950	65.6%
New Zealand	612,350	100.0%

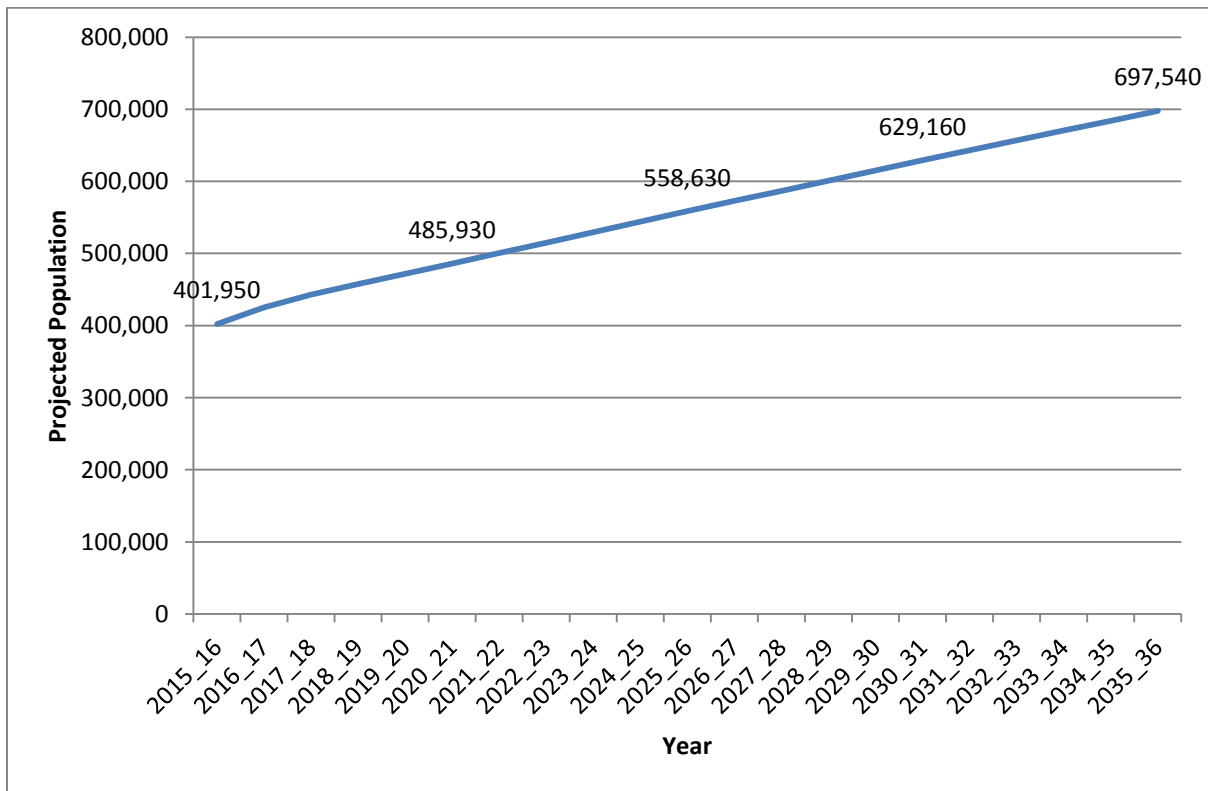
Projected 20-Year Growth

Over the 20 years between 2015/16 and 2035/36, the Asian population in the Northern Region is projected to grow by 73.5% (295,590). Of the Northern Region DHBs, Waitemata DHB is expected to have the fastest growing Asian population as shown in Table 3 and Chart 1 below.

Table 3: Northern Region Projected Asian Population Change, 2015/36 to 2035/36

DHB	2015/16	2035/36	Change	% Change
Northland	5,450	9,460	4,010	73.6%
Waitemata	119,650	227,350	107,700	90.0%
Auckland	149,650	263,520	113,870	76.1%
Counties	127,200	197,210	70,010	55.0%
Northern Region	401,950	697,540	295,590	73.5%
New Zealand	612,350	1,069,845	457,495	74.7%

Chart 1: Northern Region Asian Population Projection



Over the next 20 years, the total Northern Region population is projected to grow by 29.9% as shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Northern Region Projected Total Population Change, 2015/36 to 2035/36

DHB	2015/16	2035/36	Change	% Change
Northland	169,150	183,370	14,220	8.4%
Waitemata	583,390	778,790	195,400	33.5%
Auckland	497,590	663,620	166,030	33.4%
Counties	528,340	684,820	156,480	29.6%
Northern Region	1,778,470	2,310,600	532,130	29.9%
New Zealand	4,638,750	5,489,355	850,605	18.3%

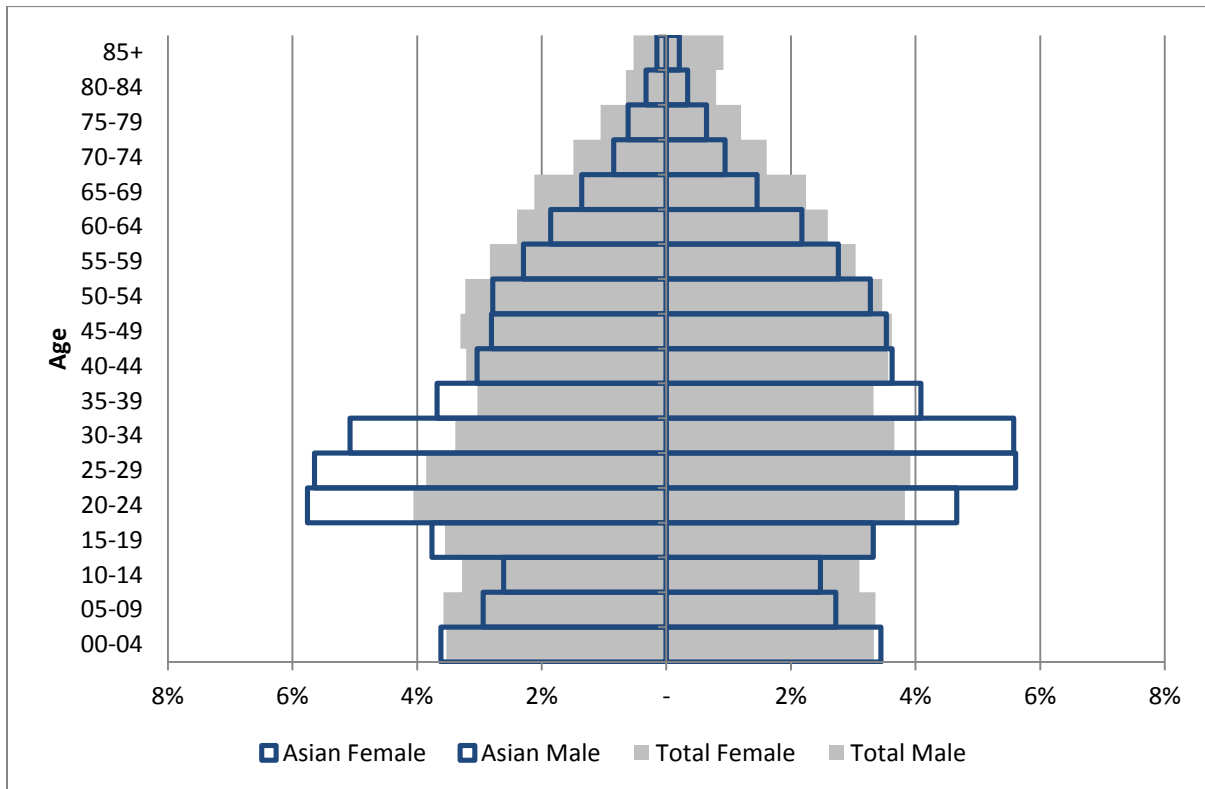
2015/16 Age Structure

Table 5 below and the population pyramid (Chart 2) shows the 2015/16 age structure for the Northern Region's Asian population compared with the Northern Region's total population. The Asian population has a much smaller proportion of older people and a greater proportion of people in the 15 to 34 age bracket.

Table 5: Northern Region 2015/16 Age Structure, Asian and Total

Age Group	Asian	Total	Asian %	Total %
0 to 14	71,580	358,860	17.8%	20.2%
15 to 24	70,340	263,200	17.5%	14.8%
25 to 34	88,040	263,510	21.9%	14.8%
35 to 44	57,980	233,440	14.4%	13.1%
45 to 54	49,830	242,080	12.4%	13.6%
55 to 64	36,510	193,110	9.1%	10.9%
65+	27,670	224,270	6.9%	12.6%
Total	401,950	1,778,470	100.0%	100.0%

Chart 2: Northern Region 2015/16 Age Structure, Asian and Total



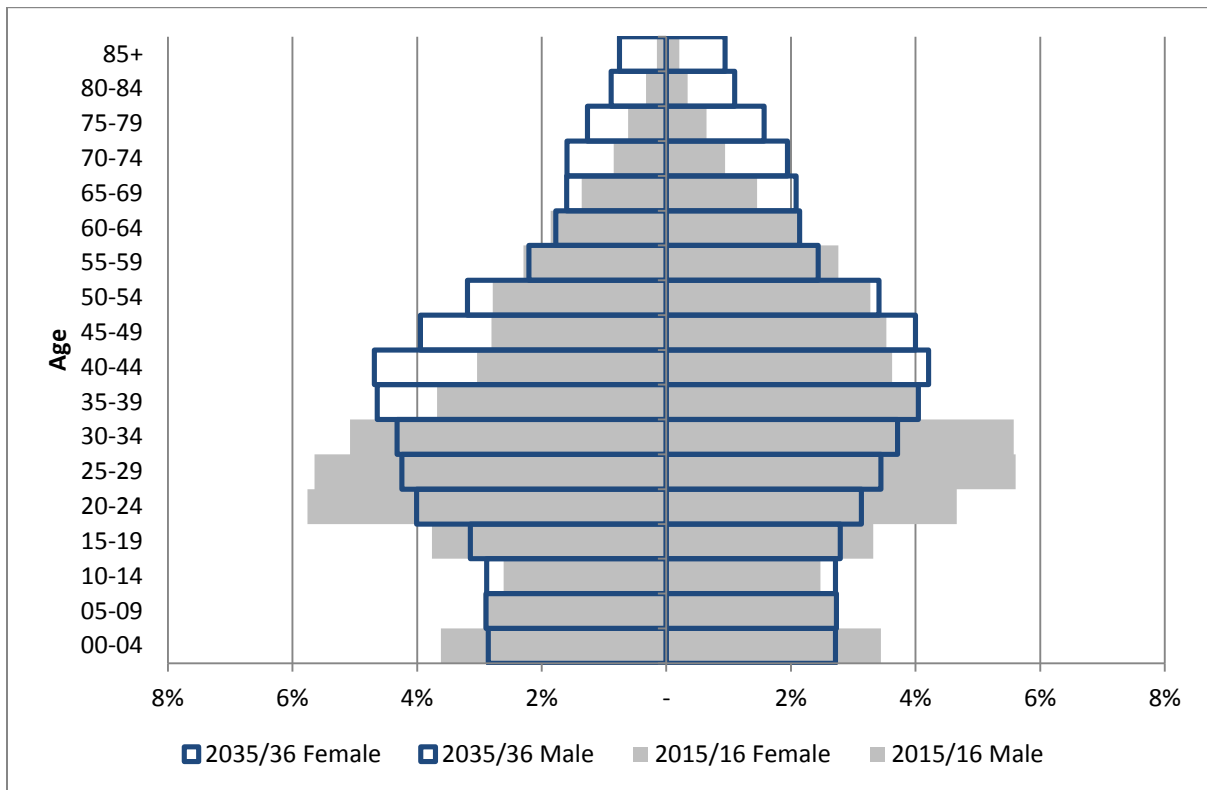
Projected 20-Year Age Structure Change

Table 6 below table and population pyramid (Chart 2) shows the 2015/16 age structure for the Northern Region’s Asian population compared with the projected structure in 2035/36 for that same population group. The Asian population is projected to become proportionately older over the next 20 years. The 65+ population is projected to go from 6.9% of the population in 2015/16 to 13.7% of the population in 2035/36.

Table 6: Northern Region Asian Age Structure, 2015/16 and 2035/36

Age Group	2015/16	2035/36	2015/16 %	2035/36 %
0 to 14	71,580	117,130	17.8%	16.8%
15 to 24	70,340	91,220	17.5%	13.1%
25 to 34	88,040	109,610	21.9%	15.7%
35 to 44	57,980	122,620	14.4%	17.6%
45 to 54	49,830	101,500	12.4%	14.6%
55 to 64	36,510	59,690	9.1%	8.6%
65+	27,670	95,770	6.9%	13.7%
Total	401,950	697,540	100.0%	100.0%

Chart 2: Northern Region Asian Age Structure, 2015/16 and 2035/36



Reference

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