

Riccarton Area Unit Demographic Information

Information prepared for the Central Riccarton Resident's Association by the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Governance and Support Team.

The Riccarton Area Unit is in the Riccarton ward of the Christchurch City Territorial Authority.

Maps of the area



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Population and dwellings

Number of people counted

- 4,068 people usually live in Riccarton Area Unit. This is an increase of 273 people, or 7.2 percent, since the 2006 Census.
- Riccarton Area Unit has 1.2 percent of Christchurch City's population.

Population of Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City 2013 Census

Sex	Riccarton Area Unit	Christchurch City
Male	1,959	167,832
Female	2,109	173,640
Total people	4,068	341,472

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Note: All figures are for the census usually resident population count.

Number of dwellings counted

- There are 1,581 occupied dwellings and 126 unoccupied dwellings in the Riccarton Area Unit.
- For Christchurch City as a whole, there are 131,010 occupied dwellings and 17,784 unoccupied dwellings.
- There were 12 dwellings under construction in the Riccarton Area Unit, and 765 under construction in Christchurch City.

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

Picton Reserve

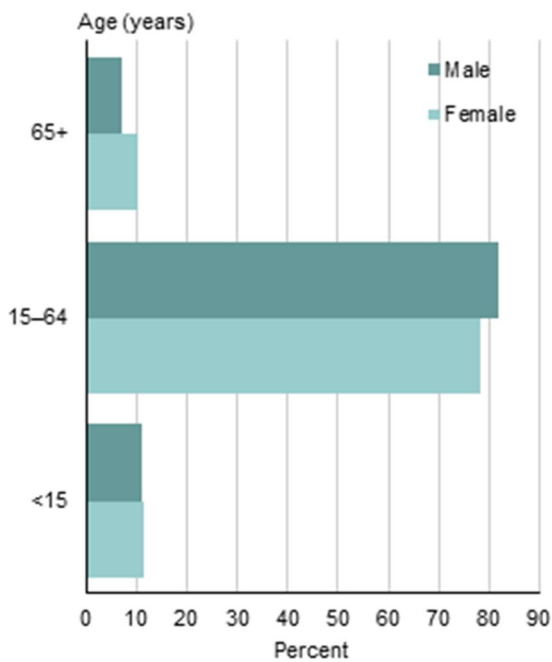
Three adjoining properties were purchased for the reserve in 1999. This land was transformed in 2002 into a reserve with a number of special water features, a pumping station and three well heads which supply water to houses in the surrounding area. The design theme highlights the different ways water is treated and used.

Age and sex

Total population

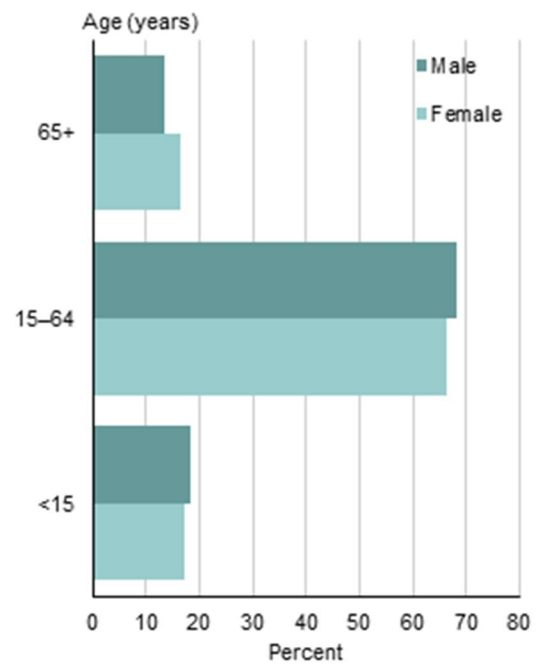
- The median age (half are younger, and half older, than this age) is 27.7 years for people in the Riccarton Area Unit. The median age in Christchurch City is 38.6 years.
- 8.8 percent of people in the Riccarton Area Unit are aged 65 years and over, compared with 15.0 percent of the total Christchurch City population.
- 11.3 percent of people are aged under 15 years in the Riccarton Area Unit, compared with 17.8 percent for all of Christchurch City.

*Broad age group and sex of people
Riccarton Area Unit
2013 Census*



Source: Statistics New Zealand

*Broad age group and sex of people
Christchurch City
2013 Census*



Source: Statistics New Zealand

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

Mandeville Reserve

The reserve was donated to the citizens of Riccarton Borough by John Heaton Rhodes (1888-1960), a lawyer and chairman of the Christchurch Press Company Ltd. for 24 years. He was the last owner of Oakford, a house on eight acres on this site. The house was demolished in 1965.

Ethnic groups

- The most common ethnic group in the Riccarton Area Unit is European, however notably the Riccarton Area Unit has a higher proportion of peoples identifying as being of Asian ethnicity.

<i>Ethnic groups in Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City</i>		
2013 Census		
Ethnic group ⁽¹⁾	Riccarton Area Unit (percent)	Christchurch City (percent)
European	61.3	83.9
Māori	5.7	8.5
Pacific peoples	2.8	3.1
Asian	32.1	9.4
Middle Eastern, Latin American, African	2.7	1.0
Other ethnicity	1.6	1.9

1. Includes all people who stated each ethnic group, whether as their only ethnic group or as one of several. Where a person reported more than one ethnic group, they have been counted in each applicable group. As a result percentages do not add up to 100.

Breakdown of Asian ethnicities in the Riccarton Area Unit

Total People – Asian 1209

(Note: nfd = no further definition)

Southeast Asian nfd	3	Sinhalese	3
Filipino	231	Japanese	30
Cambodian	24	Korean	177
Vietnamese	9	Afghani	3
Burmese	3	Bangladeshi	0
Indonesian	9	Nepalese	21
Laotian	0	Pakistani	15
Malay	12	Eurasian	3
Thai	12	Asian nec	18
Chinese nfd	381	Sri Lankan nfd	18
Malaysian Chinese	12	Southeast Asian nfd	3
Taiwanese	15	Filipino	231
Indian nfd	183	Cambodian	24
Fijian Indian	6	Asian nfd	27

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

Bergman's Stream

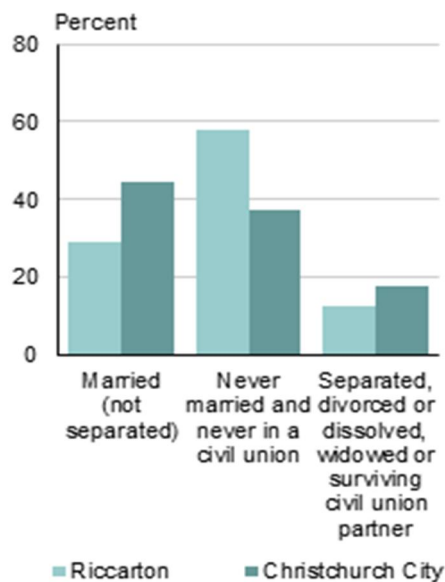
Named to recognise and acknowledge the Bergman family. Runs through the Picton Reserve in Riccarton. G. C. Bergman requested the naming on behalf of his parents. Named in 1999.

Relationship status

Total population aged 15 years and over

- 57.9 percent of people aged 15 years and over living in the Riccarton Area Unit have never married, 29.3 percent are married, and 12.8 percent are separated, divorced or widowed.
- 23.6 percent of people in the Riccarton Area Unit aged 15 years and over who have never been married live with a partner.

*Legally registered relationship status for people aged 15 years and over
Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City
2013 Census*



Source: Statistics New Zealand

Note: Total population figures are for the census usually resident population count.

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

Clarence Street

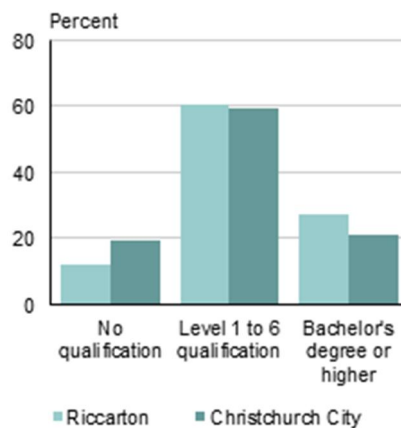
Formerly Pigeon's Lane. Named after Alfred Pigeon (1824-1893). Re-named Clarence Road, later Street. The name is derived from the honour of Clare in Suffolk (an honour is the estate of a tenant-in-chief of the Crown). Pigeon owned a farm in 1858 which ran from Riccarton Road to Lincoln Road. He also owned a wine and spirit store in Cashel Street. Pigeon's Lane is first mentioned in the Star in 1881. Re-named Clarence Road in 1895 at the request of "Messrs Brown, Bell, Croll, Ruddenklau and others". Became Clarence Street in 1946.

Qualifications

Total population aged 15 years and over

- 87.9 percent of people aged 15 years and over in the Riccarton Area Unit have a formal qualification, compared with 80.4 percent in Christchurch City.
- In the Riccarton Area Unit, 27.2 percent of people aged 15 years and over held a bachelor's degree or higher as their highest qualification, compared with 21.1 percent for Christchurch City as a whole.

*Highest qualification for people aged 15 years and over
Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City
2013 Census*



Note: Level 1 to 6 qualification category includes level 1 to 4 certificates, level 5 and 6 diploma and overseas secondary school qualification.
Source: Statistics New Zealand

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

Wharenui School Memorial Gates

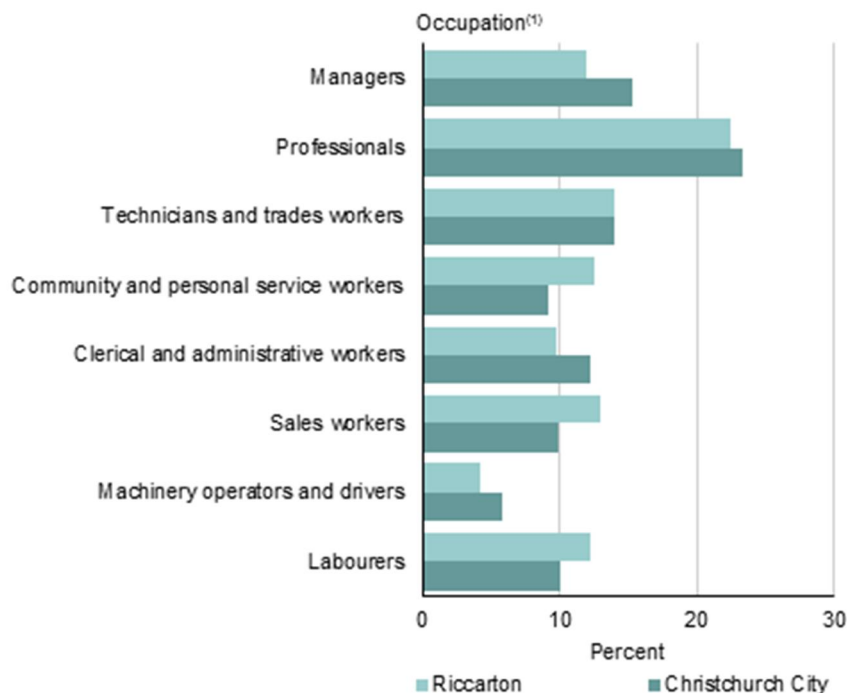
Dedicated on Sunday, 23 April 1922 to the memory of old boys of the school who died during World War I. Herbert H. Johnston: Private Herbert Haigh Johnston (b. 1894-killed in action, France, 25 August 1918); Percy J. Lowe: Corporal Percival John Sherbrook Lowe (killed in action, France, 29 September 1918); James Archibald: Private James Archibald (killed in action, France, 7 June 1917); Albert T. C. Henery: Private Albert Thomas Courtney Henery (killed in action, France, 12 October 1917); Harry J. Ormandy: Rifleman Harry James Ormandy (b. 1898?-died of disease UK, 7 November 1918).

Work

Total population aged 15 years and over

- The unemployment rate in the Riccarton Area Unit is 6.3 percent for people aged 15 years and over, compared with 5.1 percent for all of Christchurch City.
- The most common occupational group in the Riccarton Area Unit is 'professionals', and 'professionals' is the most common occupational group in Christchurch City.

*Occupation for employed people aged 15 years and over
Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City
2013 Census*



1. Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO V1.1).
Source: Statistics New Zealand

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

Hall's Township

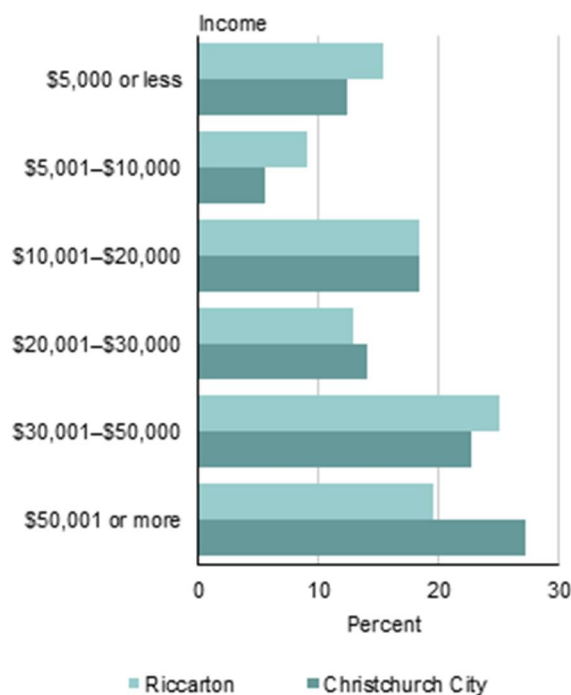
Named after Henry Joseph Hall (1837- 1897). The area covered Nelson Street, Elizabeth Street, Marlborough Street and Picton Avenue from Riccarton Road to the south side of Dilworth Street, and from Alma Street to the southern end of Picton Avenue which in 1897 extended only a short way off Riccarton Road. An early Riccarton suburb. Hall was chairman of the Riccarton Road Board. Hall's Township is first mentioned in The Press in 1901.

Income

Total population aged 15 years and over

- For people aged 15 years and over, the median income (half earn more, and half less, than this amount) in the Riccarton Area Unit is \$25,000. This compares with a median of \$29,800 for all of Christchurch City.
- 42.7 percent of people aged 15 years and over in the Riccarton Area Unit have an annual income of \$20,000 or less, compared with 36.3 percent of people for Christchurch City as a whole.
- In the Riccarton Area Unit, 19.3 percent of people aged 15 years and over have an annual income of more than \$50,000, compared with 27.1 percent of people in Christchurch City.

*Total personal income for people aged 15 years and over
Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City
2013 Census*



Source: Statistics New Zealand

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

Windmill Shopping Centre

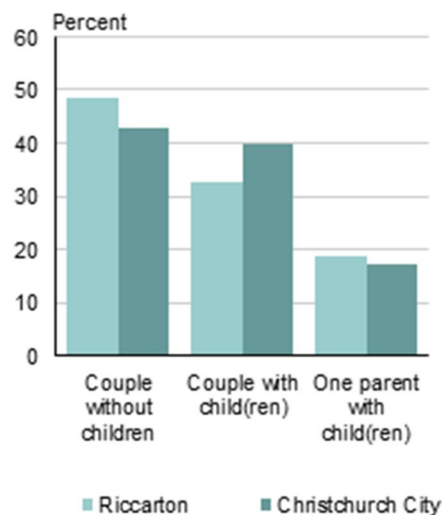
The developer, a Mr Smith, owned a farm that had a windmill on it. He decided to bring it to town and use it as the theme for his development. Riccarton The shopping centre was opened in 1983.

Families

Family type

- Couples with children make up 32.7 percent of all families in the Riccarton Area Unit, while couples without children make up 48.4 percent of all families.
- In Christchurch City, couples with children make up 39.8 percent of all families, while couples without children make up 42.8 percent of all families.
- 18.9 percent of families in the Riccarton Area Unit are one parent with children families, while one parent with children families make up 17.4 percent of families for Christchurch City as a whole.

*Family type
Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City
2013 Census*



Source: Statistics New Zealand

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

Walker Settlement

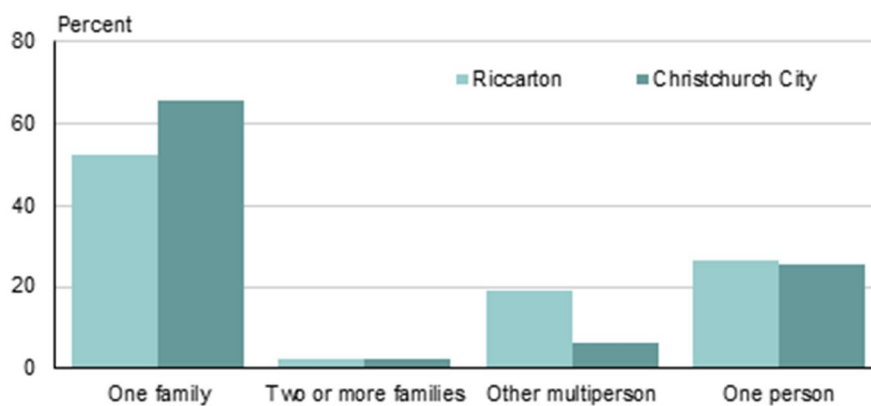
Named after William Campbell Walker (1837- 1904). This was the Mandeville Street area. Walker was a speaker of the Legislative Council and Governor of Canterbury College and a former owner of this land. An early state housing project designed to provide homes for workers. These type of settlements were created under the Workers' Dwelling Act 1905. Applications for the dwellings were received at the District Lands Office until 31 August 1909.

Households

Household composition

- One-family households make up 52.3 percent of all households in the Riccarton Area Unit. For Christchurch City as a whole, one-family households make up 65.6 percent of all households.
- In the Riccarton Area Unit, there are 390 one-person households making up 26.4 percent of all households. In Christchurch City, one-person households make up 25.6 percent of all households.
- The average household size in the Riccarton Area Unit is 2.6 people, compared with an average of 2.5 people per household for all of Christchurch City.

*Household composition
Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City
2013 Census*



Source: Statistics New Zealand

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

Wharenui Settlement

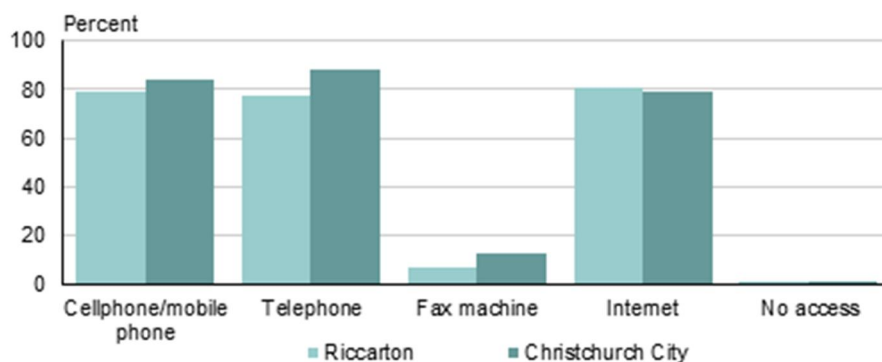
Named because early Māori in their journeys to and from the West Coast stayed in the district to catch eels and obtain food. For that reason it was known to them as wharenui or the big house. Riccarton A government village settlement, opened up from grazing land for workingmen's home allotments under the Land for Settlements Act 1894.

Phone, fax, and Internet

Access to phones, fax machines, and Internet

- 80.3 percent of households in the Riccarton Area Unit have access to the Internet, compared with 79.2 percent of households in Christchurch City.
- In the Riccarton Area Unit, 78.9 percent of households have access to a cellphone, compared with 84.2 percent of households for Christchurch City as a whole.

*Access to phones, fax machines, and Internet
Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City
2013 Census*



Note: Households can access more than one type of telecommunication device. Therefore percentages do not add up to 100.
Source: Statistics New Zealand

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

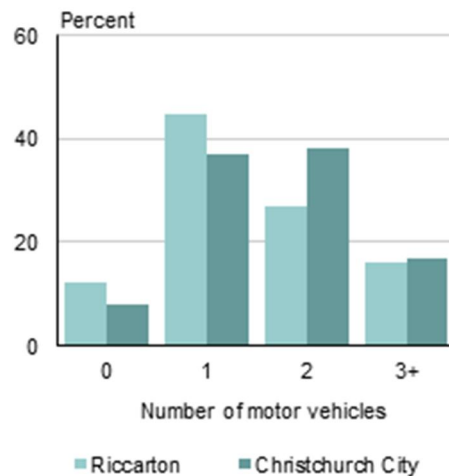
Division Street

Named because it marked the boundary between the jurisdictions of the Riccarton Road Board and the Selwyn County Council. "The division road" is first mentioned in the Star in 1877 when the Avon Road Board discussed taking it over as a public road. First appears in street directories in 1904.

Access to motor vehicles

- 16.2 percent of households in the Riccarton Area Unit have access to three or more motor vehicles, compared with 16.9 percent of all households in Christchurch City.

*Access to motor vehicles
Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City
2013 Census*



Note: Some percentages may be too small to show on graph.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Note: All figures are for households in occupied private dwellings. Some percentages may be too small to show on graph.

Main means of travel to work

- The most common means of travel to work on census day for people in the Riccarton Area Unit was driving a private car, truck or van (55.4 percent of people who travelled to work used this form of transport).
- This was followed by walking or jogging (14.4 percent) and bicycle (8.4 percent).
- For Christchurch City as a whole, the most common means of travel to work was driving a private car, truck or van, followed by driving a company car, truck or van and bicycle.

Riccarton Area Historical Fact

Dilworth Street

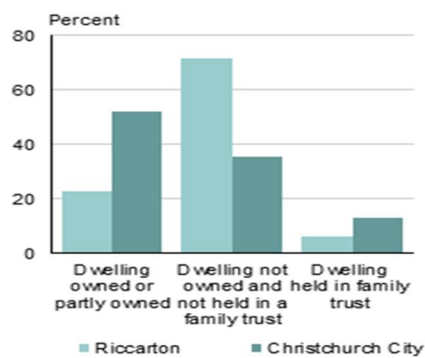
Named after James Dilworth (1815- 1894). Dilworth was a farmer, investor, speculator and philanthropist. First mentioned in The Press in 1901. First appears in street directories in 1908.

Housing

Home ownership

- In the Riccarton Area Unit, 28.8 percent of households in occupied private dwellings owned the dwelling or held it in a family trust.
- For Christchurch City as a whole, 64.8 percent of households in occupied private dwellings owned the dwelling or held it in a family trust.
- For households in the Riccarton Area Unit who rented the dwelling that they lived in, the median weekly rent paid was \$320. This compared with \$300 for Christchurch City.
- Of the 960 rented dwellings in the Riccarton Area Unit, 807 of these are owned by a private landlord, 39 by the local authority and 33 by Housing New Zealand.

*Home ownership by household
Riccarton Area Unit and Christchurch City
2013 Census*



Source: Statistics New Zealand

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Building consents

Building consent data for the year ended December 2013 showed that:

- The total number of building consents issued for dwellings, including apartments, in the Riccarton Area Unit was 13.
- The total number of building consents issued for apartments in the Riccarton Area Unit was 0.
- The total value of residential building work in the Riccarton Area Unit was \$3,194,889.
- The total value of non-residential building work in the Riccarton Area Unit was \$3,981,500.

Note: Building consent data is obtained from all accredited building consent authorities (ie territorial authorities) and is compiled if the building consent issued is valued over \$5000.

Information sourced from Statistics New Zealand and Christchurch City Libraries.

Business

Business demographics

Business demographic data for the year ended February 2013 showed that:

- There were 874 business locations (geographic units) in Riccarton Area Unit compared with 37,434 for all of Christchurch City. This is an increase of 26.7 percent from the year ended February 2006 for Riccarton Area Unit.
- There were 6,380 paid employees in Riccarton Area Unit compared with 186,880 for all of Christchurch City. This is an increase of 44.0 percent from the year ended February 2006 for Riccarton Area Unit.

<i>Top five industries in Riccarton Area Unit</i>				
<i>By employee count</i>				
<i>For year ended February 2013</i>				
Industry (ANZSIC06) ⁽¹⁾	Riccarton Area Unit		Christchurch City	
	Employee count	Percent of total employee count	Employee Count	Percent of total employee count
Retail trade	2,040	32.0	19,960	10.7
Administrative and support services	870	13.6	10,910	5.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	830	13.0	14,630	7.8
Accommodation and food services	760	11.9	11,350	6.1
Financial and insurance services	390	6.1	3,990	2.1

1. Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 2006 (ANZSIC06 V1.0).

Note: Table may not show five industries as not all area units have five industries within their boundaries. Some area units may have more than one industry with the same employee count but the table has been restricted to five industries.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Note: Business demographic data is sourced from a register of economically significant businesses which is maintained by Statistics New Zealand. See data quality information on business demographics.

Employee count data has been randomly rounded. Individual figures may not add up to totals, and values for the same data may vary in different text, tables and graphs. For areas with small populations, the data may not look as expected because of this rounding.