New Zealand People and Environment Fact Sheet

New Zealand Profile





ANNUAL RATE POPULATION CHANGE





FEMALE LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH



POPULATION AGE 65+ YEARS



POPULATION AGE 15 YEARS OR LESS





EXCHANGE RATE



2008 (Statistics New Zealand)









EMPLOYMENT PERCENT OF WORKING-AGE POPULATION

2011

2010

Perception of Environment

New Zealand's environment is 'clean and green' - 2008







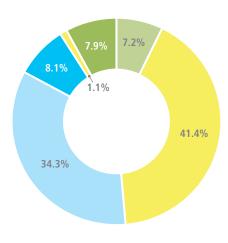




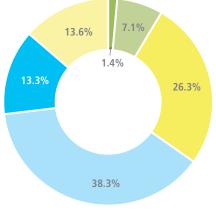


Perceived quality of management of farm effluent and runoff – 2008

Perceived state of soils – 2008



GOOD



B

BAD

10.8% 1.4% 21.1% 47.4%

16.2%

Perceived current management

of the soil environment – 2008

VERY GOOD

ADEQUATE

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VERY BAD

DON'T KNOW

Progress towards sustainable development

How efficiently are we using our resources?



Energy Intensity

The energy intensity of the economy has decreased since 1995



Greenhouse Gas Intensity

Although total emissions have increased, the intensity of emissions in relation to the economy has decreased



Labour Productivity

Since 1985, labour productivity has increased an average of 2.0% per year

What are we leaving behind for our children?



Nitrogen in Rivers

Levels of nitrogen at monitored sites in rivers and streams have increased since 1989



Native Species Distribution

Since 1970s, the distribution of all seven indicator species has continued to decline



Greenhouse Gas Emissions

New Zealand's net greenhouse gas emissions have grown since 1990

How well do we live?



Health Expectancy

Between 1996 and 2006, health expectancy at birth increased



Assets and Infrastructures

Net capital stock per person rose 31% from 1988–2010

2010 (Statistics New Zealand)

How well are resources distributed?



Income inequality

Between 1988 and 2009, income inequality households with high incomes and those with low incomes widened



Economic Hardship

The proportion of the population in households with low incomes has decreased to a similar level as 1988

Economic Indicators











2010 (Statistics New Zealand)