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## **Census shows Selwyn growth**

2013 Census information confirms Selwyn District is the fastest growing area of New Zealand.

Selwyn's population grew from 33,642 to 44,595 between 2006 and 2013, a 33% increase. The average growth for New Zealand as a whole during that period was 5.3%.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe says that the population growth shown in the Census data is consistent with the high level of building activity happening in Selwyn. "Our building and resource consent staff have been incredibly busy over the past two years and are doing a good job of keeping up with the demand for services," he says.

In the year to June 2013, Selwyn District Council issued a record number of new dwelling consents – 1,084 in total, a 76% increase on the 616 consents issued the previous year.

Selwyn also experienced the strongest economic growth of any district in New Zealand in 2012, with employment growing by 9.5%, compared to the national average of 1%. 1,200 new jobs were created in the district last year.

Mayor Coe says that the Census data will help the Council to plan for the future and to advocate for new government services and facilities for the district. "We knew that our district was growing rapidly and the Census data has provided us with firm evidence of how much growth has occurred."

"As the fastest growing district in New Zealand we need to ensure that we have access to new schools, health facilities and the other services our community needs," he says.

A recent survey of residents found that 90% of people who had shifted to Selwyn reported that it was easy to move here. People who had moved to Selwyn most often came from Christchurch (55%), other areas of Canterbury or the South Island (28%) or the North Island (10%).

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