

5.2 Ethnic groups

Population by ethnic groups* according to previous censuses [1]

	1956	1963	1969	1976	1983	1989	1996
Melanesian	34 969	41 190	46 200	55 598	61 870	73 598	86 788
European	25 160	33 355	41 268	50 757	53 974	55 085	67 151
Wallis & Futuna islander	///	///	///	9 571	12 174	14 186	17 763
Tahitian	///	///	///	6 391	5 570	4 750	5 171
Indonesian	///	///	///	5 111	5 319	5 191	5 003
Vietnamese	///	///	///	1 943	2 381	2 461	2 822
Ni-Vanuatu	///	///	///	1 050	1 212	1 683	2 244
Other	8 351	11 974	13 111	2 812	2 868	7 219	9 894
Total	68 480	86 519	100 579	133 233	145 368	164 173	196 836

* Before 1976, Wallis islander, Tahitian, Indonesian, Vietnamese and ni-Vanuatu communities were accounted for in the "other" category.

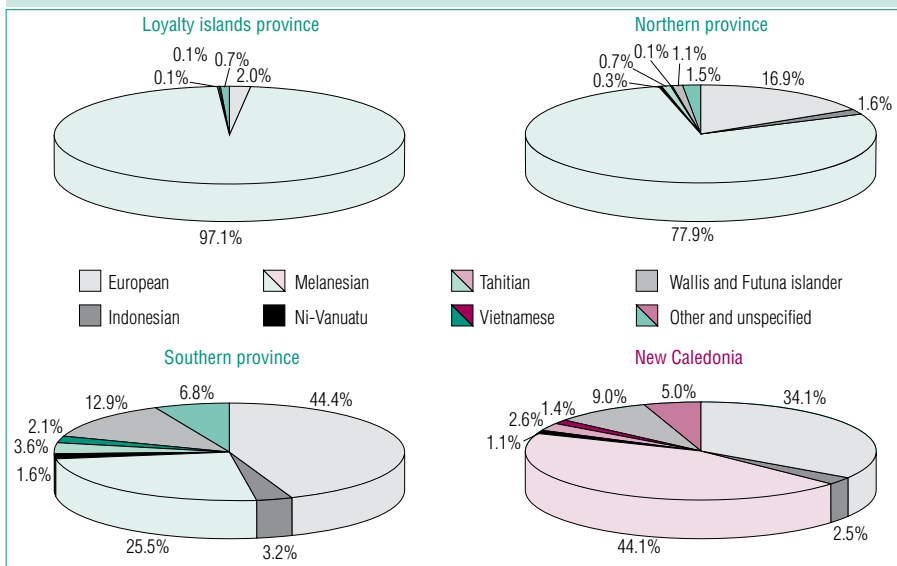
Unit : inhabitant

Ethnic group populations by province (1996 census) [1]

	Melanesian	European	Wallis/Futuna	Tahitian	Indonesian	Vietnamese	Ni-Vanuatu	Other	Total
Loyalty islands province	20 267	426	14	15	6	4	9	136	20 877
Northern province	32 246	6 985	450	287	646	58	112	629	41 413
Southern province	34 275	59 740	17 299	4 869	4 351	2 760	2 123	9 129	134 546
including Greater Nouméa	25 613	54 323	16 522	4 693	4 138	2 707	2 006	8 821	118 823
New Caledonia	86 788	67 151	17 763	5 171	5 003	2 822	2 244	9 894	196 836
Structure	44.1	34.1	9.0	2.6	2.5	1.4	1.1	5.0	100.0

Units : inhabitant, %

Population by province and ethnic group (1996 census) [1]



SOURCE [1] INSEE-ISEE, Recensements de la population de la Nouvelle-Calédonie.