

Regional statistics at a glance

General subject matter	Dataset / source	Frequency	Regional council	Territorial authority	Urban area	Area unit	Meshblock
Economy Prices and inflation, retail trade, building activity, tourism, business demographics, primary production, land use	Accommodation Survey Provides data on capacity, occupancy rate, and guest nights for the accommodation industry.	Monthly	Yes	Partial	No	No	No
	Agricultural Production Survey Production numbers for livestock, horticulture ⁵ , and forestry.	Annually	Yes	Some	No	No	No
	Building Consents Issued Provides a measurement of the number and value of all building consents issued in New Zealand.	Monthly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Business Demography Statistics Contains statistics on changes in the number, type, and location of businesses in New Zealand.	Annually	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Consumers Price Index A measure of the price change of goods and services purchased by private New Zealand households.	Quarterly	Information is available for Auckland, Wellington, rest of North Island, North Island, Canterbury, rest of South Island, and South Island.				
	Local Authority Financial Statistics Provides information on the performance of core non-trading activities of New Zealand's territorial and regional councils.	Annually	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
	Overseas Merchandise Trade Imports and exports by commodity and country.	Monthly	Information is available by port only.				
	Regional Gross Domestic Product Regional GDP provides an indication of the size and structure of regional economies and provides a benchmark for measuring changes to regional economies over time.	Annually	Yes	No	No	No	No
	Retail Trade Survey Provides information on the state of the New Zealand retail sector, and is a leading indicator of economic activity.	Quarterly	Information is available for Auckland, Wellington, Waikato, rest of North Island, Canterbury, and rest of South Island.				
	Screen Industry Survey Provides information on businesses involved in the screen industry, including production and post-production activities, film and video distribution, film exhibition, and television broadcasting.	Annually	Partial	No	No	No	No
Value of Building Work Put in Place The value of residential and commercial building work put in place.	Quarterly	Partial	No	No	No	No	

Note: For some datasets / sources lower level data may be available for a fee. Contact our Information Centre on 0508 525 525 or info@stats.govt.nz for more information. 'Partial' means that aggregations may raise the quality of estimates to a level where releasing them is acceptable.

⁵ Horticulture data is only available for selected years - contact our Information Centre for details.

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Statistics about your area

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Geographic areas

Meshblocks

Meshblocks are the building blocks for all other Stats NZ geographic areas. They range in size from a neighbourhood block to a large area of sparsely populated land. Each meshblock borders on another to cover all of New Zealand. There are 46,637 meshblocks covering New Zealand (2013 Census), including outlying islands, and the 200-mile exclusive economic zone.

Area units

Area units are groupings of meshblocks that form a specific area. Area units within urban areas normally contain a population of 3,000–5,000 people. There are 2,020 area units covering New Zealand (2013 Census), including outlying islands, and the 200-mile exclusive economic zone.

Urban areas

Urban areas are statistically defined areas with no administrative or legal basis. Their hierarchical subdivision is main, secondary and minor. Together, the populations in main, secondary and minor urban areas form the statistically defined 'urban' population of New Zealand.

Territorial authorities

Territorial authorities are city or district councils. There are 67 for all of New Zealand, including 12 cities, 53 districts, Auckland Council and Chatham Islands territory.

Regional councils

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

Other geographic areas

Other geographic areas, including electoral districts, local boards, community boards, wards and district health boards, are also available.

How do I access this information?

Regional statistics can be accessed at www.stats.govt.nz or by contacting our Information Centre. 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. Further datasets to those shown in this guide are also available.

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