

Population of the Dominion.

RETURN of the Estimated Population (exclusive and inclusive of Maoris) of the Dominion of New Zealand on the 31st December, 1912.

							Males.	Females.	Total.	
Estimated population (exclusive of Maoris) on 31st December, 1911	..	..	..	..	..	..	539,729	485,677	1,025,406
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.			
Births registered in 1912	..	14,001	13,506	27,507	..	..	..
Deaths registered in 1912	..	5,416	3,879	9,295	..	..	..
Excess of births over deaths	..	..	..	..	8,585	9,627	18,212		
Arrivals in the Dominion during 1912	..	26,775	17,885	44,660	..	..	..
Departures from the Dominion during 1912	..	21,914	13,819	35,733	..	..	..
Excess of arrivals over departures	..	..	..	..	4,861	4,066	8,927		
Total increase during 1912	13,446	13,693	27,139
Estimated population (exclusive of Maoris, &c.) on 31st December, 1912	553,175	499,370	1,052,545
Maori population, Census, 1911	26,475	23,369	49,844
Population of Cook and other Pacific islands annexed in 1901, Census, 1911	6,449	6,149	12,598
Total estimated population of the Dominion on 31st December, 1912	586,099	528,888	1,114,987
Estimated mean population of New Zealand (exclusive of Maoris and Cook and other Pacific Islands) for the year 1912	546,452	492,523	1,038,975

CHINESE.—Chinese are included in the population given above. The number in New Zealand on 31st December, 1912, was estimated to be 2,520, of whom 102 were females.

REMARKS.—Excluding Maoris, the population increased by 27,139, or at the rate of 2.65 per cent., during the year. To this increase, excess of births over deaths contributed 18,212, and excess of arrivals over departures 8,927.

The birth-rate for the Dominion in 1912 was 26.48 per 1,000 of mean population, and the death-rate 8.95, as against 25.97 and 9.39 respectively in 1911.

The deaths in 1912 (9,295) were less than the number registered in 1911 (9,534) by 239, and the rate per 1,000 fell from 9.39 to 8.95.

The number of marriages (excluding those contracted between Maoris) solemnized in 1912 is estimated at 9,250, giving a rate of 8.90 per 1,000 of the mean population, against 8,825 and 8.70, the actual number and rate in 1911.

The fluctuations of the birth, death, and marriage rates for the last ten years are as under:—

	Per 1,000 of Population.		
	Birth-rate.	Death-rate.	Marriage-rate.
1903	26.61	10.40	8.23
1904	26.94	9.57	8.26
1905	27.22	9.27	8.28
1906	27.08	9.31	8.48
1907	27.30	10.95	8.91
1908	27.45	9.57	8.82
1909	27.29	9.22	8.33
1910	26.17	9.71	8.30
1911	25.97	9.39	8.70
1912	26.48*	8.95*	8.90*

* Subject to revision.

Government Statistician's Office,
Wellington, 31st January, 1913.

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Tenders for Helmets.—Police Department.

Police Department, Wellington, 31st January, 1913.

THE following list of successful and unsuccessful tenders for the supply of helmets for the New Zealand Police Force for a period of three years from the 15th January, 1913, is published for general information.

J. CULLEN,
Commissioner of Police.

Name of Tenderer.	Address.	Amount of Tender.		Remarks.
		Blue Helmets.	White Helmets.	
Chas. Hill and Sons	Wellington	9s. 3d. each	7s. 6d. each	Accepted.
J. A. Cooper	Auckland	10s. 6d. "	8s. 6d. "	Declined.
Bing, Harris, and Co. (Limited)	Dunedin	11s. 6d. "	10s. 6d. "	"