

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND VITAL STATISTICS



Resident population is currently estimated at 12,000 for December quarter 2009, a drop of 8.4% compared to last quarter. The biggest factor affecting this drop is the large number of Cook Island Residents travelling overseas for holidays, meeting families and friends, business reasons and others. Total population is estimated to be 24,400 showing an increase of 1.7%. This is the normal trend in the December quarter.



There were 68 births registered in this quarter, an average of 6 birth per week. This is 6.3% more when compared to previous quarter. Crude birth rate was 5.7 for this quarter, approximately 6 children born to every thousand population.



Total deaths for this quarter decreased by 54.5% when compared to last quarter, giving an average of 3 deaths per month. The quarterly crude death rate (number of deaths per 1000 population) stood at 0.8 approximately 1 death to every thousand population. There were no Infant deaths registered in this quarter.



Number of marriages officiated for this quarter was 204 an increase of 34.2% when compared to December quarter 2008. Ninety percent of these marriages were non residents. Cook Islands has been marketed as a South Seas wedding and honeymoon destination.

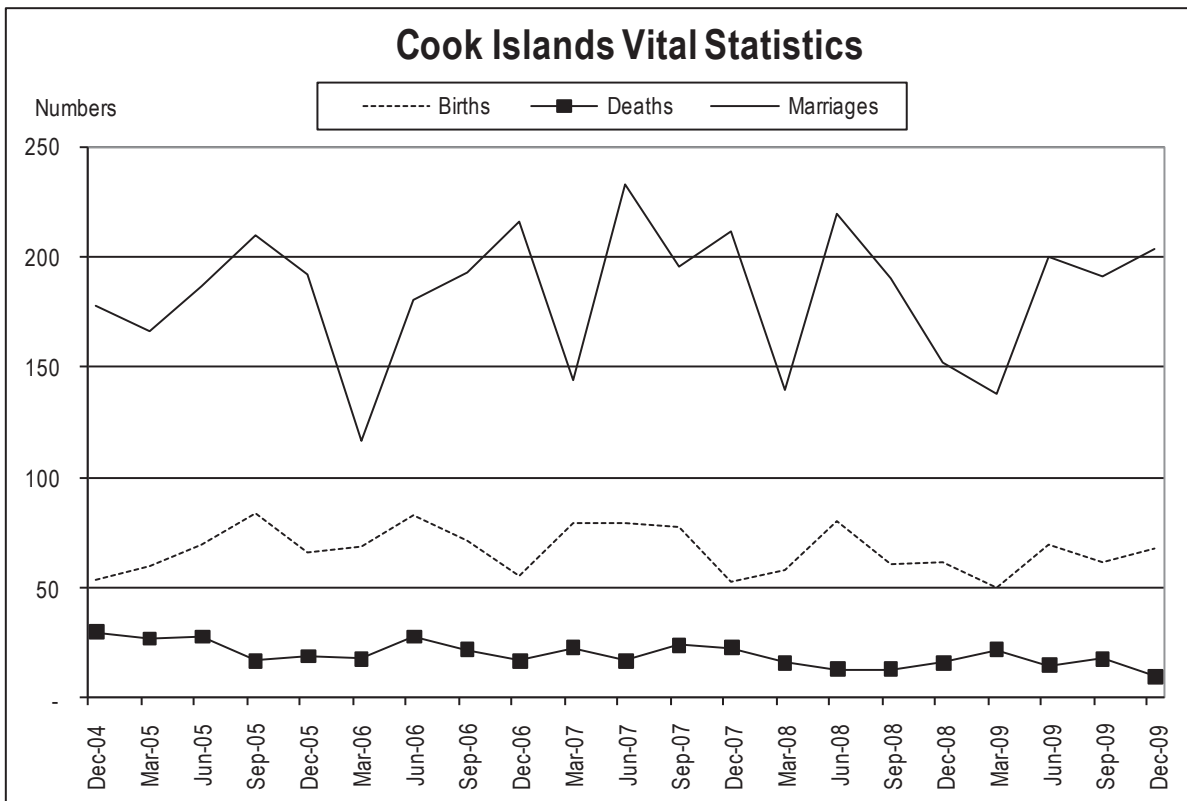


Table 1.1 Population Estimates & Vital Statistics

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⁾										
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	21,000	14,700	289	19.7	87	5.9	14	4	13.8	785
2008	22,100	14,200	261	18.4	59	4.2	14	1	3.8	702
2009 ^(p)	22,900	13,300	255	19.2	74	5.6	14	2	7.8	754
QUARTER										
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	24,300	14,000	53	3.8	23	1.6	2	1	18.9	212
2008										
Mar	20,700	14,100	58	4.1	16	1.1	3	-	-	140
Jun	22,100	14,200	80	5.6	13	0.9	5	-	-	220
Sep	22,400	13,800	61	4.4	14	1.0	3	-	-	190
Dec	23,700	13,100	62	4.7	16	1.2	4	1	16.1	152
2009										
Mar ^(r)	21,500	13,300	50	3.8	23	1.7	2	1	20.0	139
June ^(p)	22,900	13,300	73	5.5	19	1.4	4	1	13.7	200
Sep ^(p)	24,000	13,100	64	4.9	22	1.7	3	-	-	211
Dec ^(p)	24,400	12,000	68	5.7	10	0.8	5	-	-	204

- 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