

Participation in community education

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WHAT THIS IS ABOUT

Adult and community education programmes play a vital role in allowing access to learning for the people in our cities. It offers important opportunities for the wider community to gain knowledge, skills and confidence to participate fully in society. In recent years, on-going education and learning have become increasingly regarded as significant contributors to life enrichment and as essential requirements for competitive advantage in cities.

This indicator shows the percentage of the population aged 15 years and over who have participated in community education. Community education includes study post-secondary school, but not study for degree or higher level qualifications.

WHAT DID WE FIND?

Participation rates vary extensively across all eight cities, although all achieve higher rates than the rest of New Zealand. North Shore and Dunedin have the highest rates of participation.

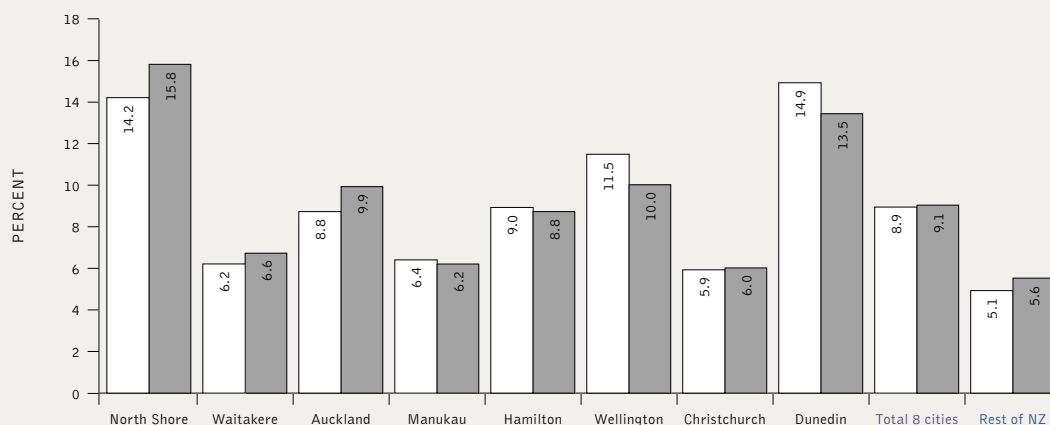
Wellington and Dunedin participation rates show a decline from 2000 to 2001, although both cities still maintain high levels of participation.

Nationally, females accounted for almost three-quarters of all enrolments in community education.

PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY EDUCATION (2000, 2001)

Data source: Ministry of Education. Percentages calculated using 2001 Census data

□ 2000 ■ 2001



There appears to be a correlation between low levels of participation in community education and low levels of people with qualifications. This is the case in, for example, Waitakere, Manukau and Christchurch.