

# Regional statistics at a glance

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## Main geographic variables

### Meshblocks

Meshblocks are the building blocks for all other Statistics NZ geographic areas. They range in size from a neighbourhood block to large areas of sparsely populated land. An urban meshblock usually has about 110 people. There are 41,392 meshblocks covering New Zealand (2006 data), excluding outlying islands, the 200-mile exclusive economic zone, and the Ross Dependency.

### Area units

Area units are groupings of meshblocks that form a specific area. An urban area unit usually has around 3,000–5,000 people. There are 1,927 area units covering New Zealand, excluding outlying islands, the 200-mile exclusive zone, and the Ross Dependency.

### Wards

Wards are areas based on meshblocks that are used for local government electoral purposes. There are 294 wards in the country, although not all cities and districts have wards.

## Territorial authorities

Territorial authorities are cities or districts. There are 73 for all of New Zealand.

## Regions

Regions are areas defined by the 16 regional councils that cover New Zealand.

## Other areas

Other areas, including electoral districts, regional constituencies, and district health board boundaries, are available on request.

## How do I access this information?

Our information centre staff will advise you about the most relevant information, products, and services. Answers to questions are free, although questions that are complex may involve customised statistics, for which there is a charge.

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Availability of regional statistics

General subject matter	Dataset / source	Frequency	Regional council	Territorial authority	Urban area	Area unit	Meshblock
<b>Population</b> Māori, Pacific peoples, older people, women	<b>Census of Population and Dwellings</b> The census provides a snapshot of people and households in New Zealand.	5-yearly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	<b>Subnational Population Estimates</b> The estimated resident population as at 30 June, by five-year age groups and sex.	Annually	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	<b>Subnational Population Projections</b> Indication of future changes in the number of people usually living in each area.	2–3-yearly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	<b>Subnational Ethnic Population Projections</b> Indication of future changes in the number of people usually living in each area for four broad and overlapping ethnic groups: Māori, Pacific, Asian, and 'European or Other (including New Zealander)'. 	2–3-yearly	Some	Some	No	No	No
	<b>Subnational Family and Household Projections</b> Indication of future changes in the number of families and households in each area.	2–3-yearly	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
	<b>Births and Deaths</b> Statistical information on the child, mother, and father (births). Statistical information on the deceased.	Quarterly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	<b>Marriages and Civil Unions</b> Statistical information on the bride and groom. Note that provisional quarterly counts are also available, but only at a national level.	Annually	No	Yes	No	No	No
	<b>Divorces</b> Statistical information on the husband and wife.	Annually	Information is available by district court only				
	<b>International Travel and Migration</b> Characteristics of people travelling to and from New Zealand. Short-term New Zealand resident departures. Permanent and long-term (PLT) migrants.	Monthly	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Work and income</b> Employment, unemployment, income, consumer spending	<b>Quarterly Employment Survey</b> Estimates of the changes in, and levels of, average weekly earnings.	Quarterly	Yes	Partial	No	No	No
	<b>Household Economic Survey</b> Provides information about household income and expenditure.	3-yearly	Partial	No	No	No	No
	<b>New Zealand Income Survey</b> Provides annual data on household and personal income trends.	Annually	Partial	No	No	No	No
	<b>Household Labour Force Survey</b> Statistics relating to the employed, the unemployed, and those not in the labour force.	Quarterly	Partial	Partial	No	No	No
	<b>Linked Employer–Employee Data</b> Statistics that measure labour market dynamics. They provide insight into the operation of New Zealand's labour market.	Quarterly	Partial	No	No	No	No
	<b>Working Life Survey</b> Information on employment conditions, work arrangements, and job quality of employed people in New Zealand.	Infrequent	Partial	Partial	Yes	No	No

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<b>Health and social themes</b> Injury, life expectancy, crime, housing quality	<b>Injury Statistics</b> Statistics related to the number of people injured at work or doing work-related activities.	Annually	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
	<b>Crime Statistics</b> Statistics on apprehensions of alleged offenders and the number of offences recorded by police.	Annually	Information is available by police district only				
	<b>Life Expectancy</b> Life expectancy and the probabilities of death and survival at various ages.	5-yearly	Yes	Some	No	No	No
	<b>Standardised Death Rates</b> Death rates standardised by age-sex summarising the mortality experience of each area.	5-yearly	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Economy</b> Prices and inflation, retail trade, building activity, tourism, business demographics, primary production, land use	<b>Accommodation Survey</b> Provides data on capacity, occupation rates, and guest nights for the accommodation industry.	Monthly	Yes	Partial	No	No	No
	<b>Agricultural Production Survey</b> Production numbers for livestock, horticulture, and forestry.	Annually	Yes	Partial	No	No	No
	<b>Value of Building Work Put in Place</b> The value of residential and commercial building work put in place.	Quarterly	Partial	No	No	No	No
	<b>Building Consents Issued</b> Provides a measurement of the number and value of all building consents issued in New Zealand.	Monthly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	<b>Business Demography Statistics</b> Contains statistics on changes in the number, type, and location of businesses in New Zealand.	Annually	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	<b>Consumers Price Index</b> A measure of the price change of goods and services purchased by private New Zealand households.	Quarterly	Information is available by Consumers Price Index regions only				
	<b>Retail Trade Survey</b> Provides information on the state of the New Zealand retail sector, and is a leading indicator of economic activity.	Monthly	Partial	Partial	Partial	No	No
	<b>Overseas Merchandise Trade</b> Imports and exports by commodity and country.	Monthly	Information is available by port only				

**Note:** ‘Partial’ means that aggregations may raise the quality of estimates to a level where releasing them is acceptable.