

Information topic	Details
Indicator name	Population Density
Domain and topic	Population: Population Size
Indicator definition and units	Number of people per square kilometre (km ²) by Territorial Authority (TA)
Data source	New Zealand Census. Statistics New Zealand. Available from www.stats.govt.nz
Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Census usually resident population count: count of all people who usually live in New Zealand and are present in New Zealand on a given census night (excludes visitors from overseas and residents who are temporarily overseas on census night) - In March 2006, Banks Peninsula District Council amalgamated with the Christchurch City Council. For the purposes of time series, Banks Peninsula data for 2001 and 2006 have been incorporated under Christchurch City
Time period and time scale	Census; from 2006 onwards
Population coverage	National
Measures of frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of people per km² - Number of people per km², by TA
Limitations of indicator	In November 2010, Auckland Council became a unitary authority, when Auckland regional council area and seven territorial authority areas amalgamated.
Limitations of data source	Because of the 2011 Canterbury earthquake, the 2011 was postponed until 2013. The gap between the current census (2013) and the previous one (2006) is therefore seven years. Change in the data between 2006 and 2013 may thus be greater than the usual five-year gap between censuses.
Created by	Statistics New Zealand
Related indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Population Size - Population Change
For more information	Statistics New Zealand. A century of censuses – population. Available from http://www.stats.govt.nz/Census/2013-census/profile-and-summary-reports/century-censuses-population.aspx (accessed February 2017)