

LIVING HERE

▼ MT THOMAS, GLENTUI



Imagine life at a different pace. A life where work and home are minutes apart; where recreation opportunities are in every direction just waiting to be had; where small towns, rural villages and beachside settlements are filled with friendly people and humming little businesses ready to welcome you in. Imagine moving to North Canterbury.

Come for the snow-capped hills or the rolling surf; for the boutique shops or the epic trails; for the quality schools and affordable housing, lifestyle blocks and friendly towns. We are a growing community of doers, makers, dreamers, believers. We are townies, farmers, professionals, crafters, families, business owners. We are here for whānau, lifestyle, opportunity, a different pace.

82,850

A POPULATION OF 82,850 SPREAD OVER 10,896KM²

-9%

RENT COSTS IN WAIMAKARIRI ARE 9% LOWER COMPARED TO AUCKLAND

-12%

AVERAGE RENT COSTS ARE 12% LOWER IN WAIMAKARIRI COMPARED TO NEW ZEALAND AVERAGE

+3.7%

HIGHER LEVEL NCEA ACHIEVEMENT COMPARED TO NEW ZEALAND AVERAGE

All statistics are accurate at time of printing, February 2023



People and Culture

The North Canterbury region is home to 82,850 people (Statistics NZ population estimate). The large majority of these people live in the Waimakariri District (59,300 residents), with the remainder residing in the Hurunui District (12,800 residents).

The median age of North Canterbury residents is 42.9 years in the Waimakariri District and 43.6 years in the Hurunui District. The median age of New Zealand as a whole is 38 years.

The majority of North Canterbury residents identify themselves as European. Māori is the second largest ethnic group in the region, with just over 7% of the population identifying as Māori. Other ethnic groups identified in the North Canterbury region are Asian, Pacific peoples, Middle Eastern, Latin American and African; each represent less than 2% of the region's population. Of those residents born overseas, the most common birthplace is England.

English is the most common spoken language in the region, followed by te reo Māori. New Zealand Sign Language is used by less than one percent of the North Canterbury population. This correlates with the nationwide percentage of NZSL users.

▼ NORTH CANTERBURY WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL



Recreation

North Cantabrians are an adventurous lot. We ski, we surf, we bike, hike and run. We swim, we boat, we fish and hunt. We shop, we day spa and enjoy world class local wine and food. We soak up all that life has to offer here in our corner of Aotearoa.

Whatever you're into, North Canterbury has a location, club, team or opportunity for you to indulge your favourite pastimes. Whether you're after expansive sandy beaches and extensive river networks, or stunning foothills trails and conservation areas, we've got you covered. Perhaps team sports, gyms and fitness challenges are more your thing? Plenty of that round here too! If you're all about winter, you're in luck: some of New Zealand's top ski fields are within an hour's drive, and we've also got the world renowned Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa to keep you toasty warm. Or maybe your weekends are spent getting out and exploring shops, markets, events and eateries? You've come to the right place: North Canterbury is all about boutique shopping, farmers markets, family-friendly events, world-class wineries and unforgettable local food. Ratchet your downtime up a notch with a move to North Canterbury.



“We live by the beach in Waikuku but my husband works in the city as an architect. It takes him a little over 30 minutes to drive to work,”

▲ JULIA WARREN, MAKE IT RAW, WAIKUKU

▼ KAYAKING DOWN THE KAIAPOI RIVER, WAIMAKARIRI



Accessibility to the City

With Christchurch on our doorstep, North Canterbury is perfectly positioned for those who need easy access to the city. Whether it's a daily commute or an occasional jaunt, the new Northern Corridor motorway provides quick, easy and direct access to and from New Zealand's second largest city.

Christchurch's bus network incorporates a regular route out to Kaiapoi and Rangiora and back, while Park and Ride is another popular and affordable option for commuters travelling from Rangiora to central Christchurch.

Independent travellers can be in the CBD, Christchurch Hospital or Christchurch International Airport in well under an hour.

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