Community profile - November 2014 Fendalton

(Census area units: Fendalton, Bryndwr, Deans Bush, Holmwood)



Fendalton is one of the older residential areas of Christchurch and features a number of large, historic homes alongside modern, architecturally designed properties. Close to Hagley Park and within walking or cycling distance of the central business district (CBD), Fendalton is a sought-after location with property values to match.

Fendalton is located approximately three kilometres from the CBD and is on a direct route from the centre of town to the airport.

Natural features of the area include a number of waterways which run through the suburb, including the Wairarapa Stream, Waimairi Stream and the Fendalton Stream, all of which meet up with the Avon River around the Mona Vale Homestead.

Following the 4 September, 2010, and 22 February, 2011, earthquakes, homes along these stream boundaries appear to have been the most affected in terms of damage.

Fendalton sits within the school zone for both Christchurch Boys' High School and Christchurch Girls' High School, making it a very attractive suburb for families with school-age children. Medbury School and Fendalton Open-Air School are also located in this area.

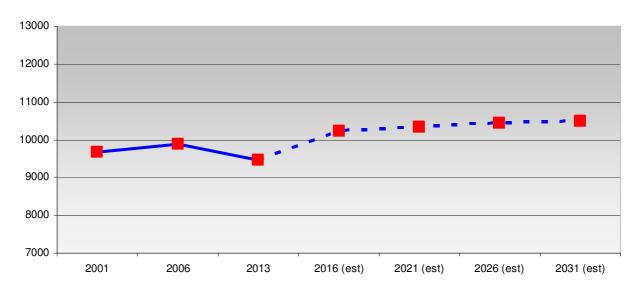
According to the 2013 Census data, the median age for this area is 44 years. This is higher than the Christchurch city average of 38 years. The number of people aged over 65 years is also slightly higher than the Christchurch average.

There are two shopping areas: Fendalton Mall and Fendalton Village. The area is well serviced by a medical centre, optometrist and dental surgery.

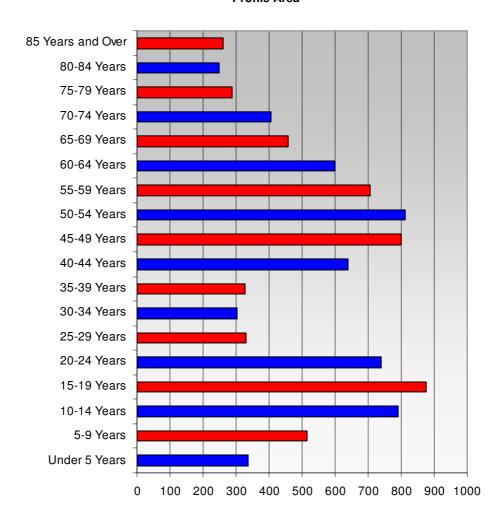


Key demographics

Usually resident population count (Data from Statistics NZ)

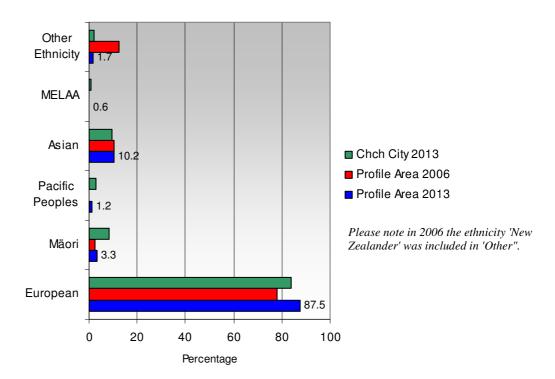


Age for usually resident population (number of people) (Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ) Profile Area

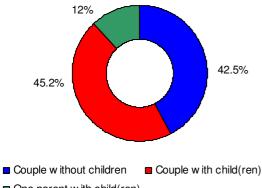




Ethnicity for usually resident population (%) (Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



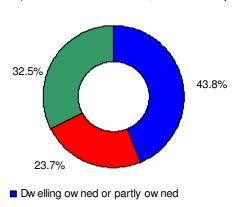




■ One parent w ith child(ren)

Home ownership (%)

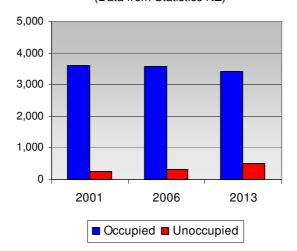
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Occupied and Unoccupied Dwellings

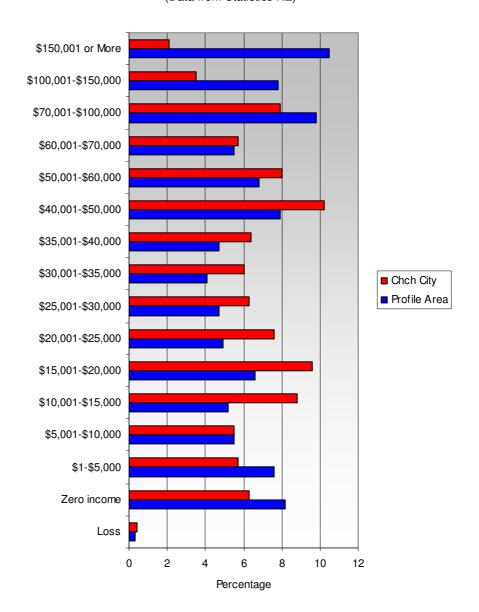
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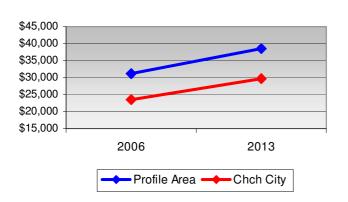
Personal income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City (%)

(Data from Statistics NZ)



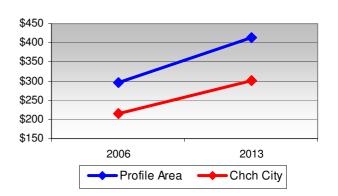
Median Personal Income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City

(Data from Statistics NZ)



Median Weekly Rent for rented households, in private occupied dwellings

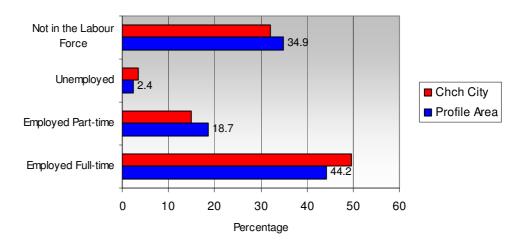
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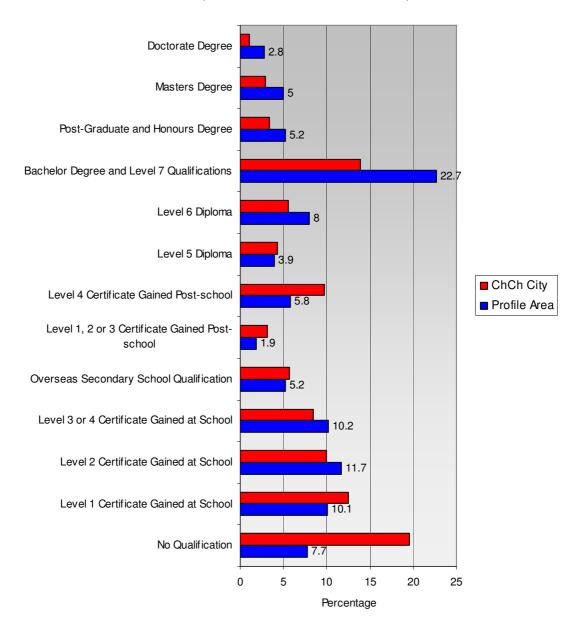
Work and Labour Force status (%)

(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



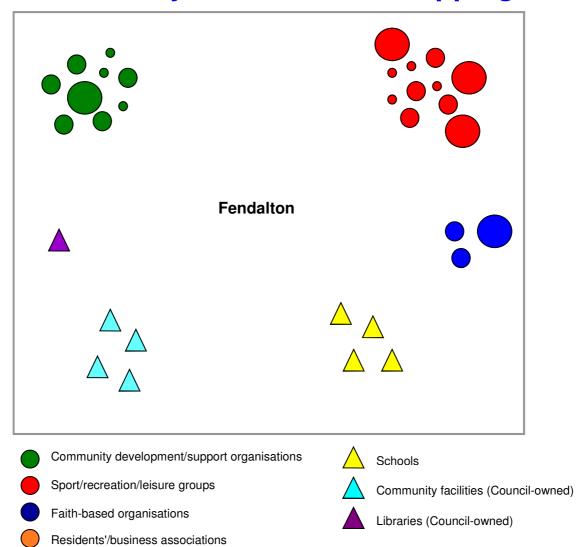
Highest Educational Qualification for the census usually resident population, aged 15 years and over (%)

(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)





Community infrastructure mapping



The above ratings have been based on reach, diversity, and participation. For example, bigger circles tend to be groups that provide a wider range of services, or have large numbers of participants. They also tend to be groups that are well networked within the community.

The social infrastructure of Fendalton is made up of nine community organisations, including two strong Probus clubs. A number of organisations are targeted towards children, including two kindergartens, a playcentre, OSCAR programme and Fendalton Plunket.

The key provider of community services and activities in this area is St Barnabas Anglican Church, which provides a variety of programmes, including specific activities aimed at isolated older adults.

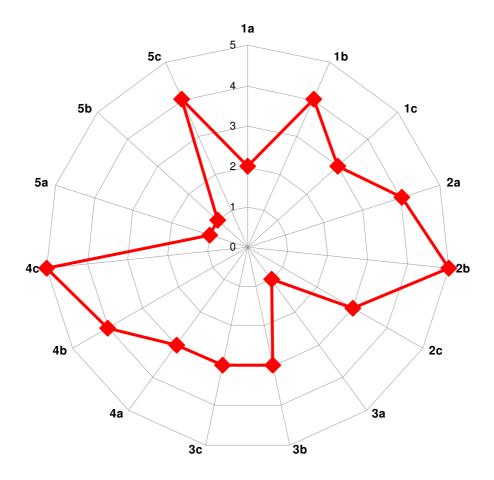
There is a good variety of sport and recreation opportunities, including tennis, bowls, croquet, athletics and badminton.

Fendalton Service Centre and Library is located in this area. The Fendalton Community Centre is a popular venue for a number of groups in the community.

The above map only shows Council-owned community facilities. However, it is acknowledged that other organisations and churches in the area also have space available for community use.



Community resilience mapping



Scale: 1 = Low 5 = High

15 measures of resilience

Community Support Organisations (rating)		
1a	# of organisations	(2)
1b	strength of organisations	(4)
1c	community development principles	(3)

Connectedness (rat		
3a	# of Neighbourhood Support groups	(1)
3b	# of residents' associations	(3)
3c	access to networking groups/forums	(3)

Volunteering (rating)		
2a	investment in volunteers	(4)
2b	# of volunteer hours from Fundforce	(5)
2c	# of volunteer hours from Census	(3)

Participation (rating)		
4a	community events	(3)
4b	Fundforce participation rates	(4)
4c	club membership #s	(5)

Prepa 5a 5b 5c	# of Neighbourhood Support groups # households in Neighbourhood Support capability of groups to lead local response	(rating) (1) (1) (4)

Note: 2b, 4b - These ratings only take into account figures from community projects funded by the Council.

2c - These figures are based on 2006 Census data, as this information is not yet available for 2013.

3a, 5a, 5b - These ratings are based on groups and households registered with "Christchurch Gets Ready" as at November 2013.



Community environment

Social environment

Older adults and young children are well catered for in the area. Fendalton Probus Club and Ilam Men's Probus Club both meet at the Fendalton Bowling Club and have good membership numbers. Fendalton Plunket Rooms are located on Fendalton Road adjacent to Fendalton Park. The Plunket rooms are available for local groups to hire.

Fendalton Library is a key asset to the local community and is very popular. The closure of the Fendalton Community Centre following the February 2011 earthquake was a big loss for the community. Through strong support from the Fendalton–Waimairi Community Board, this community centre was placed on the Council's priority list for repair and re-opened to the public in June 2013.

In terms of community support programmes, St Barnabas Anglican Church provides a variety of activities, including a number of programmes for young people and a strong visiting service and range of activities for older adults, particularly those who are vulnerable and isolated. The church played a key role in supporting other areas of Christchurch that were more affected by the February 2011 earthquake. St Barnabas also has an active youth community and employ a Youth Coordinator (partly funded by the Fendalton–Waimairi Community Board) to oversee and develop youth activities. They have also recently employed a youth worker to work at Christchurch Boys' High School as part of the "24/7 Youth Work" programme.

Through the Council's Capital Endowment Fund, the Community Board recently accessed funding for the purchase of a mini-bus for local community groups to use for their activities. St Barnabas Anglican Church received the funding and has purchased the mini-bus. They will manage the bookings and maintenance of the vehicle.

In terms of community connectedness, the area rated low with regard to the number of neighbourhood support groups. The Fendalton–Waimairi Community Board has set aside funding to promote Neighbourhood Support and encourage more groups to become established.

There are high levels of anxiety amongst a number of residents in this area who have suffered damage to their homes following the February 2011 earthquake. A large number of people in this area are still struggling with insurance and land remediation issues, and repairs or rebuilds still appear to be some time away.

Built environment

After the September 2010 earthquake there were pockets of damage in the Fendalton suburb, particularly around the Queens Avenue area. Following the February 2011 earthquake the damage was more widespread, particularly in houses along the stream boundaries.

Figures released earlier from the Earthquake Commission (EQC) showed that 218 houses in the Fendalton area sustained damage over the \$100,000 amount. As further insurance assessments have now been carried out, it is likely this number has increased.

There are only two Housing New Zealand-owned properties in this area and neither sustained any structural damage. There are no Council-owned units in Fendalton.

Some roads in the area, again particularly around stream boundaries, sustained damage in the February 2011 earthquake.

The SCIRT Rebuilding Infrastructure team continue to undertake work in this area. Current projects include repairs and replacements to the wastewater infrastructure in the Holmwood Road/Queens Avenue area.

The Monavale Homestead in Fendalton Road was badly damaged in the February 2011 earthquake. The Council has recently approved funding to repair and strengthen this much-loved historic building.



Economic environment

The Fendalton area has good access to retail areas and other commercial services.

Both the Fendalton Village and the Fendalton Mall experienced increased patronage following the February 2011 earthquake, partially due to the increase in the large number of workers who had been temporarily relocated to this area (particularly the number of Council staff who were temporarily located at the Fendalton Service Centre). Both shopping areas appear to have good patronage and parking continues to be at a premium, particularly around Fendalton Mall.

The block of shops located on the corner of Clyde and Fendalton Roads was demolished following damage sustained in the February 2011 earthquake and new buildings are now completed. A café and boutique shops have located to the site.

Natural environment

The Fendalton area has good access to green-space areas, including Fendalton Park, Mona Vale, Waiwetu Reserve and Jeffreys Reserve.

Land condition

A high percentage of land in this area has been designated as Technical Category 3 (TC3, blue), meaning that moderate to significant land damage from liquefaction is possible in future large earthquakes. Site-specific geotechnical investigation and specific engineering foundation design is required.

The EQC Drilling programme for this area has been completed.



Key issues identified

	Issue	Progress to date / outcomes	
•	There is a risk that ongoing insurance,	November 2012	
	EQC and repair/rebuild issues will have a detrimental effect on people's anxiety and stress levels. There may be an increase in demand for support services for people in this area, particularly older adults who have limited support networks.	Strengthening Communities staff, in conjunction with local community organisations, churches, and other support agencies, will continue to monitor this situation and help those in need to access additional resources as required.	
		November 2013 Staff continue to monitor this issue. St Barnabas Anglican Church in Fendalton Road, with financial support from the Fendalton— Waimairi Community Board, continues to work in this area to identify and provide support to older adults. November 2014	
		As above.	
•	In terms of community resilience, this area ranked quite low in its number of neighbourhood support groups. There is an opportunity to work with Canterbury Neighbourhood Support to promote the	November 2012 Strengthening Communities Adviser to work with Canterbury Neighbourhood Support to encourage increased participation from residents.	
	service.	November 2013 The Fendalton–Waimairi Community Board has provided funding to promote Neighbourhood Support in the Fendalton–Waimairi ward. A variety of different approaches are currently being trialled and will hopefully generate interest and an increase in number of houses involved in Neighbourhood Support groups. Nevember 2014	
		Council staff in partnership with Canterbury Neighbourhood Support continue to promote the establishment of new groups whenever possible.	
•	There are concerns from residents that a TC3 classification on their land will lower property values in this area.	 November 2012 This will be an ongoing issue and it will take some time to see how the property market reacts to the technical categories in the future. Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) and Department of Building and Housing have made it clear that the technical categories only apply to the foundation requirements of new buildings or properties with foundation damage on the land. A number of properties on TC3 land did not suffer any foundation damage and are able to undertake repairs. 	
		November 2013/14 • As above.	

