

The 1843 Nelson Census

Population of the Town of Nelson 1,805



Population of the Country Districts 1,137



Births 211



Of these one (female) was illegitimate, four were still born, and six were twins

Deaths 67



Of whom two were dying when landed and several hopelessly ill. Two infants died without medical aid; two adults were killed by accident; four infants were premature; and of the whole a great majority were under the age of seven years. This does not include six persons drowned or the 22 killed at Wairau.

Married couples	617	Church of England	1515
Single men 19yrs+	196	Other	1200
Single women 15yrs+	130	Roman Catholic	189
Widowers	23	Unknown	35
Widows	24	Jews	3

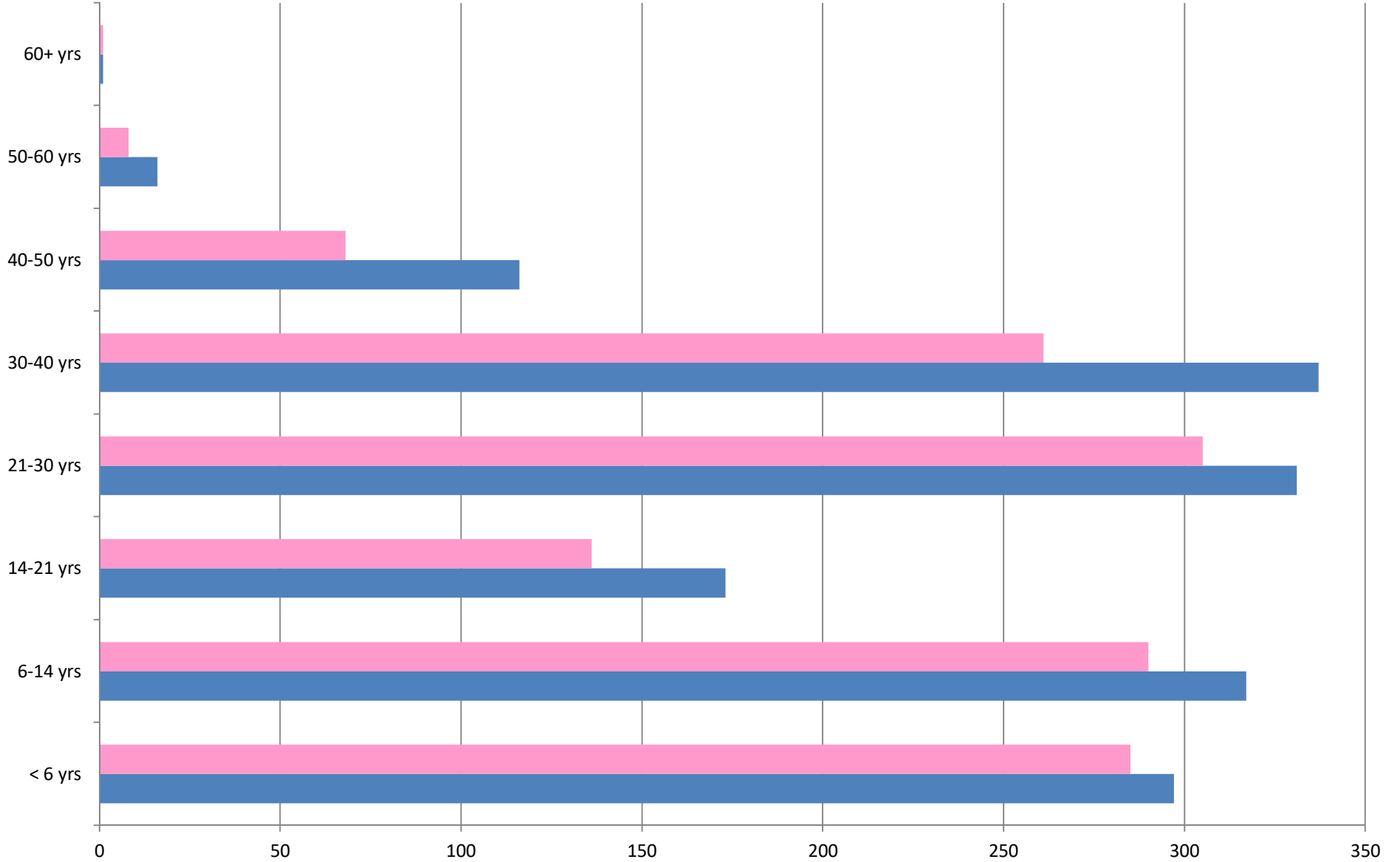
Farm labourers	323
Artisans – carpenters, bricklayers, smiths	272
Storekeepers – bakers, butchers, tailors	132
Farmers	83
Domestic Servants (two are male)	83
Merchants & Traders	16
Lawyers	7
Medical Practitioners	7
Clergymen & Priests	4

Pigs	1152	Customs Revenue	£3,105 12s 6d
Sheep	1130	Spirits (60%)	£1,848 5s 3d
Cattle	560	Ad Valorem (20%)	£684 18s 6d
Goats	117	Tobacco (16%)	£498 17s 6d
Horses	42	Cigars & Snuffs (4%)	£103 11s

Imports from:	£24,592 Total
British Colonies and Ports of NZ (64%)	£15,472
Foreign States (20%)	£5,089
Great Britain (16%)	£3,761
Exports to British Colonies & Ports NZ	£249 (99%)

Sources: Nelson Examiner and NZ Chronicle 16 Dec 1843; Statistics of Nelson 1843 to 1854 (Statistics NZ)

Age Distribution of Nelson Town & County Population in 1843



	< 6 yrs	6-14 yrs	14-21 yrs	21-30 yrs	30-40 yrs	40-50 yrs	50-60 yrs	60+ yrs
Females	285	290	136	305	261	68	8	1
Males	297	317	173	331	337	116	16	1