

**1860**

Provincial census held in Hawke's Bay.

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The schedule used for Hawke's Bay's only provincial census, held in 1860. The schedule is also clearly based on the 1851 national census schedule.

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Source: Province of Hawke's Bay Census Ordinance, 1860

**1861**

The third New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings is held on Monday, 16 December.

**1862**

Provincial census held in Southland.

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**1863**

Provincial census held in Southland.

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**1864**

The fourth New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings is held on Thursday, 1 December.

**1867**

The fifth New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings is held on Thursday, 19 December.

The [Māori Representation Act 1867](#) grants Māori separate parliamentary representation.

**1871**

The sixth New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings is held on Monday, 27 February.

**1874**

The seventh New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings is held on Sunday, 1 March.

The second Māori Census is held in March.

From 1874, separate Māori censuses are conducted by the Native Department in the same years as the European censuses. The types of questions on the Māori census schedule differ from the general European schedule. Māori census collectors record details at kainga level using a common handwritten format.

A handwritten 1874 Māori Census schedule from Upper Whanganui River district records the tribe, hapū, residence, age, and sex of Māori.

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Source: Archives New Zealand

**1877**

[Census Act 1877](#) passes, creating a new requirement for censuses to be held in 1878, 1881, and every following five years.

**1878**

The eighth New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings is held on Sunday, 3 March.

The third Māori Census is held in March.

**Statistics NZ, n.d.[c]**

1886



**1881**

The ninth New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings is held on Sunday, 3 April.

The fourth Māori Census is held in April.

Some Māori census collectors use printed schedules to record details at kainga level.

An 1881 Māori census form shows the early use of printed forms.

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Source: Archives New Zealand

**1886**

The 10th New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings is held on Sunday, 28 March.

The fifth Māori Census is held in March.

Māori census collectors begin using printed registers (books) to record details for individuals.

**1891**

The 11th New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings is held on Sunday, 5 April.

The sixth Māori Census is held in February.

A system of transferring information from actual census schedules onto small cards is introduced. It enables a number of new and different tables to be made.

A data processing card, used for the 1891 Census.

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Source: Statistics NZ

**1896**

The 12th New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings is held on Sunday, 12 April.

The seventh Māori Census is held in late February and March.