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Census data confirms Selwyn is the fastest-growing district

The latest 2023 Census data confirms Selwyn district as outpacing all other territorial authorities in New Zealand, solidifying its position as the country's fastest-growing district.

Over the past five years, Selwyn's resident population has grown from 60,561 in 2018 to 78,144 in 2023, marking an impressive 29% increase according to the 2023 Census data released today. The growth for New Zealand during that period was 6.3%.

Selwyn was ahead of Queenstown Lakes District, the next fastest-growing area, with a 22% growth in the resident population.

Mayor Sam Broughton, a strong advocate for Selwyn's growth, affirms that this surge in population underscores the district's allure as an ideal place to live, work, and raise a family.

"Waikirikiri Selwyn is a special place, and we've seen in the last few years that more and more people are waking up to that and want to take advantage of the great location, lifestyle, and amenities we have here."

The growth continues to be matched with a resilient economy, with recent figures showing employment growing by 6.1% over the year to March 2024, indicating robust job market dynamics.

"I'm delighted that Selwyn continues to be an attractive destination for business and new job opportunities. We have an exciting challenge ahead to protect the things that people treasure about our district while planning for and implementing growth. We must continue to build community and make sure we create a special place for future generations."

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