

1 Location

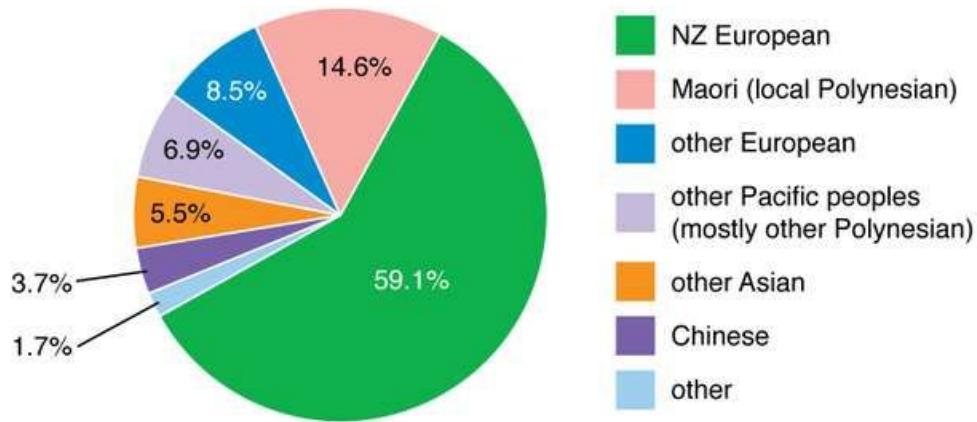


2 Ethnic groups

New Zealand has a population of around 3.5 million, of whom 13 % are Maori.



Ethnic composition (2006)



3 Food



Image: Tourism Coromandel



4 Culture features

Maori culture suffered greatly in the years of colonization and into the 20th century, and many Maori were torn between the pressure to assimilate and the desire to preserve their own culture.

kapa haka is a New Zealand Māori ritual combat dance.



5 endemic species

New Zealand also has a unique array of vegetation and animal life, much of which developed during the country's prolonged isolation.



6 Languages

The official languages are: English and Maori.

New Zealand is predominantly an English-speaking country. Virtually all Maori speak [English](#), and about one-fourth of them also speak Maori.

The presence of borrowings from the Maori language is an important feature of its national-cultural identity. Words from the Maori language were borrowed in the early stages of colonization, mainly to refer to plants, trees, animals and birds: kiwi, moa, tui, weka, takahe, pukeko, kokako, kotuku, korimako, piwakawaka — Birds, hapuka, moki, terakihi — species of fish, manuka, totara, kauri, pohutakawa, nikau, ponga, rata, matai — tree species, katipo — poisonous spider

8 Film industry

