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# **Migration, urbanisation and new diaspora: reflections on future migration in the Pacific**

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**Third most livable city**



# 1. Measures of wellbeing, 2010 (%)

	Satis with life	Income + \$70,000	Not suff money
Maori	83	8	23
Pacific	88	4	34
Asian	88	7	17
Euro	88	15	14
Total	87	14	16
LisNZ (w.3)	92	n.a.	29



## 2. Measures of wellbeing, 2010 (%)

	Major house prob	Safe in n'hood	Support in crisis
Maori	46	67	96
Pacific	53	57	93
Asian	35	61	90
Euro	34	69	97
Total	36	68	96
LisNZ (w.3)	n.a.	76	n.a.

### 3. Net PLT migration (000's)

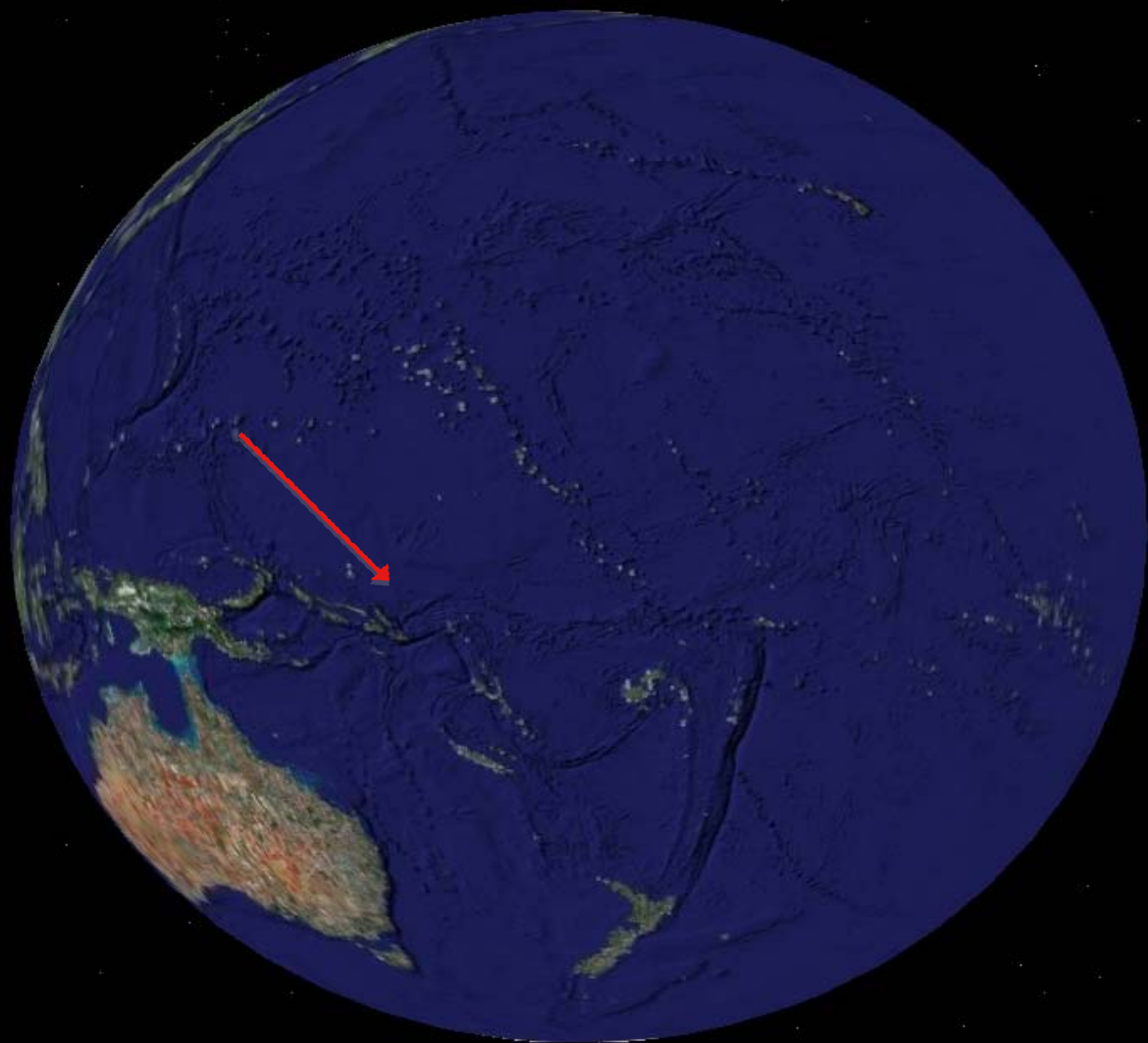
	NZ citizen	Others	Total
1952-61	-7.3	146.7	139.4
1962-71	-51.1	154.3	101.2
1972-81	-205.1	141.8	-63.3
1982-91	-185.6	107.2	-78.4
1992-01	-197.8	267.9	70.1
2002-11	-227.6	394.3	166.7

## 4. Per capita PLT migration (/000)

	NZ citizen	Others	Total
1952-61	-0.34	6.76	6.42
1962-71	-1.91	5.77	3.86
1972-81	-6.55	4.53	-2.02
1982-91	-5.69	3.28	-2.40
1992-01	-5.47	7.41	1.94
2002-11	-5.65	9.79	4.14

## 5. Population growth (millions)

Area	2010	2050	% change
Australia	22.3	31.4	40.8
New Zealand	4.4	5.7	29.5
Pacific	9.9	18.2	83.8
<b>Melanesia</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>90.8</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>6,895.9</b>	<b>9,306.1</b>	<b>35.0</b>





## 6. Urban populations (millions)

Area	2010	2050	% change
Australia	19.2	26.9	40.1
New Zealand	3.7	4.9	32.4
Pacific	2.3	6.6	186.9
<b>Melanesia</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>243.8</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>3,687.3</b>	<b>6,286.0</b>	<b>70.5</b>

## 7. Percentage urban

Area	2010	2050	change
Australia	89.1	93.8	4.7
New Zealand	86.2	90.9	4.7
Pacific	23.2	36.3	13.1
<b>Melanesia</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>14.7</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>14.0</b>

## 8. Pacific urban pops (millions)

Area	2010	2050	% change
Melanesia	1.61	5.45	238.5
Micronesia	0.39	0.64	64.1
Polynesia	0.30	0.50	66.6
Pacific	2.30	6.59	186.5
New Zealand	3.68	4.87	32.3

## 9. Percentage urban Pacific

Area	2010	2050	change
Melanesia	18.4	34.9	16.5
Micronesia	68.1	80.0	11.9
Polynesia	42.4	59.9	17.5
Pacific	23.2	36.3	13.1
New Zealand	86.2	90.9	4.7

## **10. Pacific populations ANZ, 2006**

<b>Birthplace</b>	<b>NZ</b>	<b>Aust</b>	<b>ANZ</b>
<b>Melanesia</b>	<b>41,200</b>	<b>75,800</b>	<b>117,000</b>
<b>Micronesia</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>2,300</b>
<b>Polynesia</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>29,500</b>	<b>125,500</b>
<b>Pacific-born</b>	<b>138,400</b>	<b>106,400</b>	<b>244,800</b>
<b>Pacific eth/an</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>430,000</b>



## 11. Pacific-born in NZ

Area	1945	1971	2006
Melanesia	1,280	5,730	41,180
Micronesia	20	...	1,200
Polynesia	1,730	25,170	96,040
Pacific	3,030	30,900	138,420
% Polynesia	57.3	81.5	69.4

## 12. Pacific-born in Australia

Area	1947	1971	2006
Melanesia	3,200	14,700	75,800
Micronesia	30	500	1,100
Polynesia	1,400	1,500	29,500
Pacific	4,730	16,700	106,400
% Melanesia	67.6	88.0	70.9

## 13. Pacific-born NZ citizens in Australia, 2006

Area	Tot Pac brn	NZ citz	% NZ c
Melanesia	75,800	1,500	2.0
Micronesia	1,100	10	0.9
Polynesia	29,500	11,100	37.6
<b>Pacific</b>	<b>106,400</b>	<b>12,610</b>	<b>11.9</b>
<b>% Polynesia</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>...</b>

# **A context: Pacific futures**

- ❖ **A “youth bulge” and a “demographic dividend”? Futures for islands experiencing significant social and structural change in their populations.**
- ❖ **Urbanisation without industrialization? Futures for families in towns without much formal sector employment growth.**
- ❖ **Education for what sorts of work? Futures for educated islanders in local and overseas towns.**

# **Futures for youth?**

**In 2004 a group of Pacific leaders strongly advised everyone to:**

**“Listen to the needs and aspirations of the burgeoning population of young people in the region, and recognise the impact of bigger and more youthful populations on the resources required for education and vocational training, healthcare and job opportunities”**



## Two recent reports

- ❖ **UNICEF (2011) *State of the Pacific Youth Report, 2011: Opportunities and Obstacles*, UNICEF and SPC, Noumea**
- ❖ **C. Noble, N. Pereira and N. Saune (2011) *Urban Youth in the Pacific. Increasing Resilience and Reducing Risk for Involvement in Crime and Violence*, USP/UNDP, Suva**

# Youth populations, 2011 (%)

Area	0-14	15-24	0-24
Melanesia	36.7	19.6	56.3
Micronesia	31.1	19.1	50.2
Polynesia	31.4	19.5	50.9
New Zealand	24.5	16.3	40.8
Australia	26.6	17.8	44.4

# Youth populations, 2050

Age group	Melanesia	NZ	Australia
0-14 (%)	26.0	18.2	15.1
15-24 (%)	16.6	11.9	9.7
0-24 (%)	42.4	30.1	24.8
0-24 (millions)	7.07	1.71	9.18

# **A skilled workforce**

**With regard to unlocking the unrealised potential of the Pacific, John Key argued at the Pacific Forum meeting in September 2011:**

**“We need to work harder to get kids into school in the Pacific region, and teach them skills they need to succeed and contribute to the economy. We also need to help adults learn new skills.**

**It is vital that we have a skilled workforce to help us grow our economies.”**

# **Skills to succeed where?**

- ❖ **Skills and aspirations for work in villages? In Pacific towns? Overseas?**
- ❖ **A long history of aspirations for education – Samoans in NZ in the 1960s; Seasonal workers – remittances for education?**
- ❖ **New futures for agriculture? Issues of overseas markets and networks.**
- ❖ **Employment opportunities in small towns?**



# **Urbanisation and international migration**

**The urbanisation of Europe was accompanied by very significant international migration. The urbanisation of Polynesia and Micronesia has been accompanied by significant international migration to the Pacific rim. Will the urbanisation of Melanesia follow the same pathway?**

**It seems inevitable that increased levels of education and the broadening of the skill base for Pacific populations generally and Melanesian populations in particular will generate increasing international mobility.**

# **Arrival cities on the Pacific rim**

**For several decades major arrival cities for Polynesians and Melanesian Fijians on the Pacific rim have been Auckland, Honolulu, Los Angeles and Sydney.**

**Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Sydney and Auckland will be important arrival cities for Melanesians from PNG, Solomons and Vanuatu over the coming decades.**

**Initially it will be increases in short-term visitors, students and seasonal workers. Longer-term it will be skilled migrants and their families coming to live.**

# **A watershed in the migration system?**

- ❖ **The emergence of PNG as a destination for Melanesian migrants?**
- ❖ **Queensland as the premier overseas destination for Melanesians?**
- ❖ **A Melanesian majority in New Zealand's Pacific population by 2050?**
- ❖ **Overseas migration rates in western Melanesia by 2050 that are similar to Fiji's in 2010?**

# PLT migration, 2002-11

Area	Arrivals	Departs	Net
Melanesia	27,160	8,120	18,990
Micronesia	630	410	1,200
Polynesia	26,230	17,210	9,020
Pacific	54,020	25,790	28,230
% Melanesia	50.3	31.7	67.3

# Residence visa approvals 2002-11

Area	2002-6	2007-11	% chng
Melanesia	13,136	15,054	14.3
Micronesia	482	682	41.5
Polynesia	17,714	14,394	-18.7
Pacific	31,332	30,130	-3.8
% Melanesia	41.9	49.9	8.0



# Pacific-born in NZ

Area	1986	2006	2026
Melanesia	8,400	41,200	121,200
Micronesia	200	1,200	4,100
Polynesia	64,100	96,000	130,400
Pacific	72,700	138,400	255,700
% Melanesia	11.5	29.6	47.4

## **Two recent reviews**

- ❖ **J. Hayes et al. (2010) *Inquiry into New Zealand's Relationships with South Pacific Countries*, Report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, 49<sup>th</sup> Parliament, Wellington**
- ❖ **R. Heer and A. Bergin (2011) *Our Near Abroad. Australia and Pacific Islands Regionalism*. Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Canberra**

# Next steps

- ❖ **Mega-trends and Pacific migration futures**
- ❖ **A scenario approach to understanding migration futures in the Pacific**
- ❖ **The Oxford migration scenarios project**  
[www.imi.ox.ac.uk/research-projects/global-migration-futures](http://www.imi.ox.ac.uk/research-projects/global-migration-futures)
- ❖ **A collaboration with the Oxford team – links with the Australian and NZ governments' recent prioritisation of the Pacific as a focus for development assistance.**