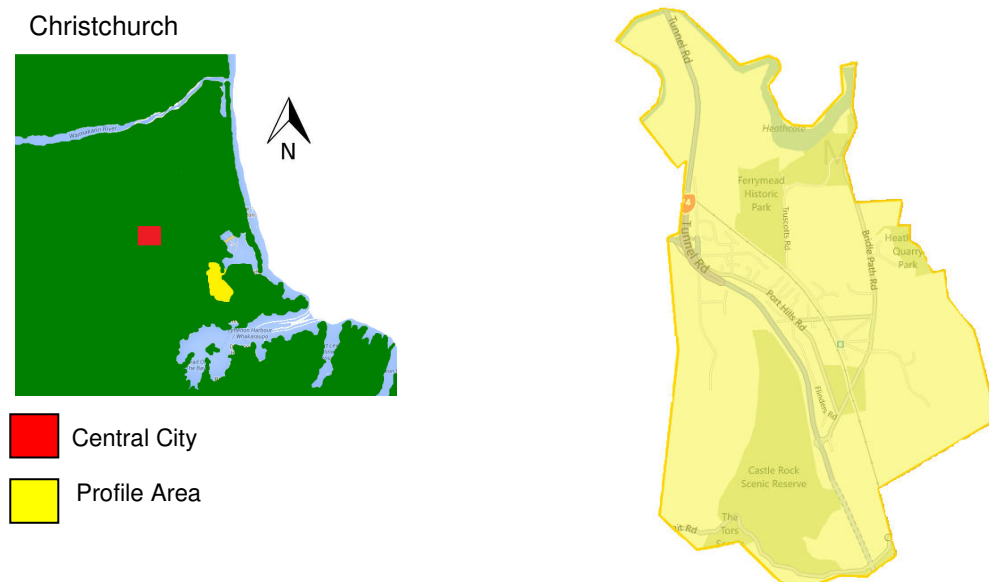


# Community profile - November 2014

## Heathcote Valley

(Census area unit: Heathcote Valley)



Heathcote Valley is located in the south-east of Christchurch, approximately eight kilometres (a 15 minute drive) from the Central Business District (CBD). It is also handy to the port of Lyttelton via the road tunnel.

The Heathcote Valley runs from the mouth of the Heathcote River to the ridgeline above the Lyttelton Tunnel. The wider Heathcote Valley area is bounded by Mt Pleasant to the east, Summit Road to the south, Rapaki Track to the west, and Woolston South and Ferrymead to the north.

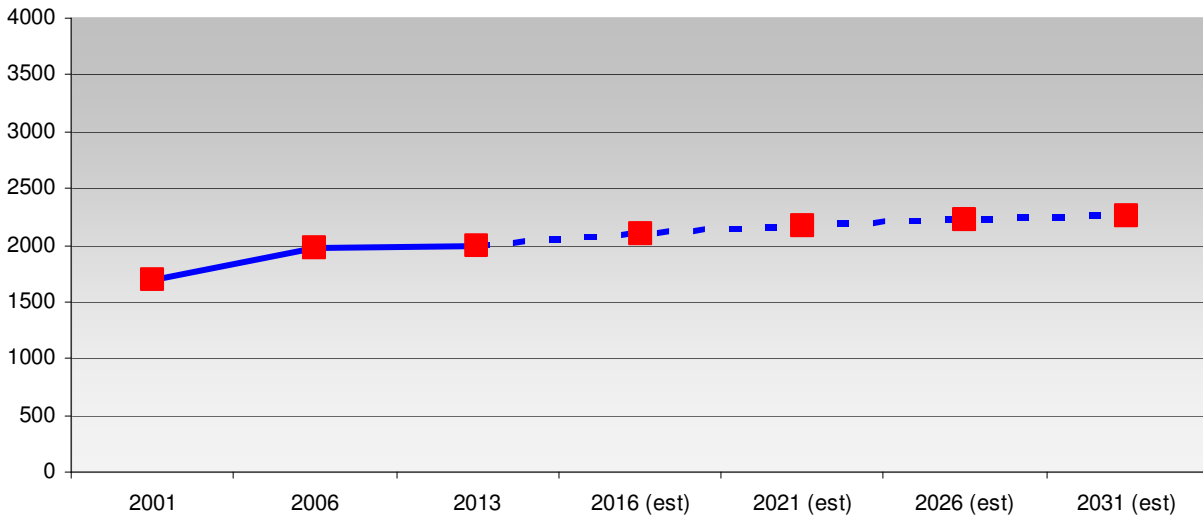
The Christchurch Gondola and Ferrymead Historic Park are located in Heathcote Valley. The area has very limited shopping facilities and there is no medical centre. The closest shopping area and medical centre are in Ferrymead.

There is one primary school in the area, Heathcote Valley School (decile 9). The next closest school, which is outside the area, is Mt Pleasant School (decile 10).

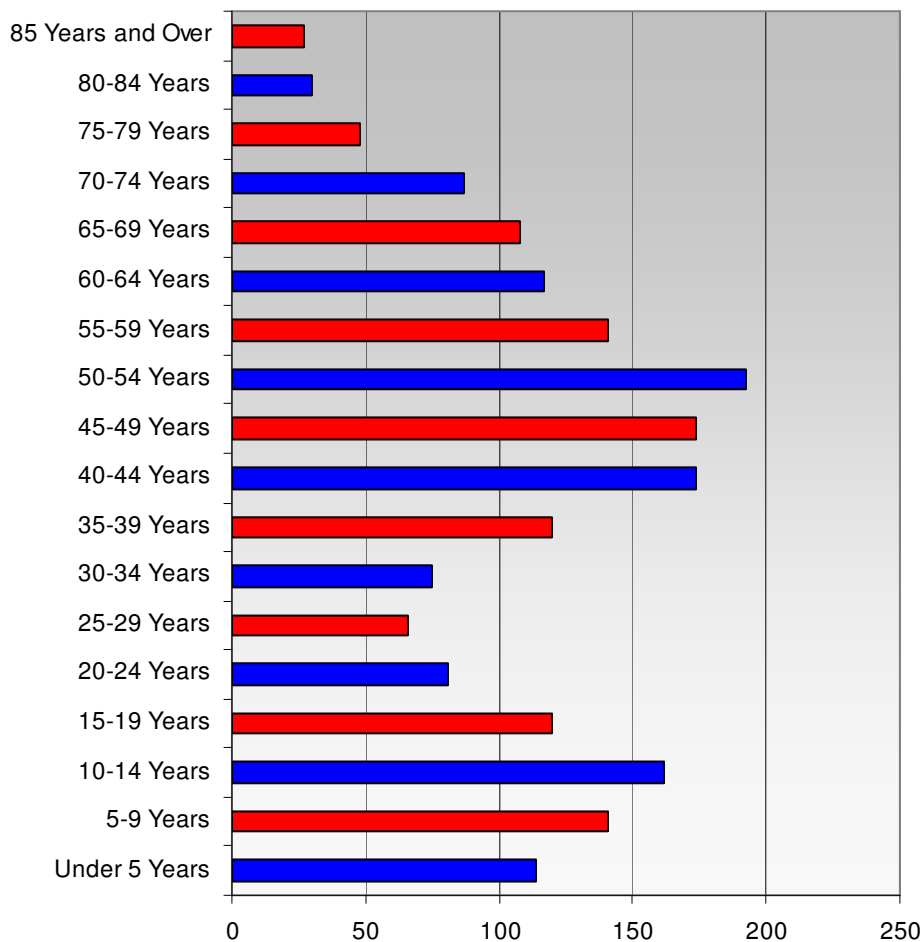
The major access roads are Bridle Path Road, Martindales Road and Port Hills Road.

# Key demographics

**Usually resident population count**  
(Data from Statistics NZ)

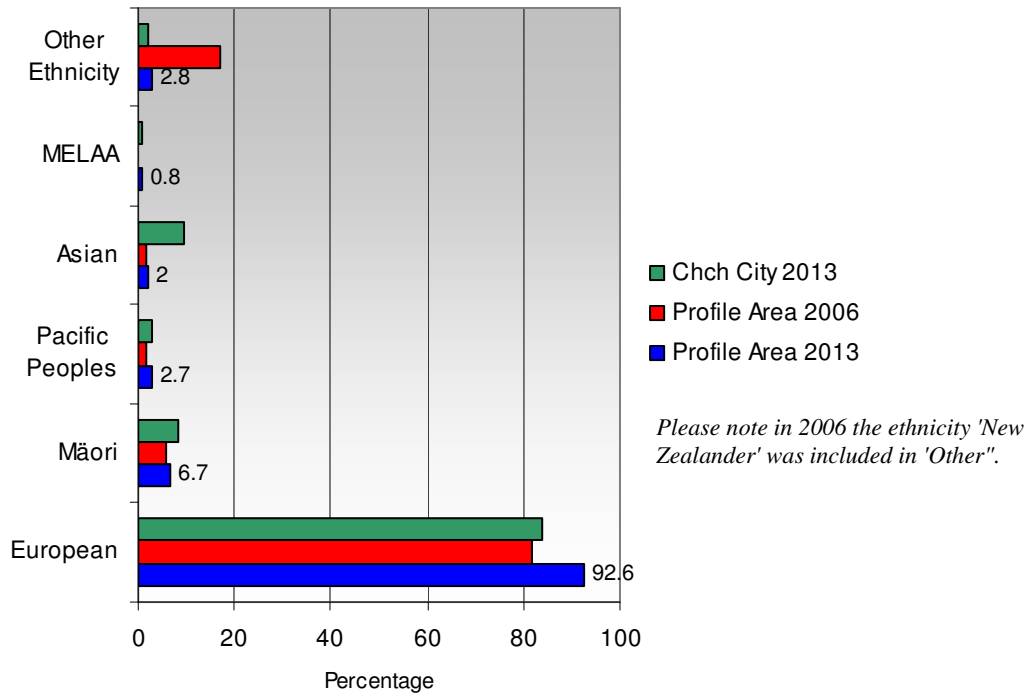


**Age for usually resident population (number of people)**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)  
**Profile Area**



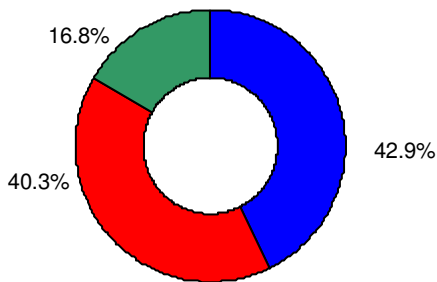
### Ethnicity for usually resident population (%)

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### Family type (%)

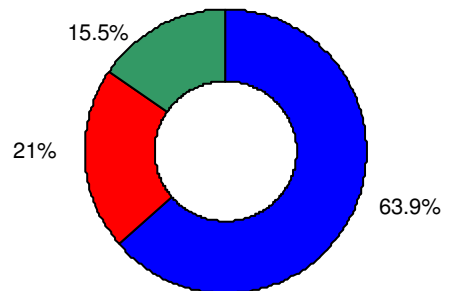
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- Couple without children
- Couple with child(ren)
- One parent with child(ren)

### Home ownership (%)

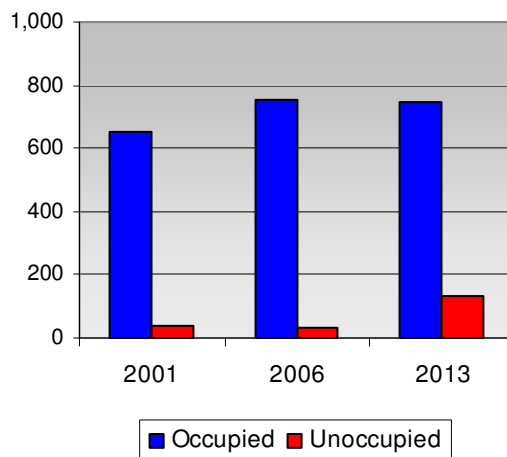
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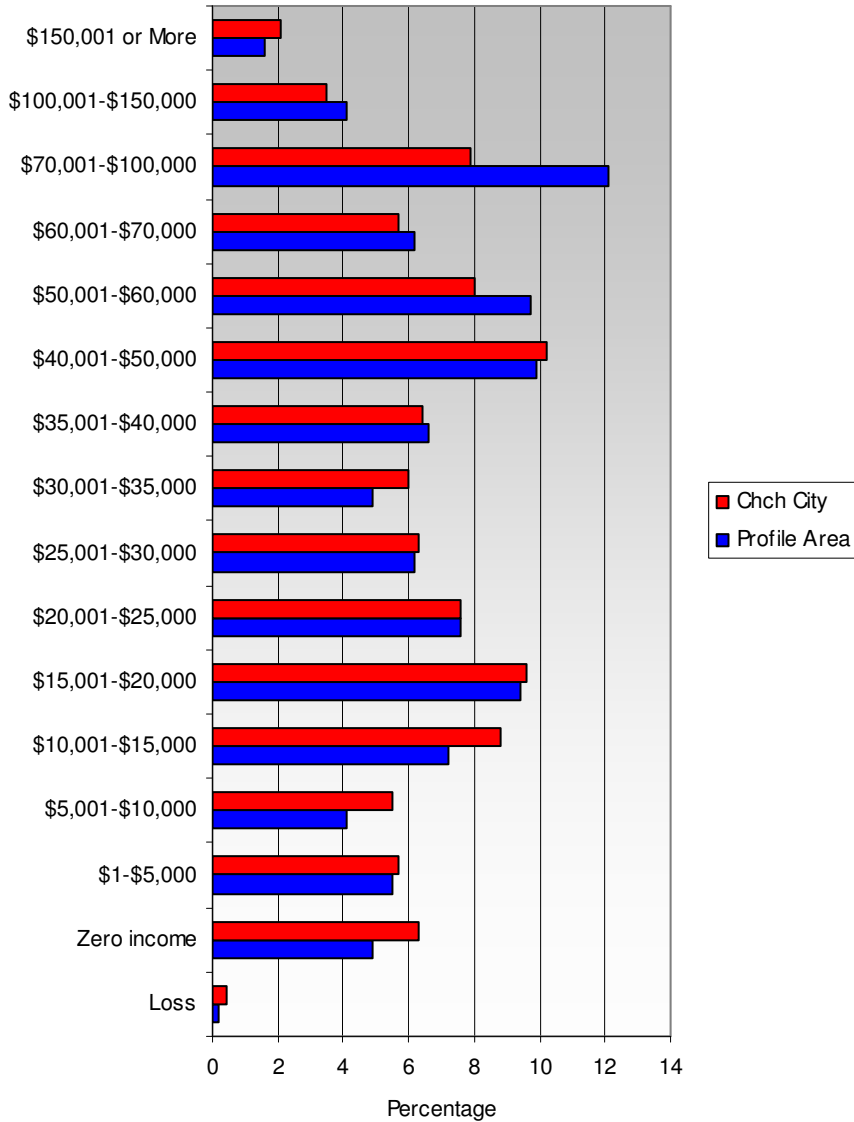
- Dwelling owned or partly owned
- Dwelling not owned and not held in a family trust
- Dwelling held in a family trust

### Occupied and Unoccupied Dwellings

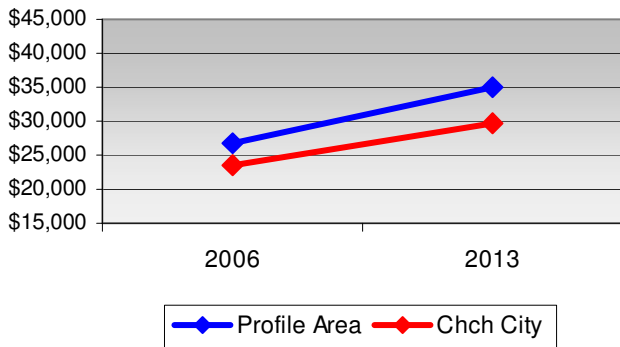
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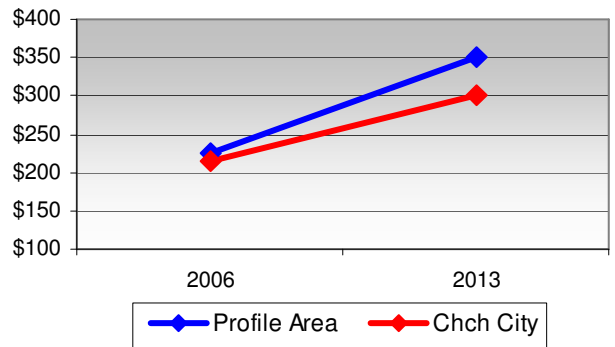
**Personal income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City**  
(Data from Statistics NZ)



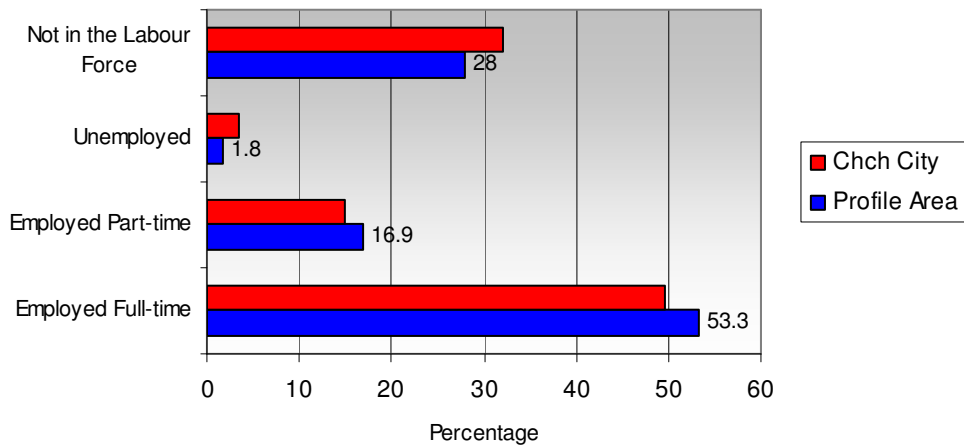
**Median Personal Income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City**  
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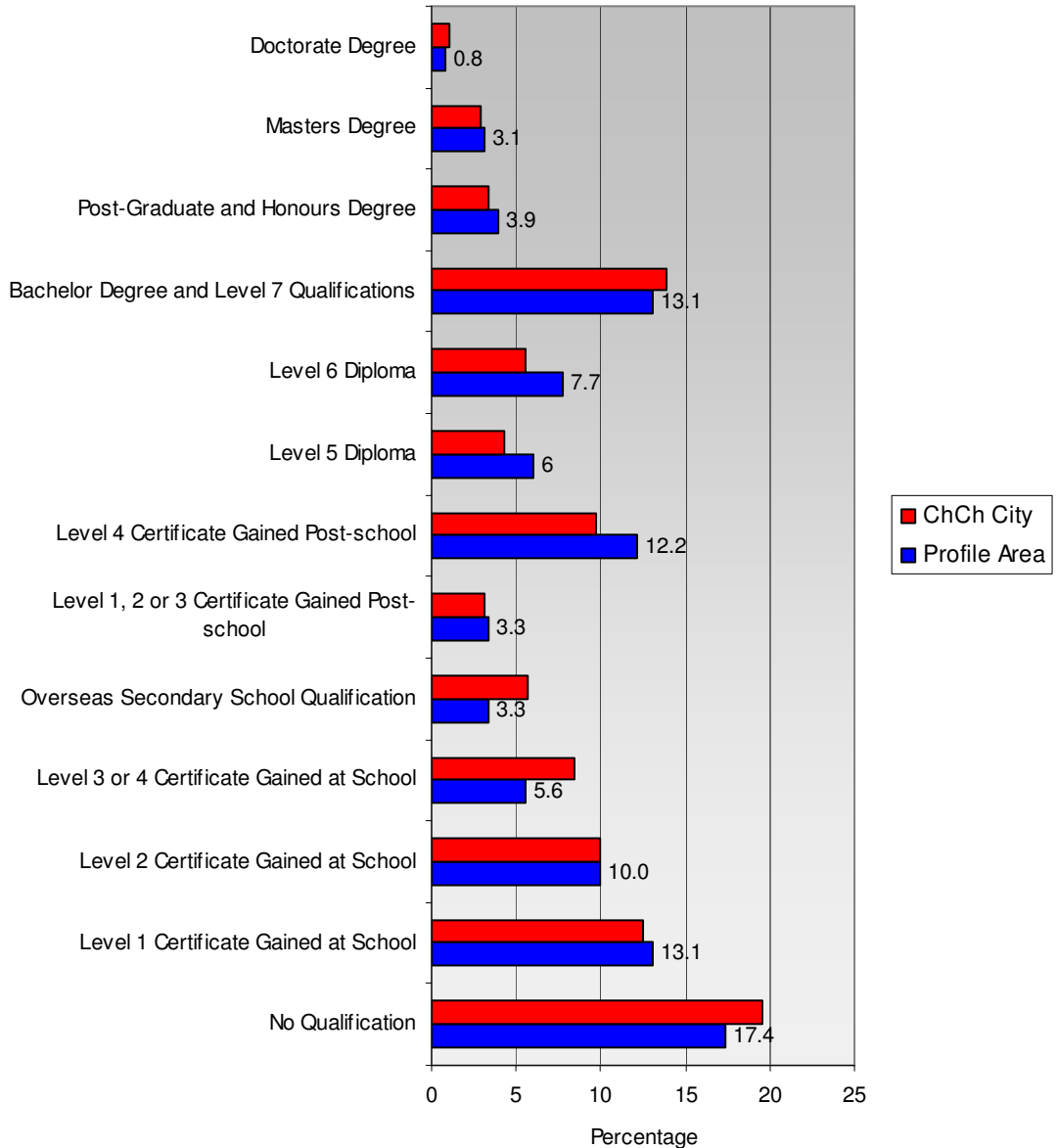
**Median Weekly Rent for rented households, in private occupied dwellings**  
(Data from 2013 Census. Statistics NZ)



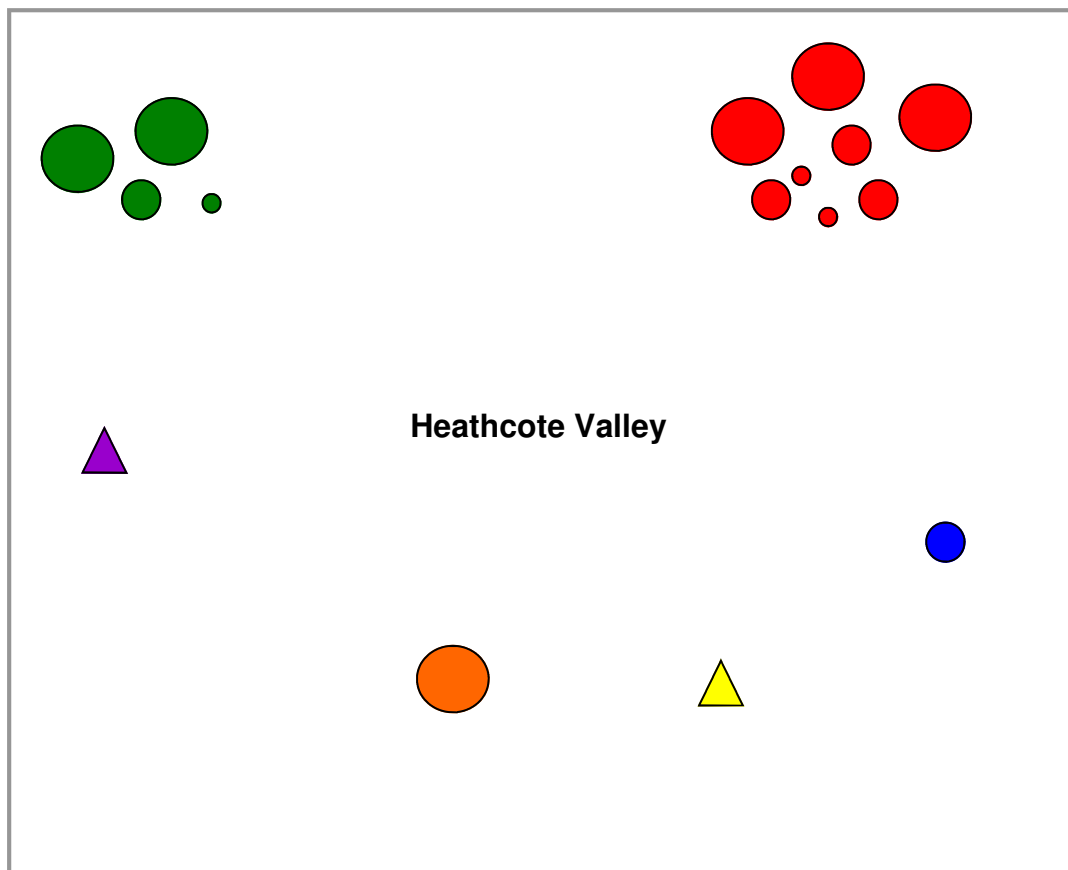
**Work and Labour Force status (%)**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



**Highest Educational Qualification for the census usually resident population, aged 15 years and over**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



# Community infrastructure mapping



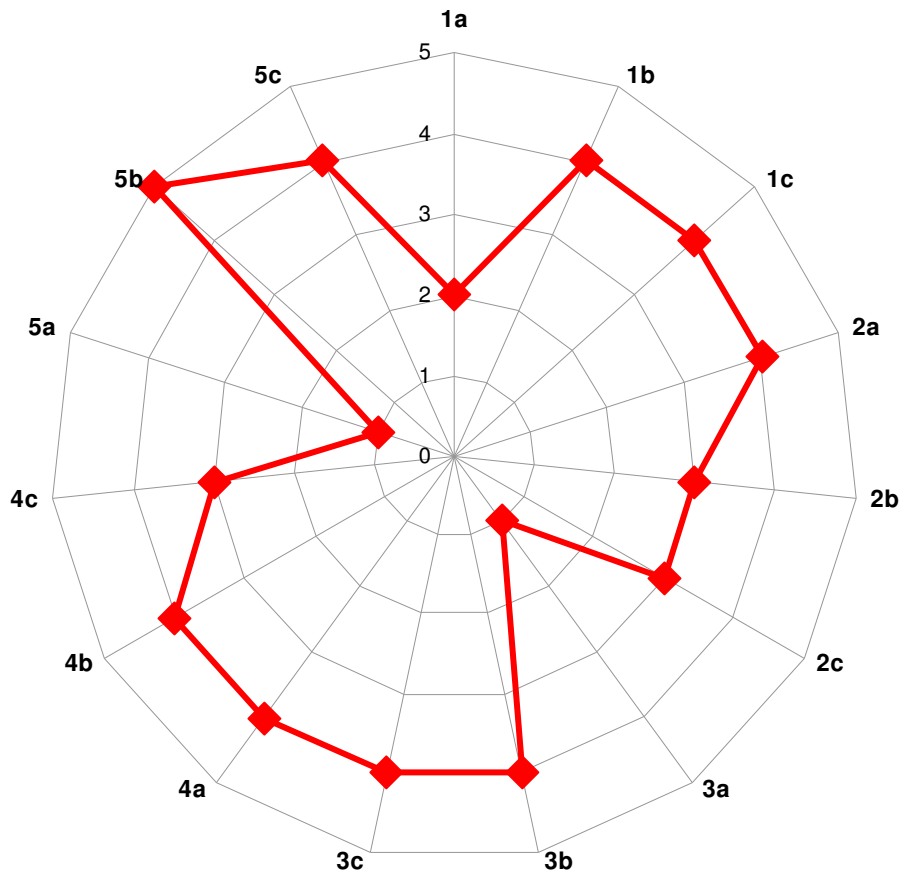
- Community development/support organisations
- Sport/recreation/leisure groups
- Faith-based organisations
- Residents/business associations
- ▲ Schools
- ▲ Community facilities (Council owned)
- ▲ Libraries (Council owned)

*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.*

Organisations identified as active in social and community development based in this sector include four community groups, eight sport/recreational/leisure groups, one church group, and one residents' association. There are no business associations in the area. The local community library and community centre are currently not operational due to earthquake damage.

Organisations with wide reach and depth of focus in this sector include a local residents' association, two community groups and three sports organisations.

# 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 (4)

### Volunteering (rating)

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

### Connectedness (rating)

- 3a # of Neighbourhood Support groups (1)
- 3b # of residents' associations (4)
- 3c access to networking groups/forums (4)

### Participation (rating)

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

### Preparedness (rating)

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

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

The Heathcote community continues to work to develop a sense of connectedness, identity and belonging. There has been an increase in community-led projects involving local residents. The *Epicentre at Heathcote* event held in February 2012 led to a vision document detailing the dreams and aspirations of Heathcote residents. The local residents' association recently adopted this document to set goals and help plan annual activities and projects. These activities and projects include a giant pumpkin competition, the Martindale's Road book fridge, community garden, community orchard, five community notice boards, home bee keeping, slip n' slide, trolley derby and many others.

Loss of the local community library and community centre continues to be an issue mainly for older adults and families with young children who were regular library users. The community met to discuss facilities in the area and look at their future needs. The outcome of this meeting was submitted to the Hagley Ferrymead Community Board and the Christchurch City Council Facilities Rebuild Team. Most activities currently take place at the local school and church. The Heathcote community have worked with Council staff in the rebuild of the Community Centre and Library.

Current census data indicates that the population in Heathcote has generally stayed the same since 2006, however some residents were displaced by CERA land zone announcements and Christchurch City Council Section 124 (S124) notices.

## Built environment

Repairs to roads around Heathcote are continuing. The old Maltworks site has been cleared and progress made in developing an over-55 lifestyle village on the site.

Geotechnical engineers finished removing or securing dangerous boulders around Heathcote Valley allowing the reoccupation of houses previously deemed uninhabitable. Engineers are continuing to monitor the situation.

There is a housing shortage in Heathcote as residents displaced by land issues try to find alternative accommodation locally. Houses for sale or rent are quickly snapped up and there is minimal new housing development in Heathcote. Christchurch City Council has 15 functional social housing units in the area.

Council has agreed to rebuild the Community Centre and Library and has allocated money for its rebuild.

The Ferrymead Bridge will be open to be used in April 2015.

## Economic environment

Few of the retail shops closed due to the earthquakes have reopened. The Christchurch Gondola, which starts in Heathcote and goes up to Mount Cavendish on the Port Hills, has reopened bringing much needed foot traffic into the area. Local hospitality outlets such as Upshot Coffee, Castle Rock café and The Valley Inn tavern have continued to operate and provide meeting places for the local community. Heathcote Valley is also home to the Ferrymead Heritage Park, a museum housing mainly transport-related historical groups.

## Natural environment

The natural environment in Heathcote offers a diverse range of opportunities from the Calder Green Reserve (for bird watching), to the Bridle Path walk on the hills above Heathcote. After the 22 February 2011 earthquake most of Heathcote's natural environment was inaccessible due to the danger of rock falls. Most walk ways and horse trekking routes around the area are now open to the public.

Mapping of potential rock falls and landslides has been completed and parts of Heathcote were affected by CERA zoning announcements. As a result some land was categorised as Residential Red Zone, mainly in the Avoca Valley and Horotane Valley areas, making land remediation uneconomic.

Lower areas in Heathcote are prone to flooding caused by major tidal or rainfall events and rising sea levels resulting from the effects of climate change. Flood risk and floor level assessments are now part of the resource consent process for new developments in defined flood management areas. During March of 2014 Heathcote Valley endured significant flooding. Christchurch City Council initiated a Flood Taskforce. The Taskforce's purpose was "Assisting the most vulnerable homes to cope with the frequent flooding made worse by the earthquakes" Heathcote was identified as one of the areas needing to be addressed by the Flooding Taskforce.



# Key issues identified

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased community connectedness through ongoing community meetings.</li> <li>Increase in the number of people participating in locally-organised activity and discussion.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A local community group initiated a community visioning event for the Heathcote community. This event was well attended and out of it came different projects that have improved community connectedness in Heathcote.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amount of community participation in projects and events has continued to increase in the Heathcote area. The number of community initiated projects is also increasing.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heathcote continues to maintain strong connections throughout the community. This has been evident through the local response to flooding issues within Heathcote and rebuild of the Heathcote Community and Library Centre.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More engagement of communities by local organisations and agencies.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The local residents' group has continued to engage the community through its monthly meetings and by supporting projects initiated by the community.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local organisations continue to work together in reaching out to the community. Organisations have worked together on consulting the wider community on key issues in Heathcote area. The Heathcote community currently communicates via a Google group email with 400 recipients.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local organisations continue to bring the Heathcote community together to discuss issues, find local solutions and communicate with relevant organisations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social isolation due to accessibility issues.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently, most roads in and out of Heathcote Valley are accessible; however there are concerns around accessibility to the area in the case of a natural disaster. The local residents' group has been working with Canterbury Neighbourhood Support around improving disaster preparedness and response.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roads in and out of Heathcote Valley are accessible but ongoing work on the Ferrymead Bridge has caused some delays.</li> </ul>

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
continued...	<p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooding in Heathcote cuts off access into parts of the Valley. Local community and Council work together to identify and repair, where possible, areas of high risk.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced access to recreational opportunities.</li> <li>• Increased opportunity to redevelop and improve access to green space areas.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been reduced access to recreational areas in Heathcote mainly around the surrounding hills. The community has indicated the need to look at future opportunities to access these areas.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to recreational activities in Heathcote has increased recently as more walkways and cycle ways have opened around the Port Hills.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Heathcote community have identified the need to respond to the needs of children and young people in area. Discussion is continuing with Council staff to look at skateboard facilities as well as the rebuild of the Heathcote Community Centre and Library to incorporate space for young people.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for increased community activities and programmes for the local community.</li> <li>• Opportunity for more cohesive collaboration on social development projects.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been an increase in community-initiated projects in Heathcote as a result of collaboration between local community groups and residents in the area. This appears to have created a sense of identity and pride among the residents and has created more opportunity for collaboration.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There continues to be an increase of community initiated activities in Heathcote due to the close collaboration of the local residents' association and local community groups. Those activities include: giant pumpkin competition, Martindale's Road book fridge, community garden, community orchard, 5 community notice boards, home bee keeping, slip n' slide, trolley derby.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued connectivity between the Heathcote community. Due to the growing number of projects and activities a local organisation has a paid administrator to help support these groups. The role was voluntary however the increased activity needed to be supported by dedicated person.</li> </ul>

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintained or increased levels of community cohesion if area population remains stable.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been a slight decrease in population in Heathcote mainly due to the land zone announcements and S124 issues; otherwise the population in Heathcote has remained stable, helping maintain a level of community cohesion.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current census data indicates that the population in Heathcote has generally stayed the same since 2006.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The population remains stable at the 2006 levels.</li> </ul>

