

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND VITAL STATISTICS



Total estimated population for September quarter 2009 was 23,600 showing an increase of 4.9% when compared to previous quarter. Total resident population is currently estimated at 13,000. The increase in visitor arrivals was due to the sporting events held in Rarotonga, that is the World Youth Netball and the Pacific Mini Games during the months of August and September.



Total births recorded for this quarter was 62, tracking at the same trend when compared to September 2008 but fell by 11.4% compared to last quarter. The quarterly crude birth rate (number of births per 1000 population) stood at 4.8, approximately 5 children born to every thousand population.



Total deaths for this quarter increased by 20% when compared to last quarter, giving an average of 6 deaths per month. The quarterly crude death rate (number of deaths per 1000 population) stood at 1.4 approximately 1 death to every thousand population. There were no Infant deaths registered in this quarter.



Of the 191 marriages officiated this quarter, over 90% (174) were for non-residents and 9% (17) were for Cook Islands residents. A South Seas wedding is very popular with visitors to the South Pacific. Rarotonga is a favourite choice because of its low cost.

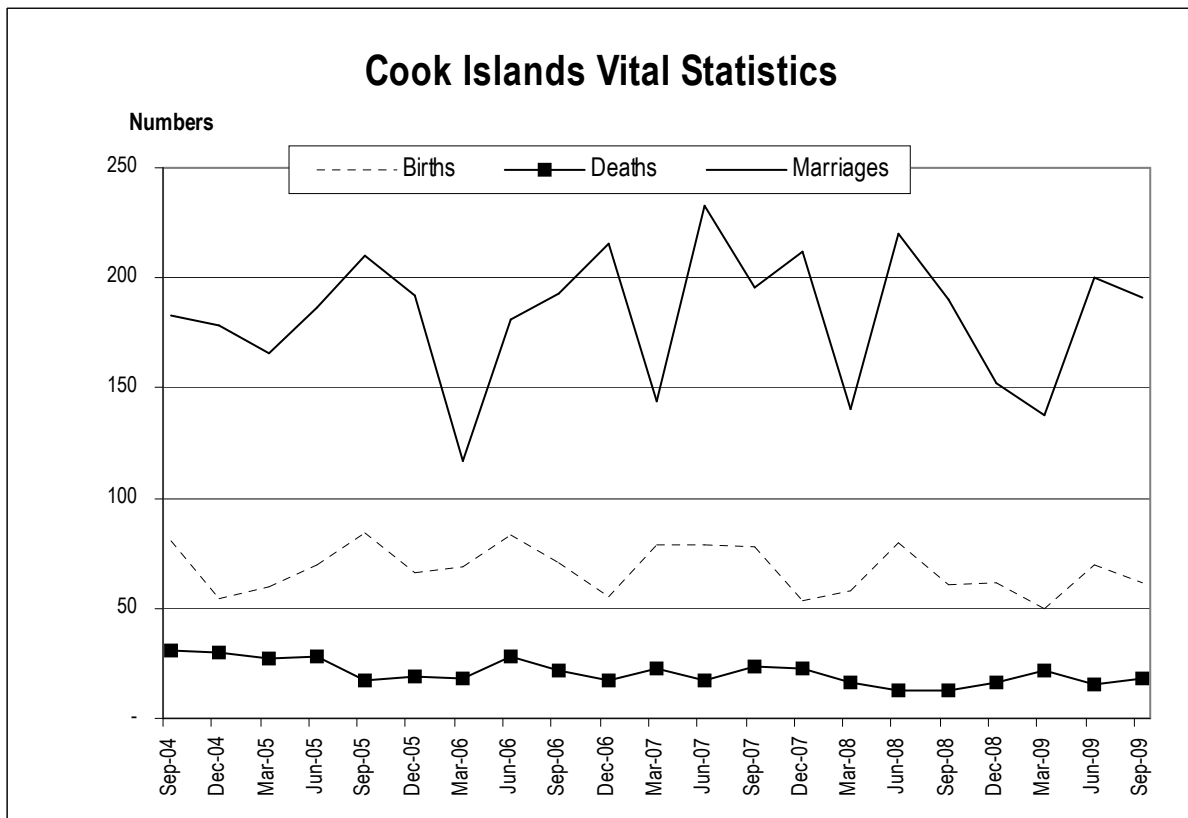


Table 1.1 Population Estimates & Vital Statistics

Period	Total Population Estimate	Resident Estimate ⁽⁴⁾	Total Births	Crude Birth Rate ⁽²⁾	Total Deaths	Crude Death Rate ⁽²⁾	Natural Increase	Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality Rate ⁽³⁾	Marriages
YEAR ⁽¹⁾										
2004	20,300	13,500	297	22.0	99	7.3	15	5	16.8	645
2005	21,500	13,700	280	20.4	91	6.6	14	6	21.4	755
2006	23,700	14,800	278	18.8	85	5.7	13	3	10.8	707
2007 ^(p)	21,000	14,700	289	19.7	87	5.9	14	4	13.8	785
2008 ^(p)	22,100	14,200	261	18.4	58	4.1	14	1	3.8	702
QUARTER										
2004										
Mar	19,200	13,500	98	7.3	25	1.9	5	2	20.4	132
Jun	20,300	13,500	64	4.7	13	1.0	4	1	15.6	152
Sep	20,200	13,200	81	6.1	31	2.3	4	1	12.3	183
Dec	22,200	12,800	54	4.2	30	2.3	2	1	18.5	178
2005										
Mar	20,300	13,300	60	4.5	27	2.0	2	3	50.0	166
Jun	21,500	13,700	70	5.1	28	2.0	3	2	28.6	187
Sep	22,500	13,800	84	6.1	17	1.2	5	-	-	210
Dec	24,900	14,000	66	4.7	19	1.4	3	1	15.2	192
2006										
Mar	22,700	14,600	69	4.7	18	1.2	3	-	-	117
Jun	23,700	14,800	83	5.6	28	1.9	4	3	36.1	181
Sep	23,500	14,900	71	4.8	22	1.5	3	-	-	193
Dec	22,800	14,700	55	3.7	17	1.2	3	-	-	216
2007										
Mar	19,600	14,800	79	5.3	23	1.6	4	1	12.7	144
Jun	21,000	14,700	79	5.4	17	1.2	4	1	12.7	233
Sep	21,300	14,600	78	5.3	24	1.6	4	1	12.8	196
Dec ^(r)	24,300	14,000	53	3.8	23	1.6	2	1	18.9	212
2008										
Mar ^(p)	20,700	14,100	58	4.1	16	1.1	3	-	-	140
Jun ^(p)	22,100	14,200	80	5.6	13	0.9	5	-	-	220
Sep ^(p)	22,200	13,900	61	4.4	13	0.9	3	-	-	190
Dec ^(p)	23,500	13,100	62	4.7	16	1.2	4	1	16.1	152
2009										
Mar ^(p)	21,200	13,300	50	3.8	22	1.7	2	1	20.0	138
June ^(p)	22,500	13,200	70	5.3	15	1.1	4	-	-	200
Sep ^(p)	23,600	13,000	62	4.8	18	1.4	3	-	-	191

Note : ⁽¹⁾ Mid year population estimated at June Quarter

⁽²⁾ Crude birth rate and crude death rate are calculated per thousand Resident Population as of 1992

⁽³⁾ Infant mortality rate is calculated per thousand births

⁽⁴⁾ Resident population comprises only those normally resident in the Cook Islands