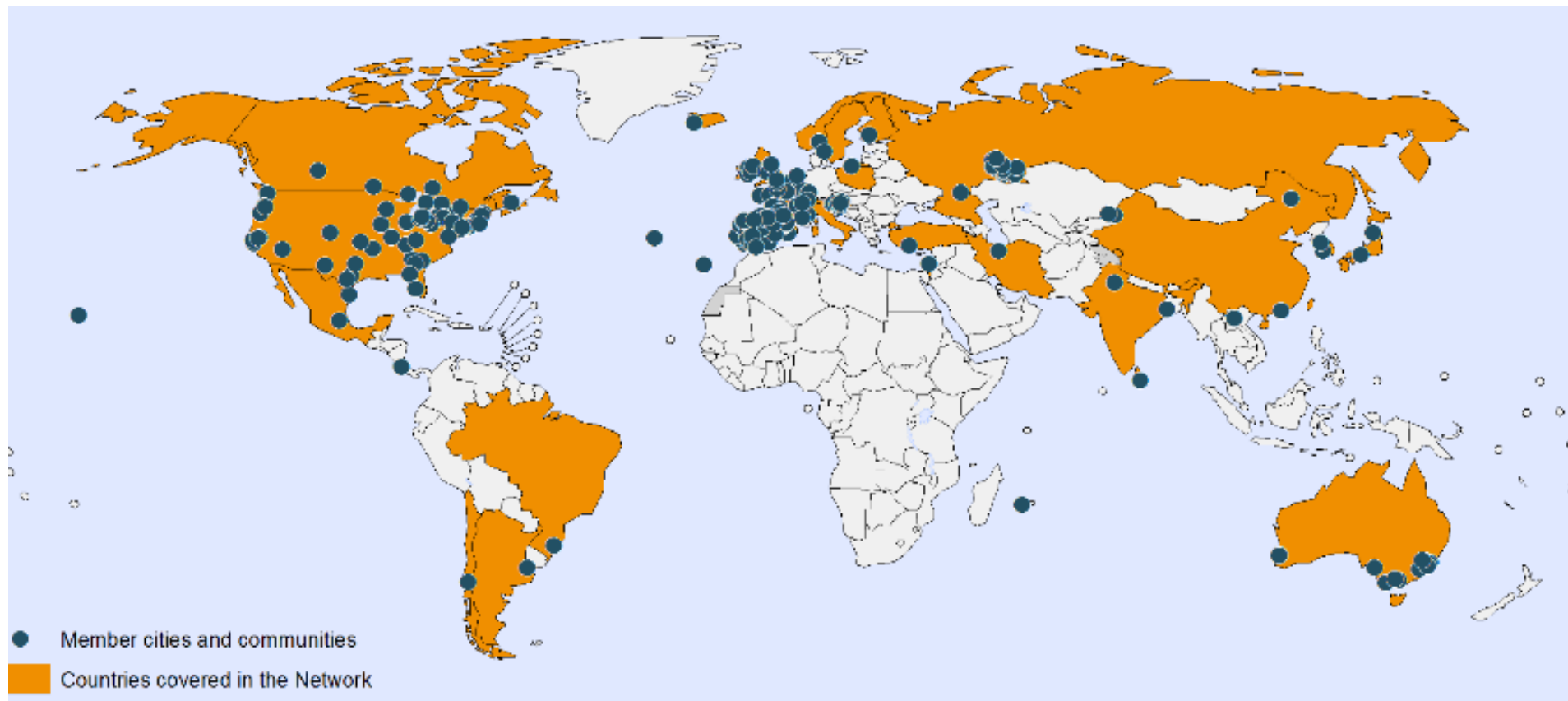


Ageing populations: health, care & support, housing

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Ageing of the population

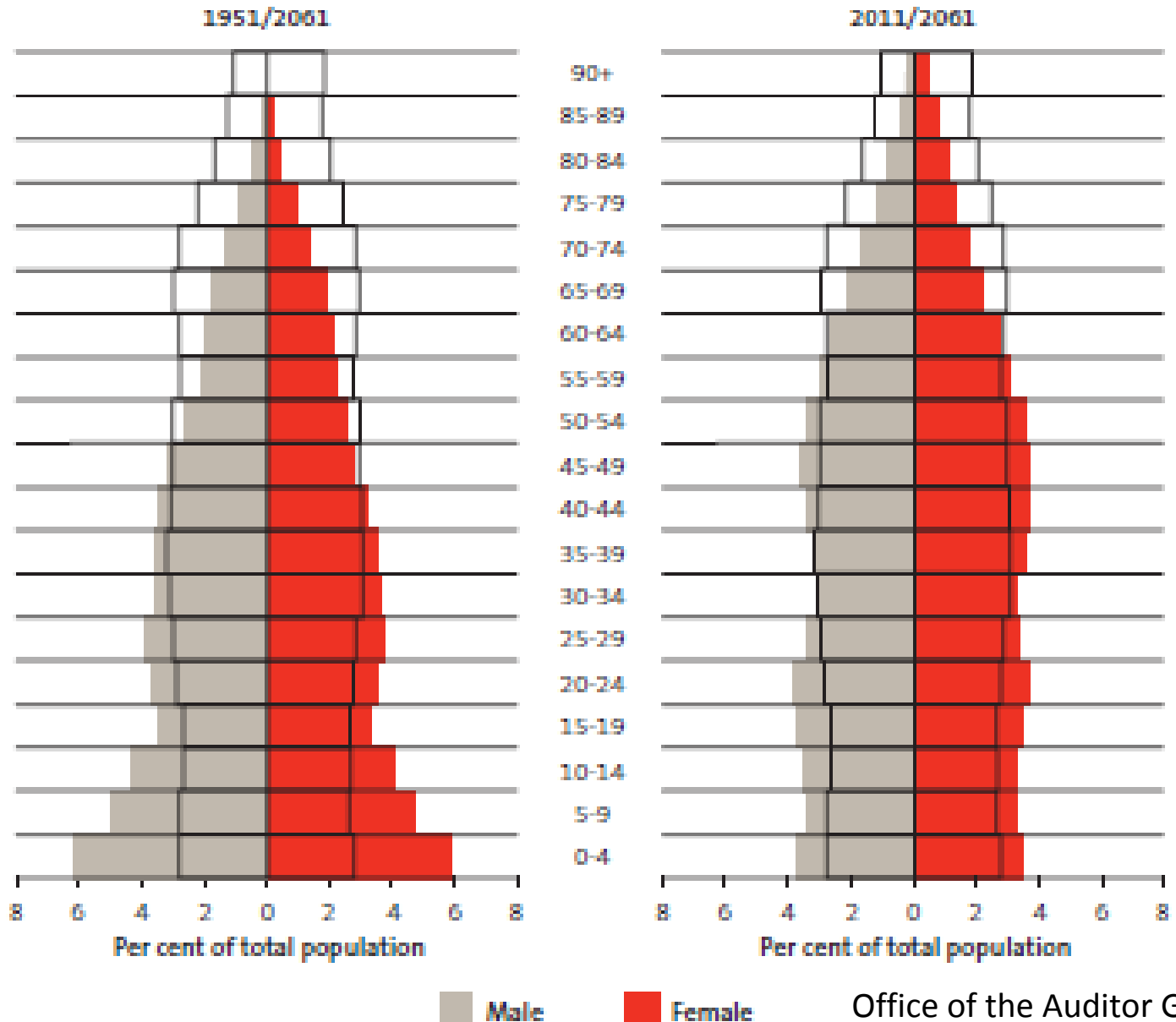
Causes:

- baby-boomer bulge
- markedly reduced fertility
- increased longevity, especially at older ages.

Important:

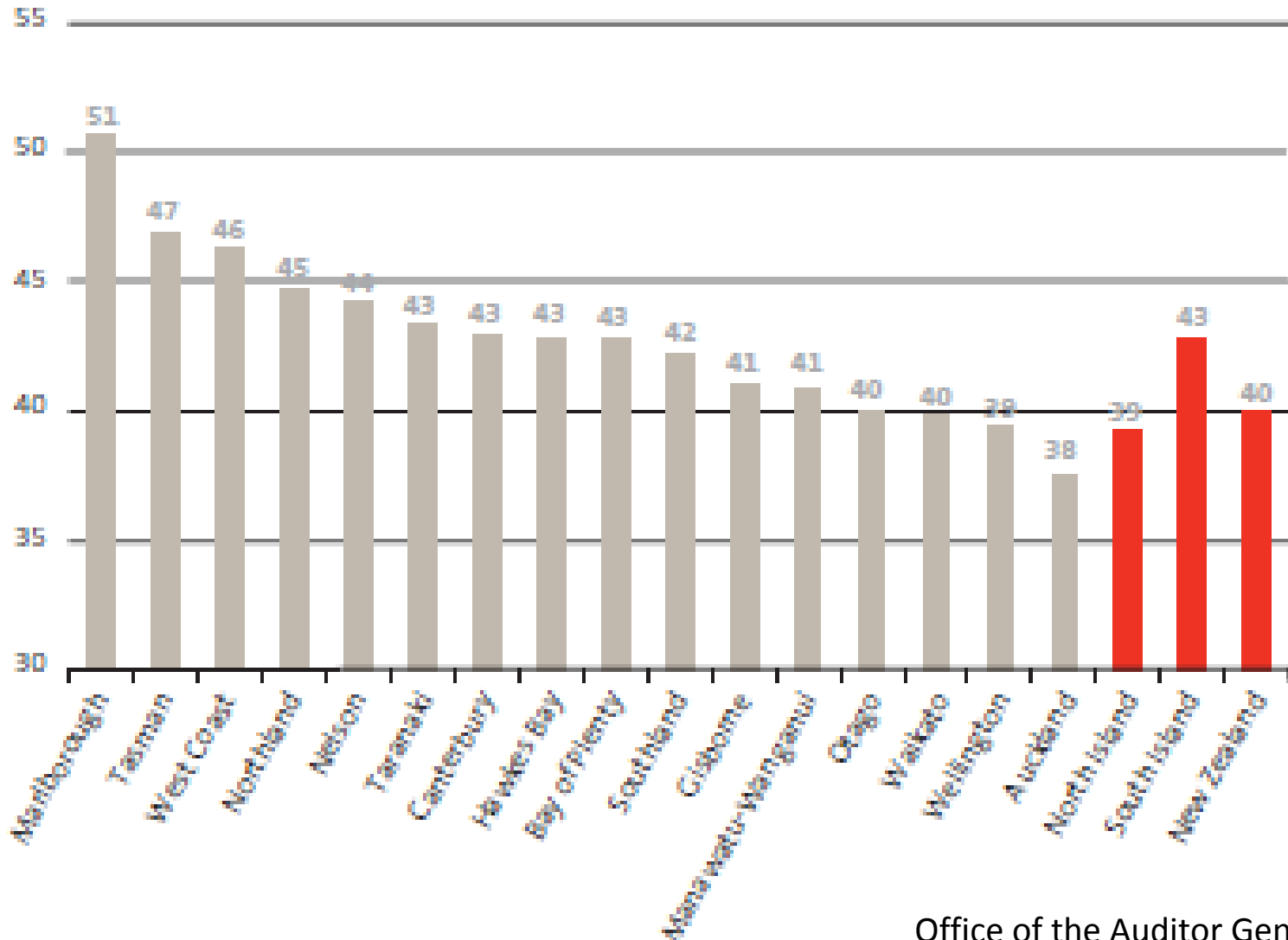
the end of the baby-boomer bulge does not mean a return to the current population mix.

NZ's population mix 1951 , 2061 (projected)



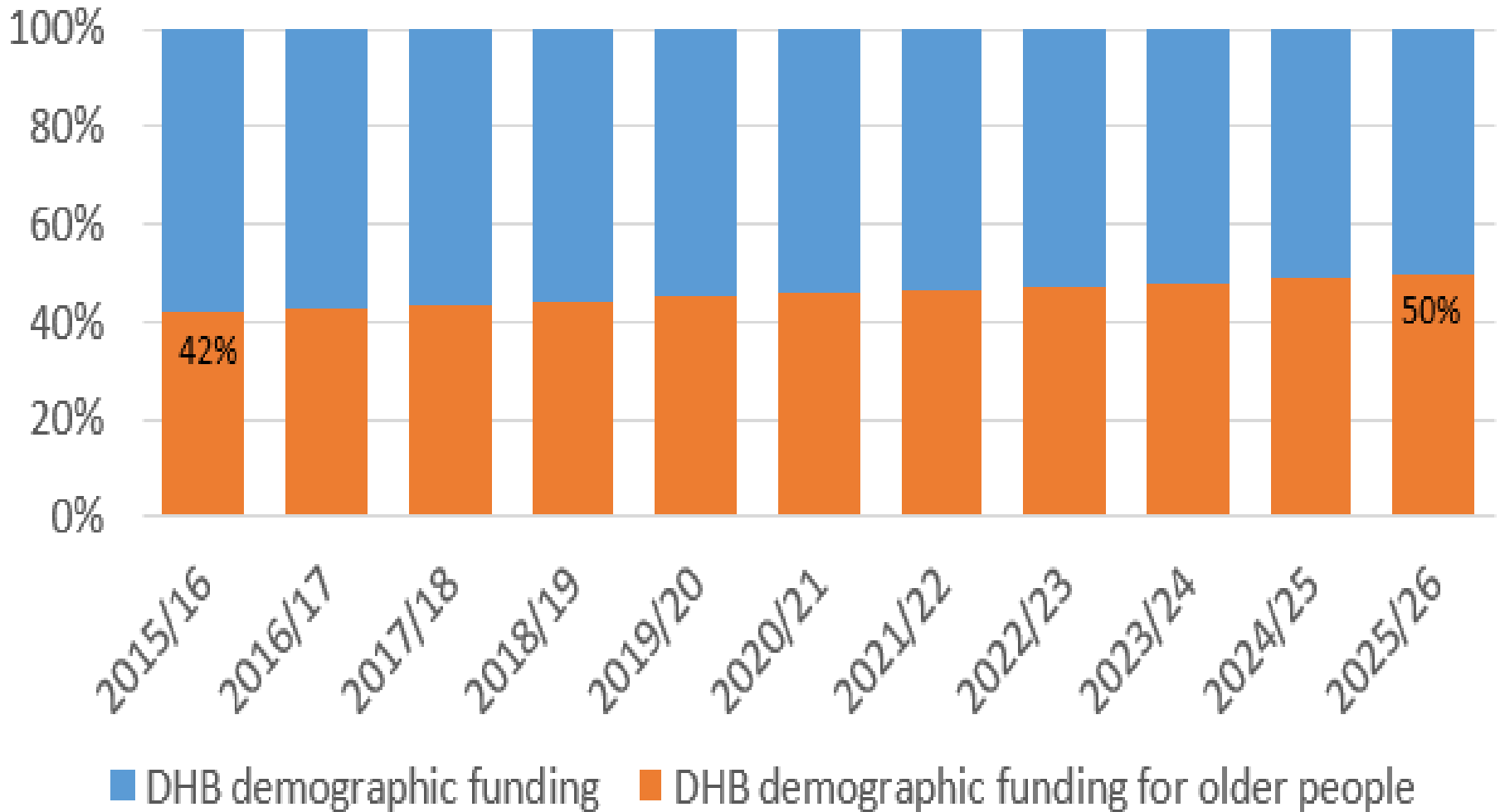
Enormous regional variation in ageing

Projected median age by region, 2031



Health provision is a looming issue...

Share of health services used by people aged 65+
([Ministry of Health 2016](#))



Formal and informal 'care' provision

The Healthy Ageing strategy recognises that adequate provision of support and care services is critical to older people ageing well for longer in their communities.

BUT:

Care-workers themselves are an ageing population

Care-work is increasingly physically demanding as the criteria for residential care are tightened

Care-work is low paid or unpaid, gendered, and considered 'low skill'.

Newsflash!!!

Escalating costs of health-care and NZS

Using MoH estimates of future demographic-based funding for DHBs, plus the Treasury's projections from 2016, and making no allowance for cost increases for provision,

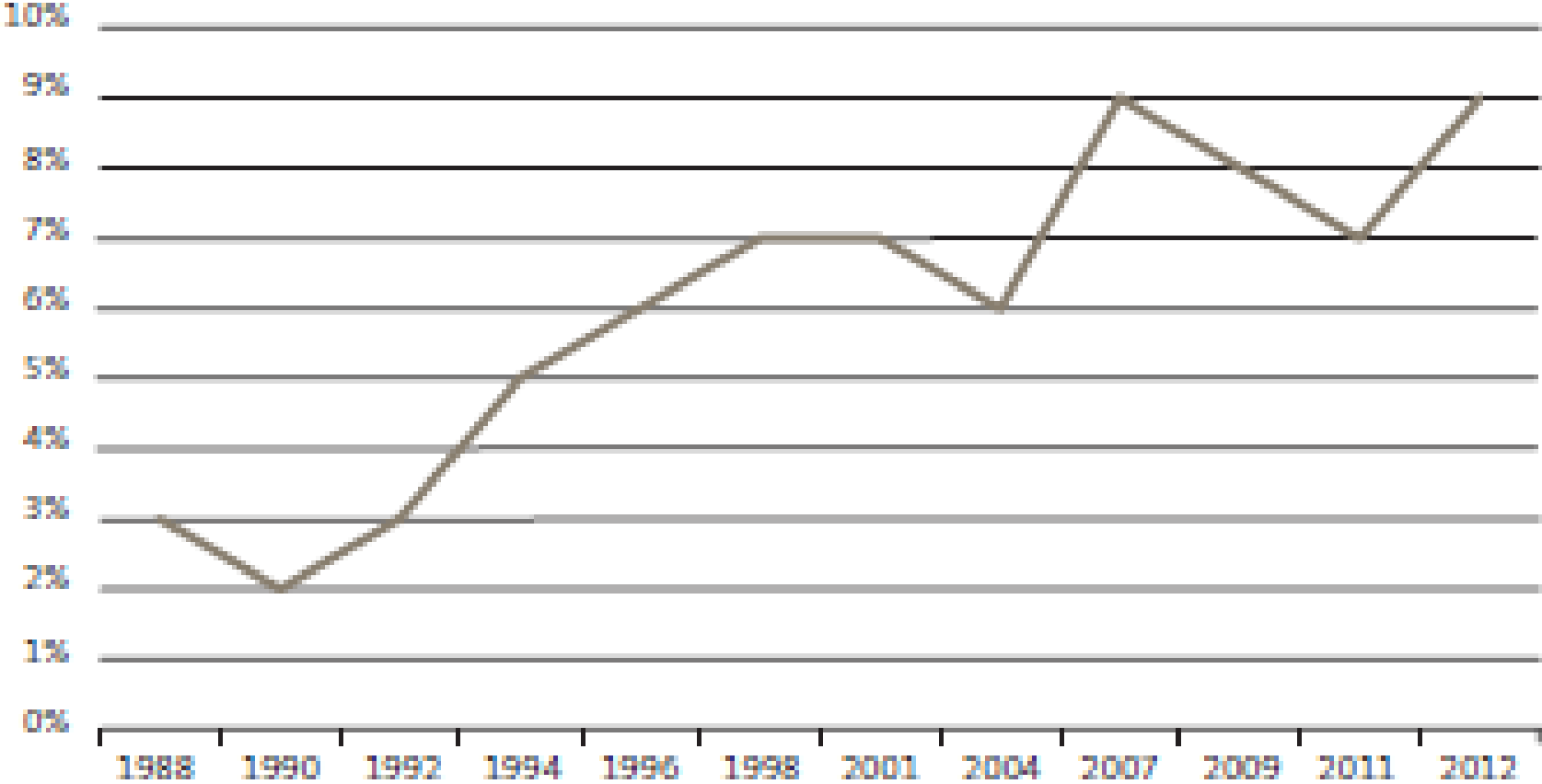
- the combined 65+ costs for health, residential and in-home care, other services and support (\$6,343 billion) and New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) (\$12,912 billion),
- in **2017 will exceed \$19 billion**, and
- by **2020 will approach \$22 billion** (NZS \$14,916 billion + Health \$6,719 billion)

Housing issues:

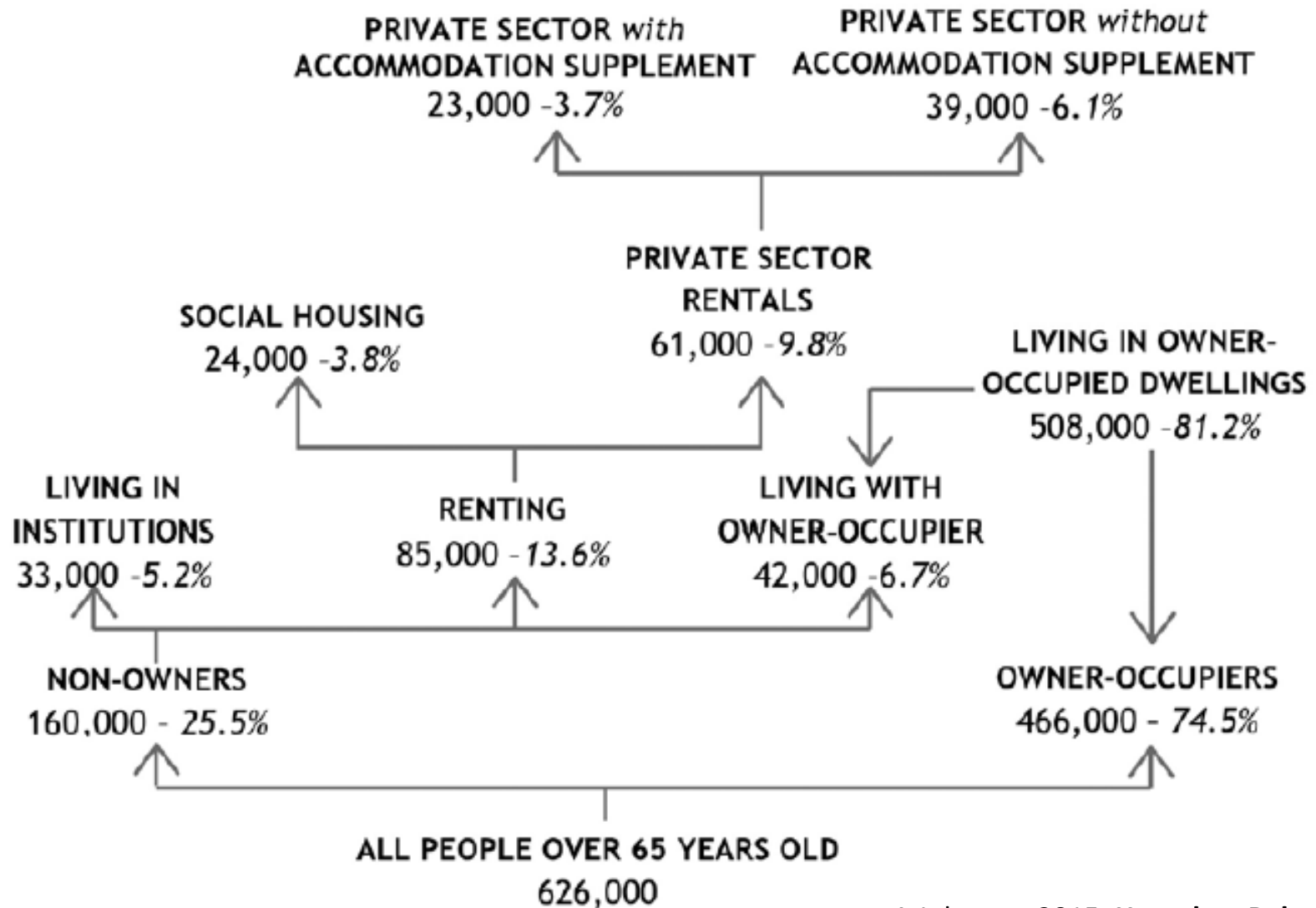
- Own home
- In-home care (ageing in place)
- Pensioner housing (national/local govt, charitable)
- Abbeyfields
- Private rental.....

- Retirement village
- Resthome
- Private hospital

Proportion of older people in households with housing cost outgoings-to-income ratio greater than 30%, 1988 to 2012




Breakdown of tenure for people aged 65 and over – 2013



People aged 65 or over receiving Accommodation Supplement by tenure type

	As at end March 2010	As at end March 2016	Change from 2010 to 2016
Renting	20,652	28,614	38.55%
Boarding	4,602	5,088	10.56%
Owning	5,060	6,683	32.08%
Total	30,314	40,385	33.22%



We've got to either:
(A) Let more people into N.Z.
or (B) Have more babies.

Tick (A).

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