

The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian

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Kilian, Killian, Killion, Chilin demographics

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Where do Kilians, Killians, Killions and Chilians live today? OnoMap was developed from research in the Department of Geography at University College London. It is a way to classify people and where they live based on our common cultural ethnic and linguistic roots. OnoMap analyses common patterns of forenames and surnames using one of the world's largest people databases covering 28 countries. It contains over 500,000 forenames and one million surnames. Most exhibit geographical patterns.

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A search of the name **Kilian** Spelled with **one "L"** showed the top countries where Kilians live are:

- Germany
- Hungary
- Poland
- Austria
- Switzerland

This is not evidence that these people are genetically related or where they lived in the past. It is only an indication of where Kilians live today. Kilian was, and still is a very common forename and surnames did not come into use until the 11th century. When surnames were introduced many people took their father's forename as a surname. There are probably many separate lines of Kilians that are not genetically related. However, DNA research in the future may detect some related lines.

The highest concentration is in Germany. The earliest known remains of Celts, or rather proto-Celts, were found in Hallstatt, Austria and later the La Tène culture in Switzerland's. The maps below show that smaller concentrations of Kilians live in Ulster in Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom and the others places where the Celts migrated: Spain, Italy and east to Greece and the Black Sea.

The low concentration of Kilians in Ireland is only in Ulster, Northern Ireland. The concentration is similar to Scotland. In about 1650 after the English conquered Ireland they confiscated most of the land and resettled it with Protestant Scots. This could account for Ulster being the only place in Ireland where Kilians were found.

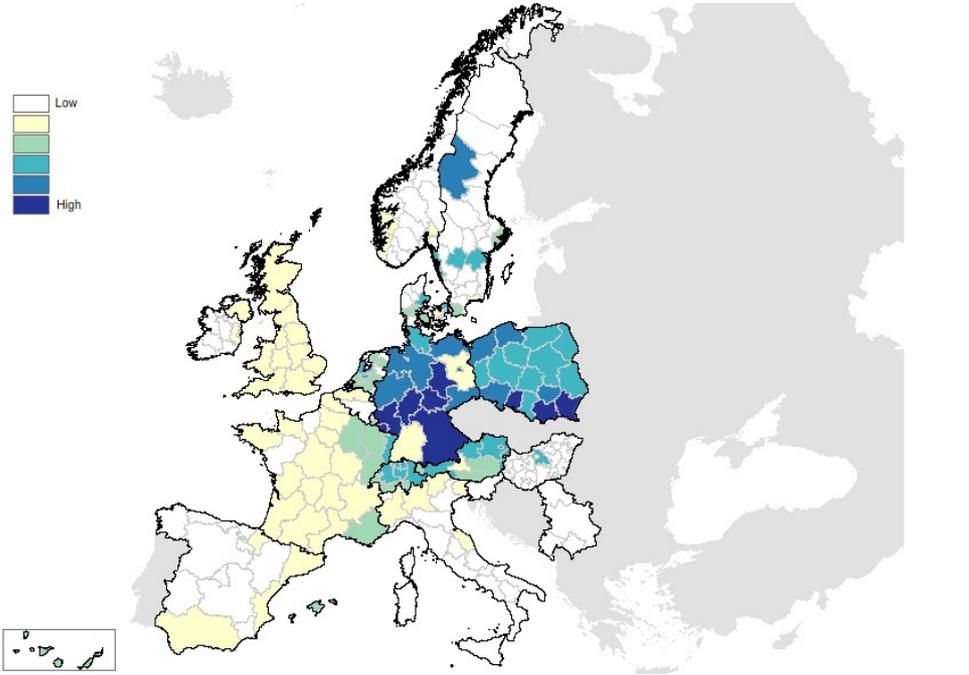
There are Kilians in New Zealand, North America and Argentina who obviously migrated much later.

A search on the name **Killian**, spelled with **two "L"s** show an entirely different pattern. There are low concentrations of Killians all over Ireland. Concentrations in the United Kingdom, North and South America are higher. Australia has many Killians, but no Kilians. There are fewer Killians than Kilians in much of Europe.

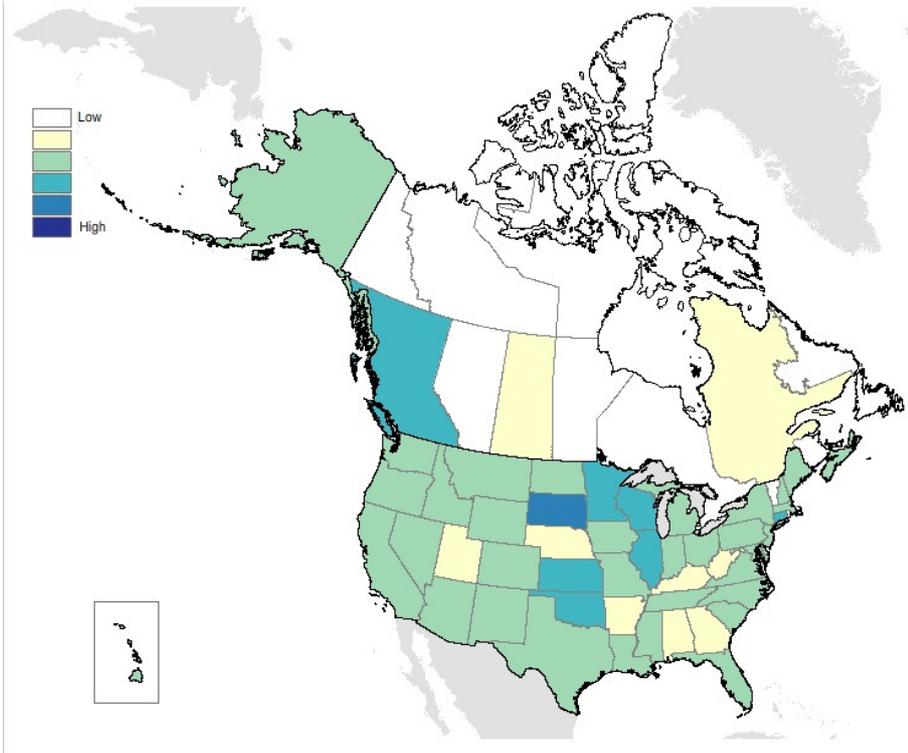
Many **Killions** were found in the United States and a few in Ireland, the British Isles, France and Spain. Many **Chilians** were found in Germany and Argentina and very few in the United

States and Norway. The different spellings are largely because names were given verbally and the writer wrote them as he thought they sounded.

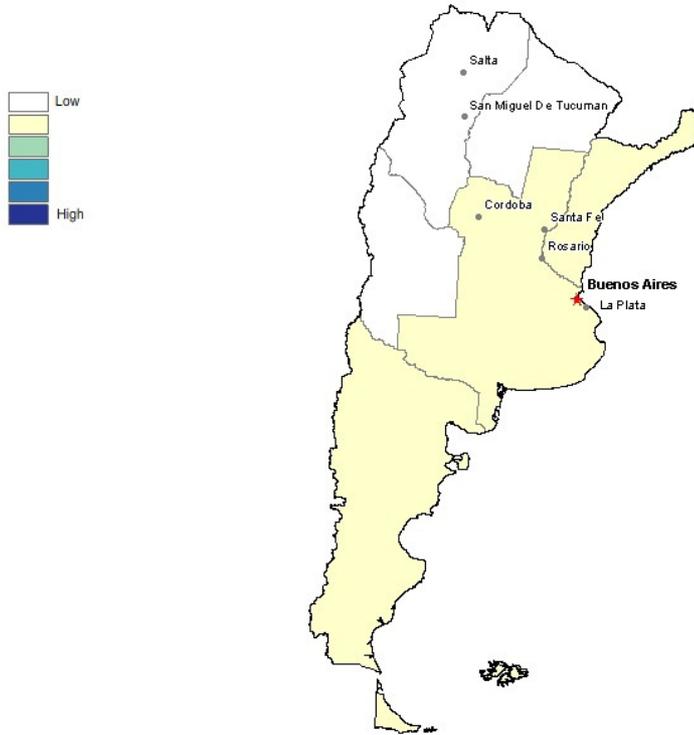
Distribution of Kilians, spelled with one “L”



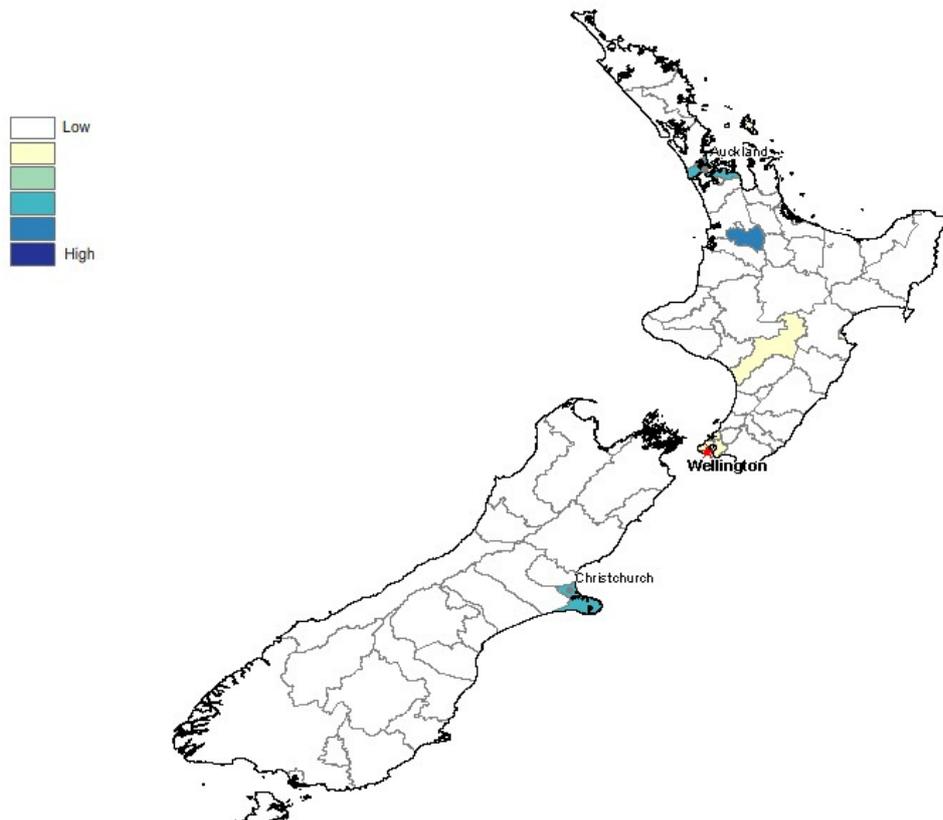
Kilians in Europe



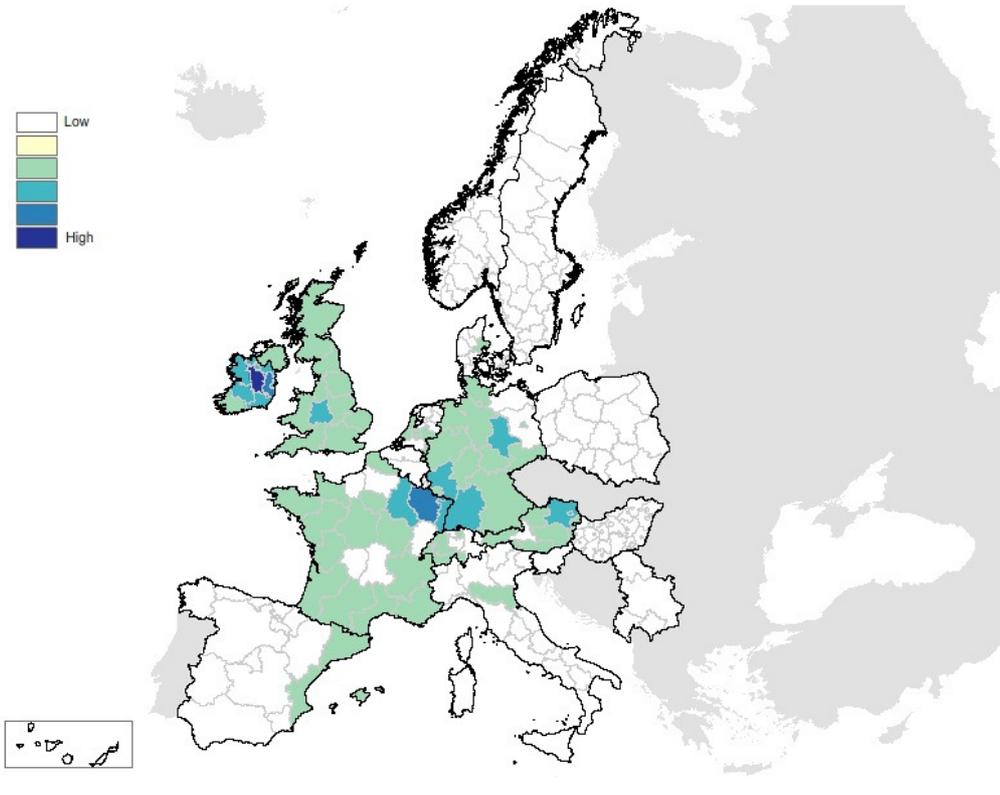
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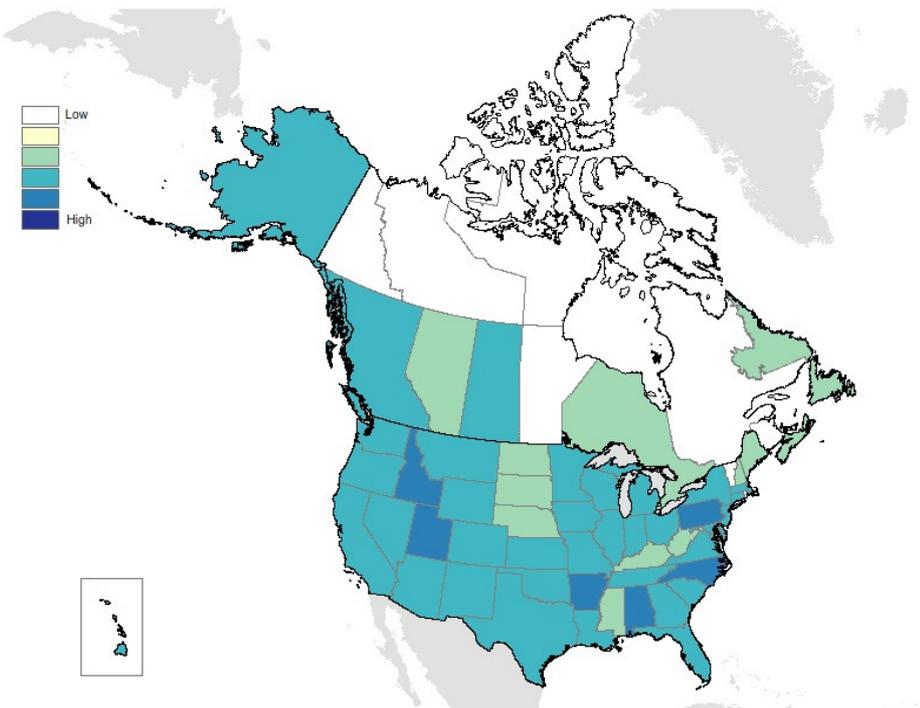
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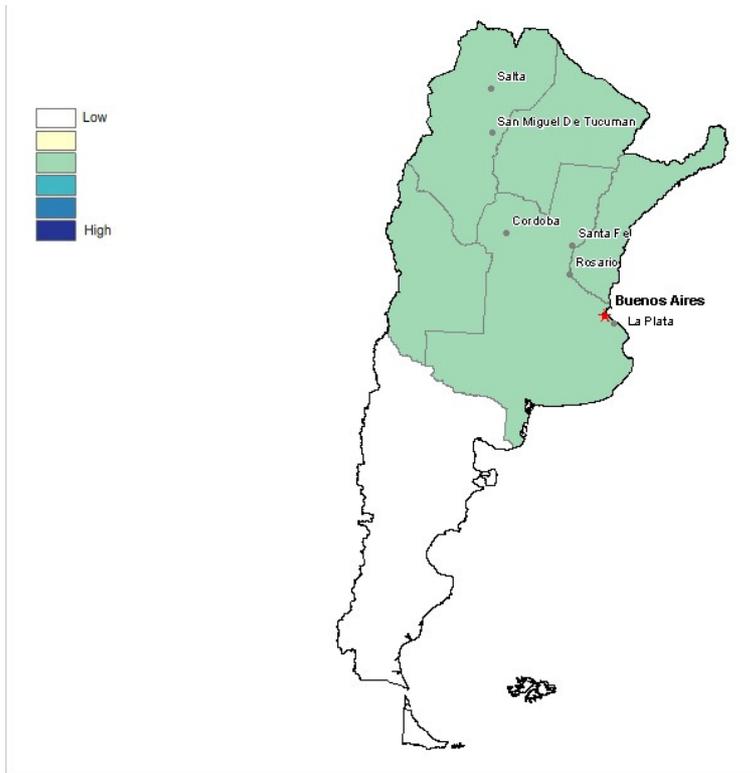
Killians in New Zealand
Distribution of Killians, spelled with two “L”s



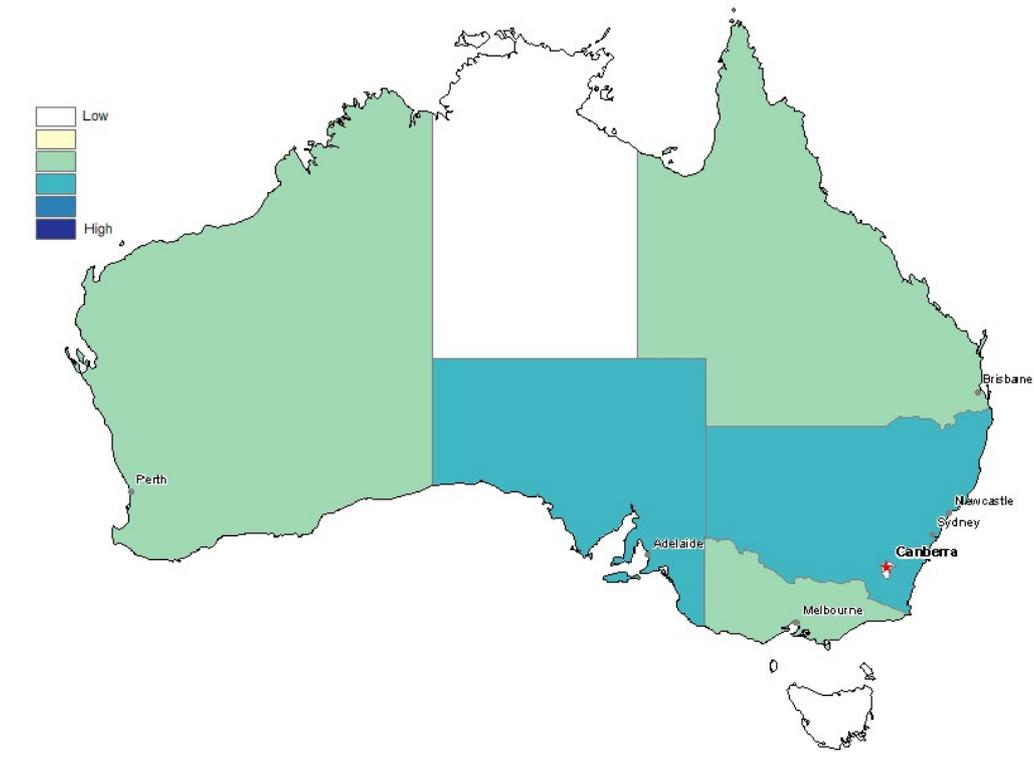
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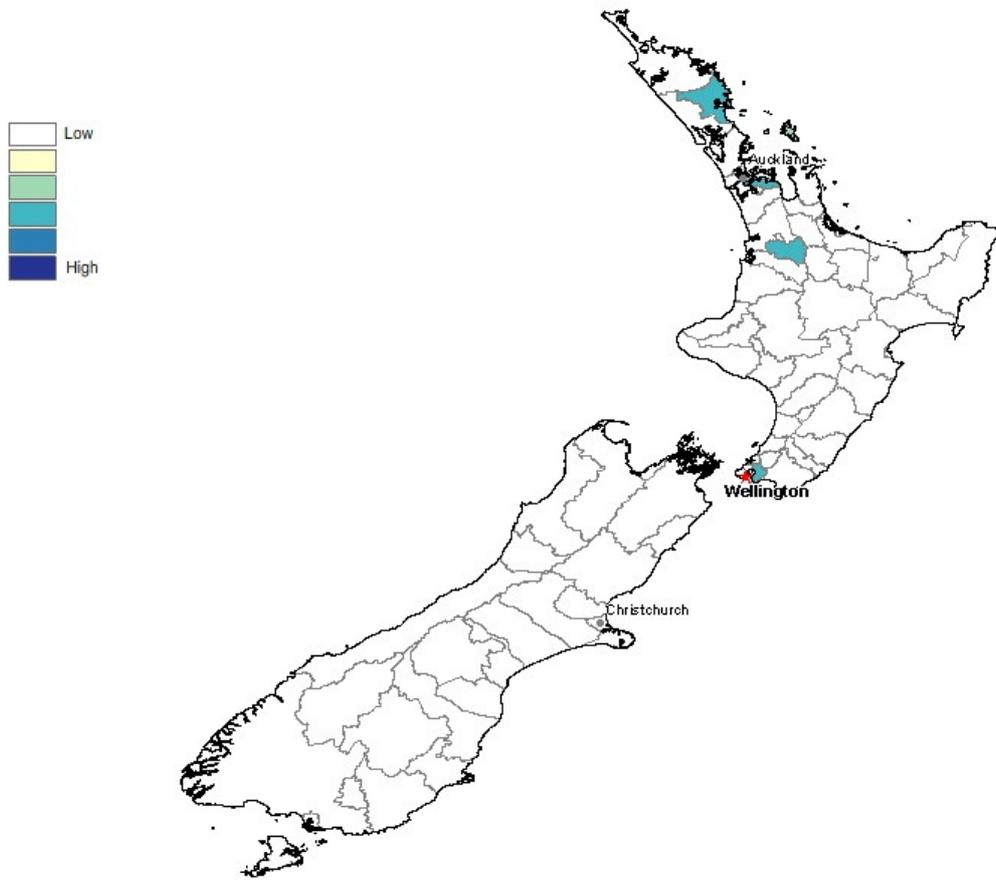
Killians in North America



Killians in Argentina



Killians in Australia



Killians in New Zealand