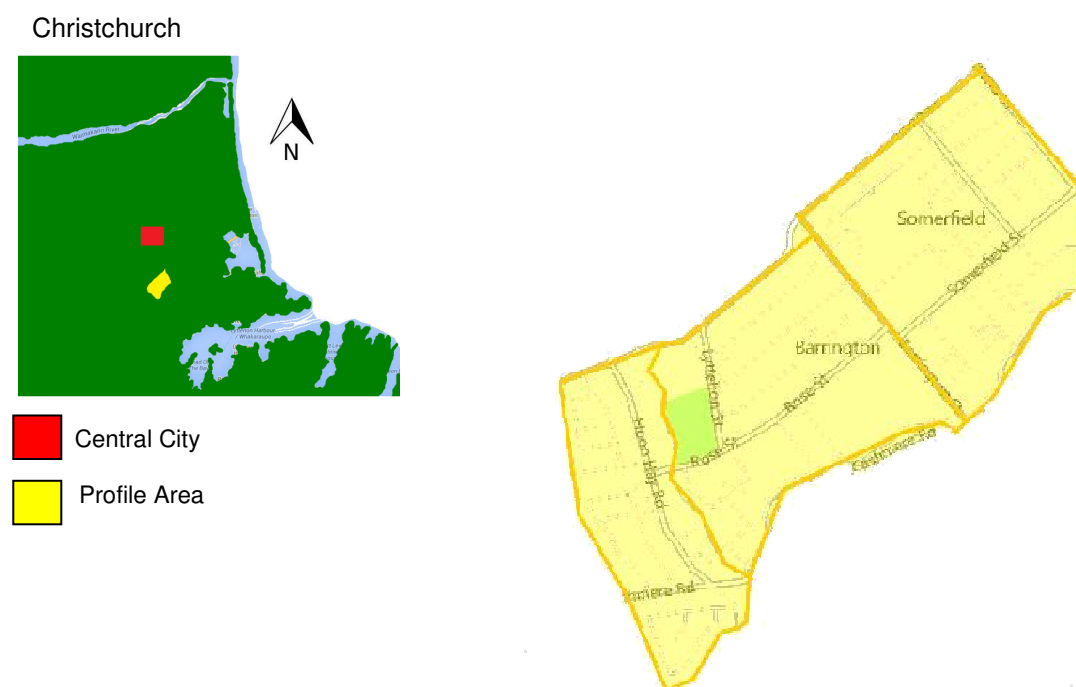


# Community profile - November 2014

## Somerfield / Barrington South and Hoon Hay South

(Census area units: Somerfield, Barrington South, Hoon Hay South)



This area is located approximately six kilometres from the Central City, towards the south-west of Christchurch close to the Port Hills. It is crossed by the Ōpawaho / Heathcote River in the west and bounded by the river to the south. The area is predominantly residential, with small holdings in Hoon Hay around Hendersons Road and Sparks Road. Incomes tend towards middle ranges and the residential housing is made up of older character homes towards the east, with newer developments towards the west.

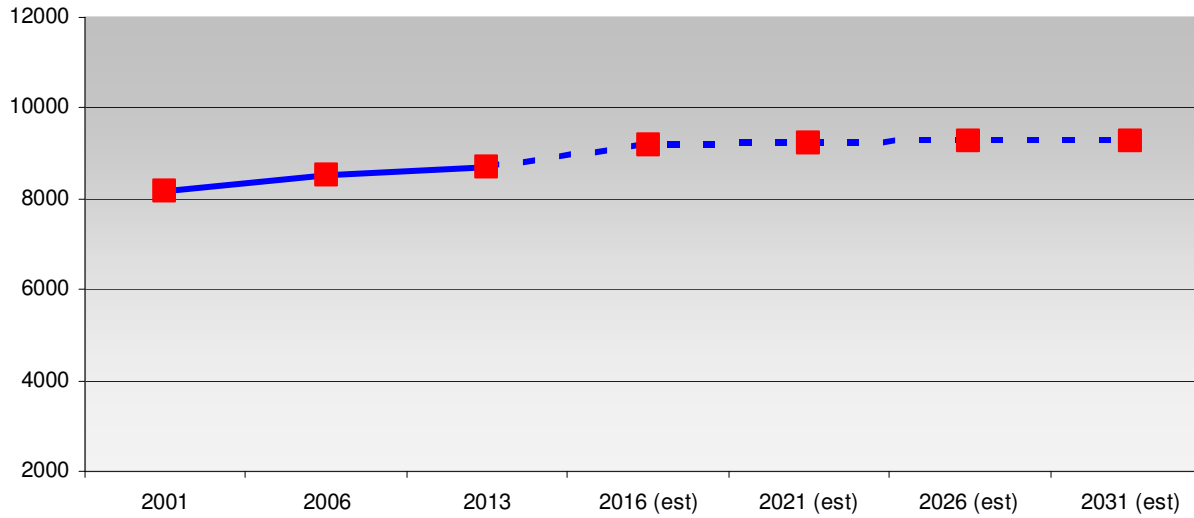
Recreational reserves and facilities include Centennial Park, Pioneer Recreation and Sport Centre and Somerfield Park. The nearby Barrington Mall is a key retail and services hub, and three churches are operating in the area, of which two currently share a venue. There are three schools in the area: a high school, primary school, and Kura Kaupapa (total immersion Māori language school).

There are two Council-owned community centres, and two church locations. There are three Council social housing complexes comprising 86 accommodation units. There are four rest homes and two medical centres. Princess Margaret Hospital, which caters mainly to mental health needs, is located on the border of this area.

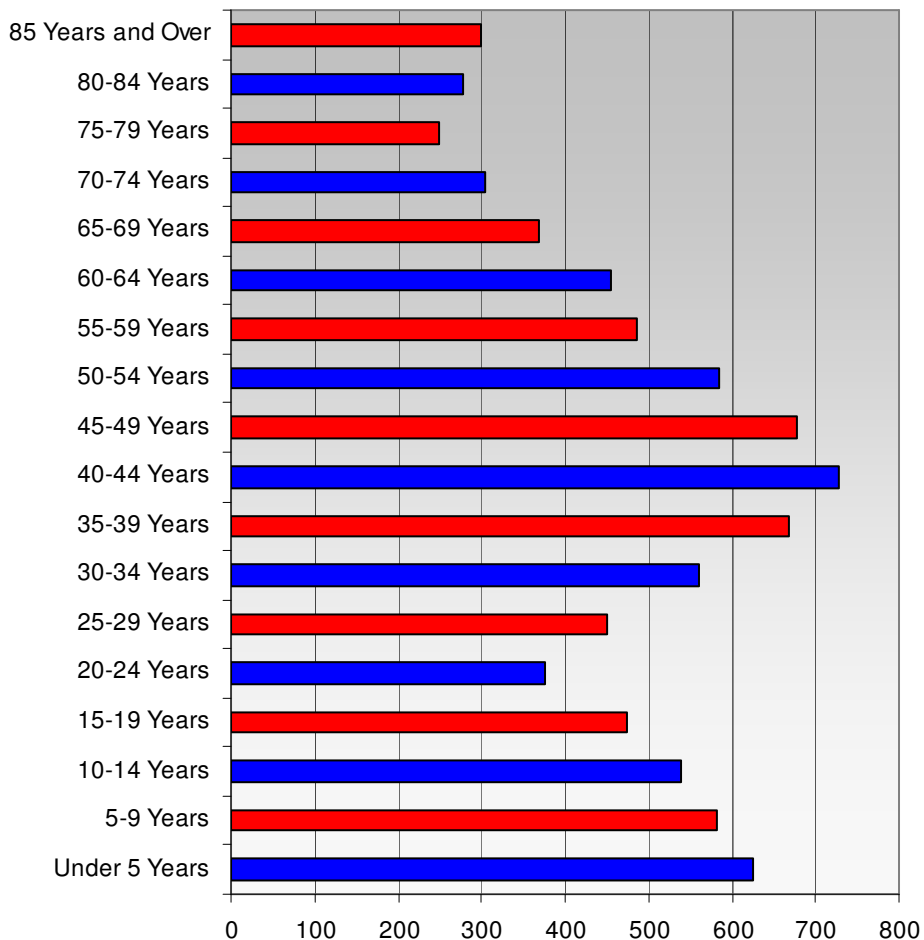
The Barrington South population aged over 65 years is 22.6 per cent compared with Christchurch as a whole at 14.8 per cent. The Somerfield and Hoon Hay South populations respectively have 12.5 and 17.9 per cent of people over 65 years of age. According to census statistics, the total population has grown from 8514 in 2006, to 8703 in 2013. Population growth in the Barrington South area was one per cent, compared with three per cent for both Somerfield and Hoon Hay South.

# Key demographics

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

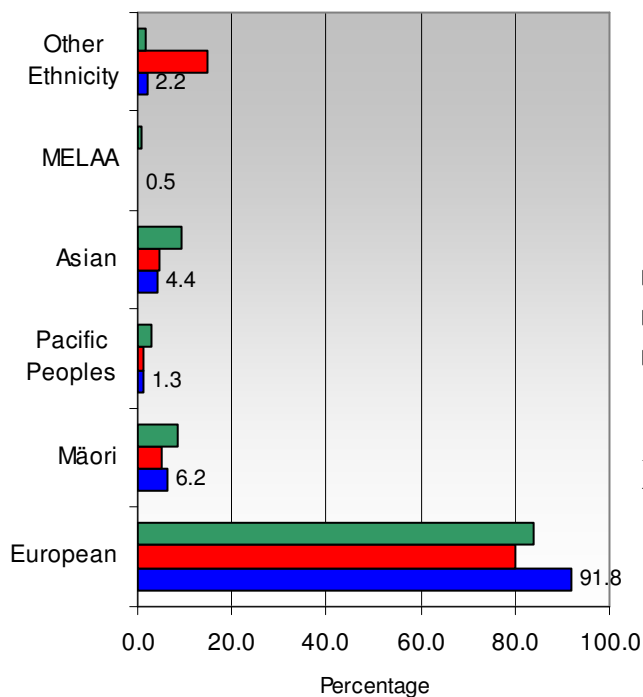


**Age for usually resident population (number of people)**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)  
**Profile Area**



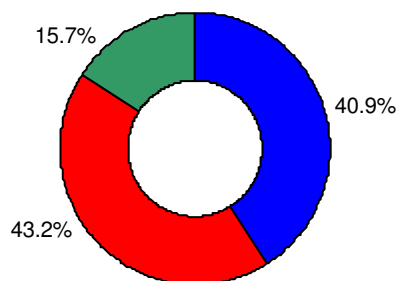
### Ethnicity for usually resident population (%)

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### Family type (%)

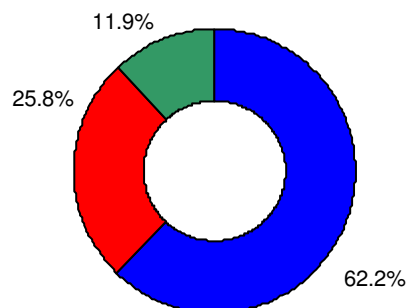
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■ Couple without children ■ Couple with child(ren)  
 ■ One parent with child(ren)

### Home ownership (%)

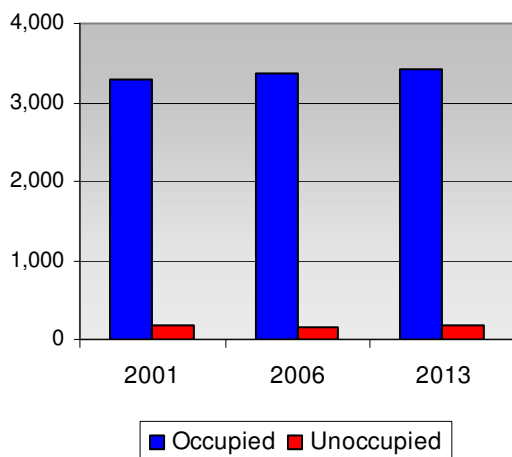
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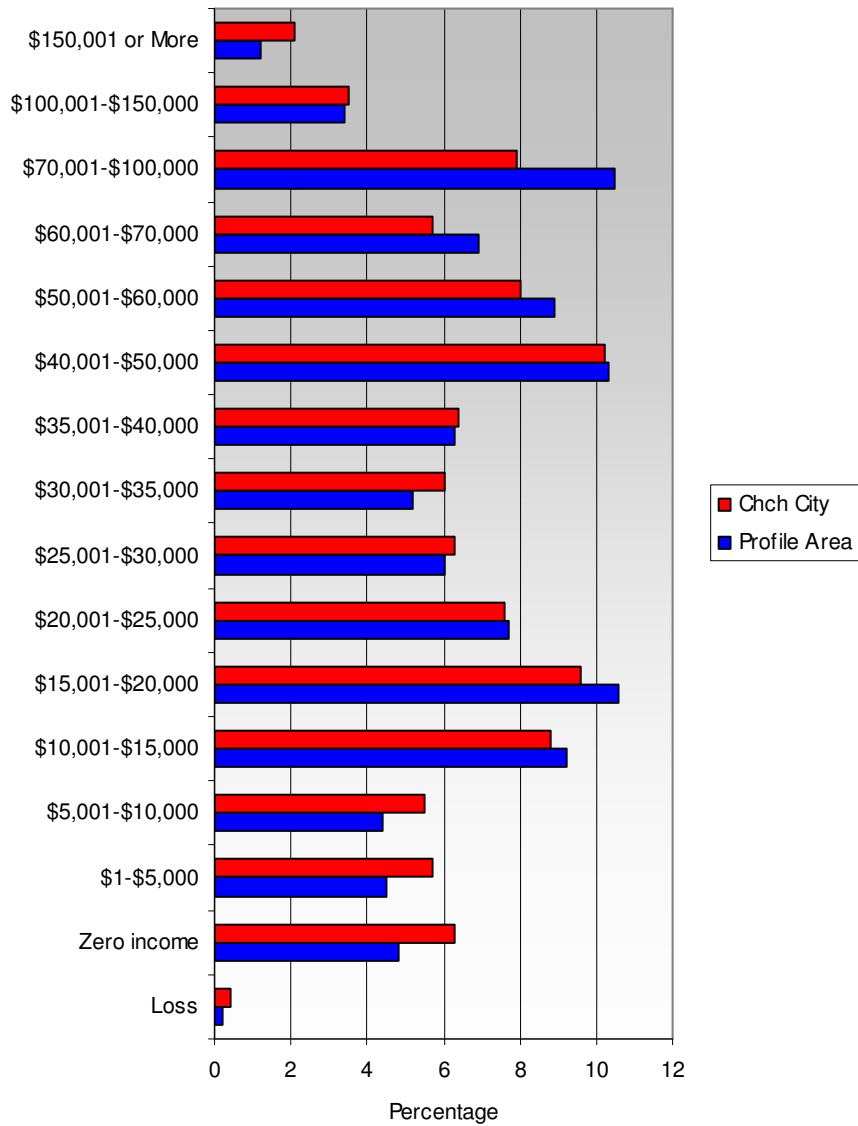
■ Dwelling owned or partly owned  
 ■ Dwelling not owned and not held in a family trust  
 ■ Dwelling held in a family trust

### Occupied and Unoccupied Dwellings

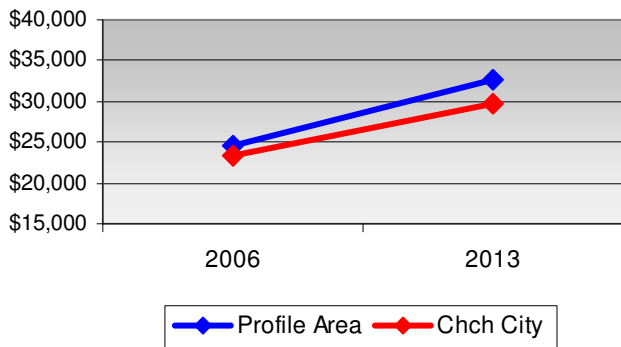
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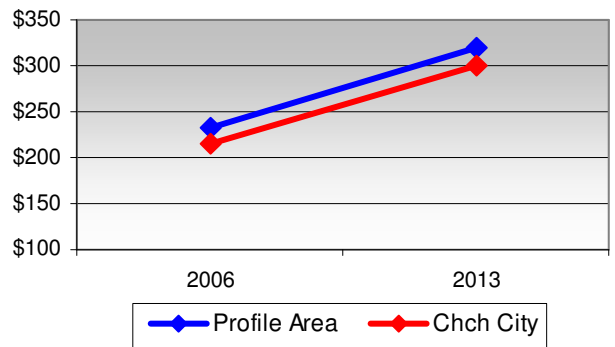
**Personal income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City**  
(Data from Statistics NZ)



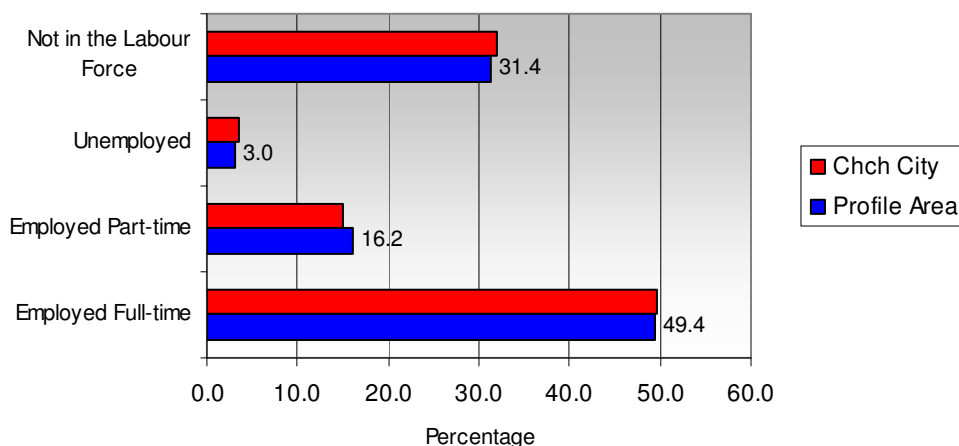
**Median Personal Income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City**  
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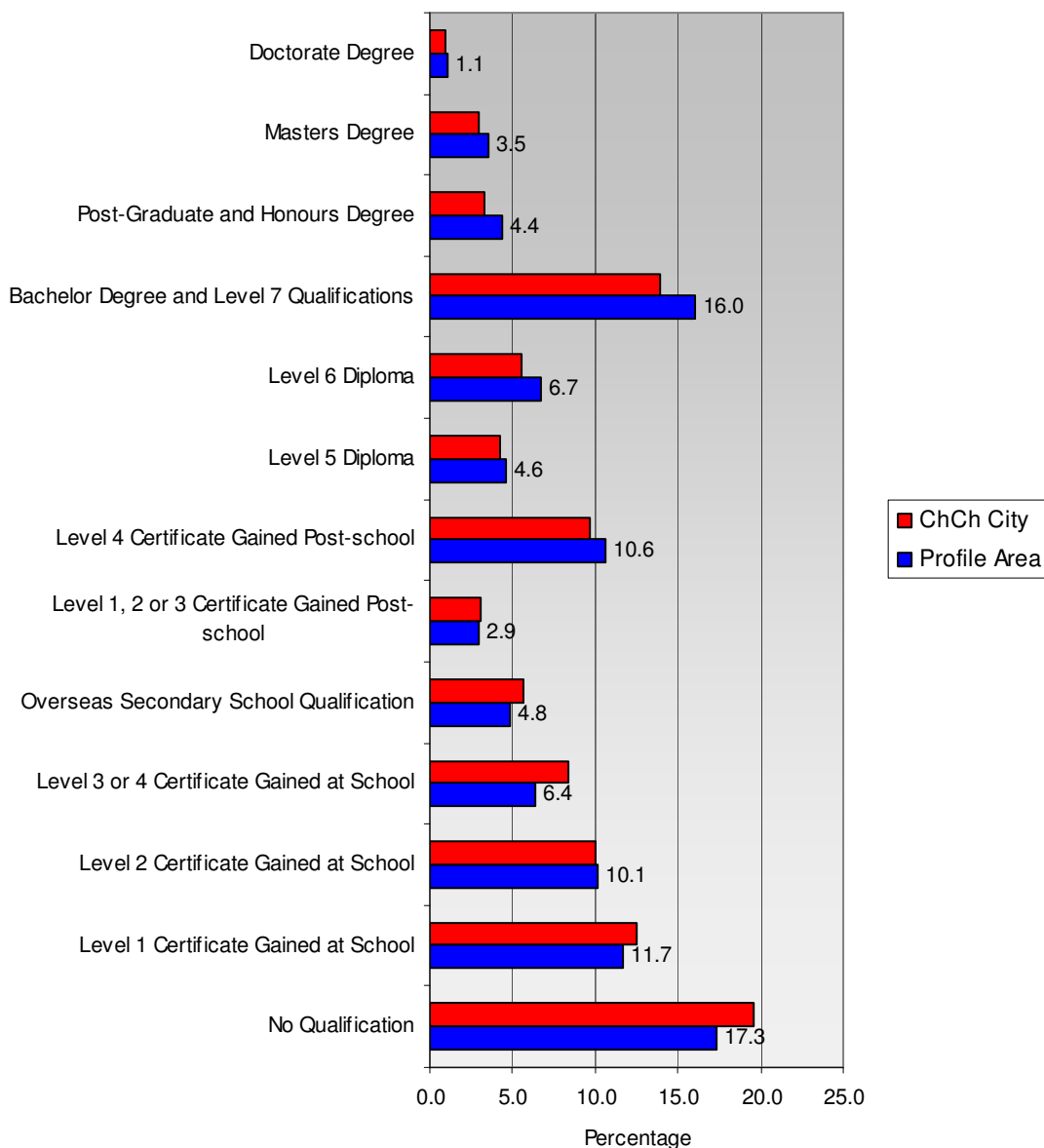
**Median Weekly Rent for rented households, in private occupied dwellings**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



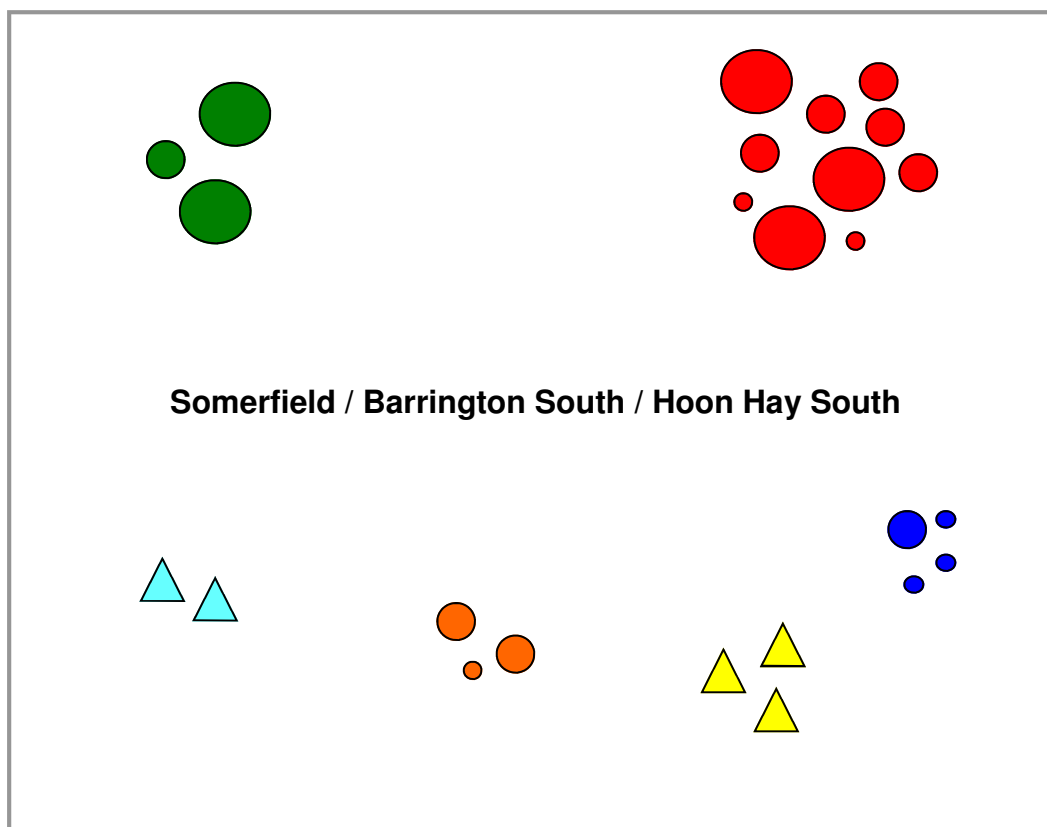
**Work and Labour Force status (%)**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



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



# Community infrastructure mapping



**Somerfield / Barrington South / Hoon Hay South**

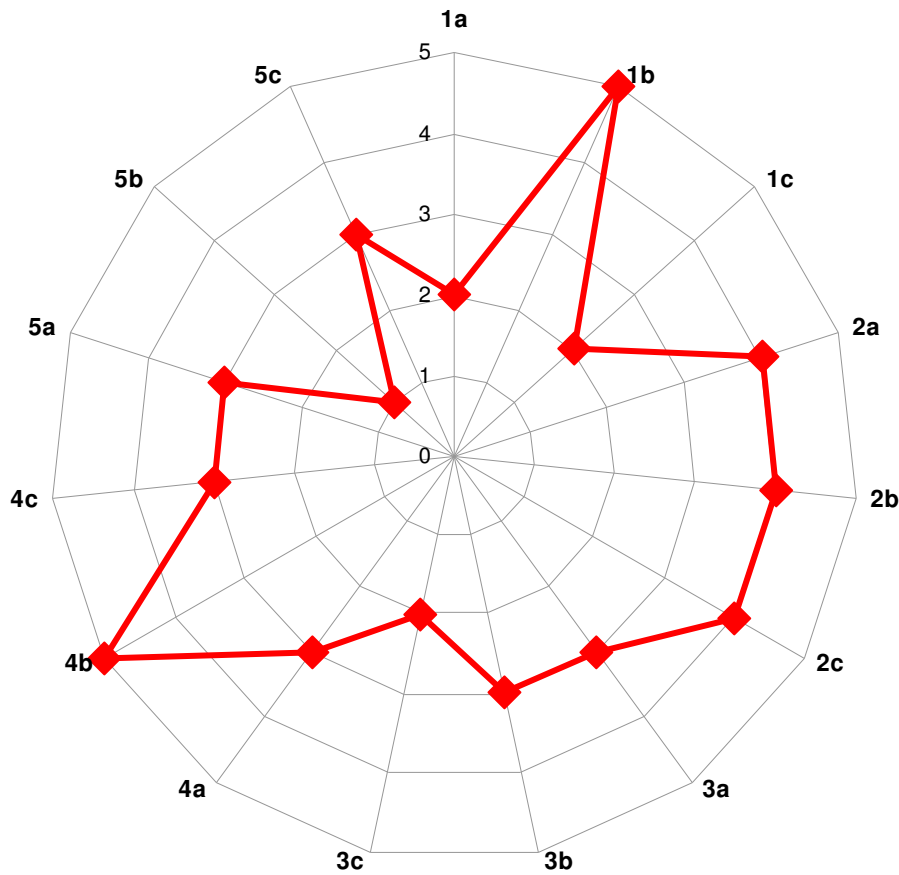
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|  Community development/support organisations |  Schools                              |
|  Sport/recreation/leisure groups             |  Community facilities (Council owned) |
|  Faith-based organisations                   |  Libraries (Council owned)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

*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 three community organisations, 10 sport/recreational/leisure groups and three church groups. The area has two residents' groups, of which only one is officially recognised, and no business associations. There are two key facilities: the Pioneer Sport and Recreation Centre, which attracts patronage from across the city and the Somerfield Community Centre, which provides a hall and small rooms for hire.

Two of the community organisations in this area cater to wider Christchurch, while one delivers in the local and neighbouring areas. Organisations with wide reach and of importance to the local community include major sports groups, such as the Cashmere Technical Football Club, and local churches. Local community organisations contribute to four Council information and liaison networks. While community development activities are modest in number, the area exhibits high volunteer and sport or social participation rates by residents. It is also worth noting that this area is bounded by two other profile areas that have higher numbers of accessible community support organisations and commercial amenities.

# Community resilience mapping



Scale: 1 = Low 5 = High

## 15 measures of resilience

### Community Support Organisations

	(rating)
<b>1a</b> # of organisations	(2)
<b>1b</b> strength of organisations	(5)
<b>1c</b> community development principles	(2)

### Volunteering

	(rating)
<b>2a</b> investment in volunteers	(4)
<b>2b</b> # of volunteer hours from Fundforce	(4)
<b>2c</b> # of volunteer hours from Census	(4)

### Connectedness

	(rating)
<b>3a</b> # of Neighbourhood Support groups	(3)
<b>3b</b> # of residents' associations	(3)
<b>3c</b> access to networking groups/forums	(2)

### Participation

	(rating)
<b>4a</b> community events	(3)
<b>4b</b> Fundforce participation rates	(1)
<b>4c</b> club membership #s	(5)

### Preparedness

	(rating)
<b>5a</b> # of Neighbourhood Support groups	(3)
<b>5b</b> # households in Neighbourhood Support	(1)
<b>5c</b> capability of groups to lead local response	(3)

**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

This profile area is home to a number of significant sports and recreation organisations, and also hosts the Pioneer Sport and Recreation Centre that attracts patronage to capacity from across the city. In contrast, there are fewer community development focussed organisations compared with nearby profile areas. The investment of volunteer and participation time by residents in the area is relatively high, suggesting this participation may be attached to recreation rather than social development, and may also occur to a significant degree in the neighbouring profile areas.

The over 65 years population is lowest in Somerfield at 12.4 per cent, higher in Hoon Hay South at 17.9 per cent, and highest in Barrington South at 22.6 per cent, which is proportionately much higher than Christchurch as a whole at 14.8 per cent. There are proportionately more preschool and primary school aged children in this area than most other areas of the city. The profile area tends to be less ethnically diverse than Christchurch as a whole, with most growth in the non European population in the Hoon Hay South neighbourhood. Apart from Barrington South, which closely matches the city statistics, residents in this profile area tend overall to have more educational qualifications than across Christchurch as a whole. The usual resident population has increased from 8514 in 2006 to 8703 in 2013.

## Built environment

Earthquake damage to residential dwellings appeared to be localised rather than widespread in this profile area. Some housing in the South Hoon Hay neighbourhood experienced major underground and infrastructure damage, and some of these homes are still awaiting ground problem resolutions. Some homes near the Ōpāwaho / Heathcote River experienced damage from ground movement and will be subject to new foundation standards when building in the future. The 2013 Census showed a modest increase in the number of unoccupied dwellings compared with some other areas.

Comprehensive under-surface infrastructure and road repairs have been completed across this profile area. Some further pipe lining work that will not create major disruptions is expected in the next few months.

The Centennial Hall, on the corner of Sparks Road and Lyttelton Street, is a public building of note in the profile area that was closed due to earthquake damage. A decision has not been made on its future. It provided a local hall hire function that is no longer available. The Council Somerfield hall in Studholme Street remains functioning as a hireable community facility. Beside Somerfield Park, the Sydenham Cemetery, which opened in 1896, is still operating and accepts ash burials and second interments but not new burials.

## Economic environment

This largely residential area was generally unaffected by earthquake-induced loss of business premises. Businesses are located in several small retail clusters, such as south Barrington Street and the intersection of Sparks Road and Hoon Hay Road, while the northern edge of this area bounds the Barrington Mall and retail hub. Local businesses have generally benefited from retail and convenience store outlet losses in other areas along with increased workforce travel to the west.

The most prevalent source of personal income in the area is from wages or salary, followed by investment returns, and then superannuation. Unemployment rates and rates of reliance on the unemployment benefit are very low. The most common job type of employed people is professional, followed by manager. Median personal incomes are above that for Christchurch as a whole in Hoon Hay South and Somerfield, but below that for Christchurch in Barrington South.

## Natural environment

The Ōpāwaho / Heathcote River runs along the southern boundary and up through the western side of this profile area. Where it flows through landscapes open to public access in the south, it provides recreational activities. In the west, apart from the Centennial Park area, it adds to the natural features of some private properties. Although the river itself has undergone some bed-depth changes, silt deposits and has not tested sufficiently well again this year to enable water-based recreation, the surrounds are undamaged and bank walkways are open. At the south-west limits of the profile area, the Cashmere



Stream joins the Ōpawaho / Heathcote River, and on the Cracroft side of the profile area boundary lies the Cashmere Stream Esplanade Reserve.

Most of the land in the area is zoned green technical category two (TC2). There are some technical category three (TC3) properties slightly more prone to liquefaction that have been subject to investigative drilling in 2013 to determine foundation and new-build standard requirements. There is some increased flooding risk identified to properties the Ōpawaho / Heathcote River flows through or beside, evidenced by recent high rainfall coupled with extraordinary tides.

Centennial Park and Somerfield Park provide sports areas, and there are four smaller green spaces providing two small reserves and two children's play areas.

# Key issues identified

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2011) Currently there is a need and opportunity for earthquake authority and expertise engagement with Rydal Street area residents living on orange-zoned land.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board provided engagement events and an informal residents' group of mutually supportive affected owners is operating.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major infrastructure and road repair works have been completed, and some residents continue to provide mutual support.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repairs and rebuilds are well into progress in this area, and neighbours continue to support each other, including new arrivals</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2011) The Pioneer Centre Learn to Swim Pool opening will relieve demand pressures on the now reduced city aquatic facilities and could benefit from more customers for other activities at the centre.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The centre is regularly booked to capacity for use of facilities, classes and the new sensory experience zone is proving popular with children.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The centre continues to provide an aquatic facility for users from across the city.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This facility has been used to capacity. Nearby schools are working to develop local swimming facilities, and future metropolitan aquatic facilities are proposed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2011) Unknown numbers of home-owners in less obviously damaged locations may need more communication or support than they are currently receiving.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public information meetings for technical category three (TC3) property householders held by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority in partnership with the community board at Cashmere and Hillmorton High Schools were attended by affected householders in this area in September and October.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the past 12 months cosmetic and under-cap repairs have been significantly progressed by the repair programme teams. Beyond this, a number of individual property issues have remained difficult for their residents.</li> <li>Earthquake Commission Dispute clinics at Beckenham Service Centre, the Residential Advisory Service for dealing with insurance problems, and the Earthquake Support Coordination Service are available to assist.</li> </ul>

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
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<ul data-bbox="150 472 639 566" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="150 472 639 566">• (2012) There is renewed interest and enquiry about local residents' group development.</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="746 472 943 501"><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul data-bbox="746 506 1382 723" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="746 506 1382 600">• Somerfield residents' group has publicly reconvened and expanded its membership base and its activities.</li> <li data-bbox="746 629 1382 723">• The newly-established Lower Cashmere Residents Group in the Barrington South census unit area is also in development.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="746 752 943 781"><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul data-bbox="746 786 1382 880" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="746 786 1382 880">• Recently developed resident groups have continued, and new resident-based groups are emerging in the Barrington area.</li> </ul>