

Stats NZ contributes to what Kiwis care about

The information Stats NZ collects, analyses, and produces is important for all parts of the public service, and is the basis for decisions made in government, in business, and in households.

We collect and use a wide range of information from a variety of sources – including surveys, questionnaires, and administrative data collected by other agencies. This diagram outlines how just a few of these collections or inputs contribute to New Zealand’s understanding of the topics that matter most in its economy, environment, and people.

Fresh water quality

informed by
Environmental reporting
(with Ministry for the Environment)

Unemployment

informed by
HLFS

Wages/salaries/income

informed by
HES, LEED, QES, HLFS, LCI, IDI (IR data)

Climate change

informed by
Environmental reporting
(with Ministry for the Environment)

External migration

informed by
Arrival and departure info (as currently captured in cards)

Housing supply, quality and affordability

informed by
QBAS, Building consents, GSS, Census, HES, CPI, IDI

Māori well-being

informed by
Te Kupenga, Census

Child poverty

informed by
HES

Disability

informed by
Census, HLFS, GSS, Disability survey

Funding for hospitals and schools

informed by
Census and Population statistics

Economic growth and performance

informed by
rGDP, GDP, Retail Trade, CPI, BOP, AES, Productivity stats, Overseas Trade, Business Data Collection

Mortgage rates

set relative to the Reserve Bank’s Official Cash Rate, which is informed by
CPI, GDP, HLFS

Accommodation supplement

based on geographic boundaries, informed by
Census, Population statistics

Benefits, Superannuation and Paid parental leave

rates informed by
CPI, QES

Sources of Stats NZ Information

HLFS Household Labour Force Survey
GSS General Social Survey
HES Household Economic Survey
CPI Consumer Price Index
IDI Integrated Data Infrastructure

IR data Inland Revenue data
GDP Gross Domestic Product
rGDP Regional Gross Domestic Product
BOP Balance of Payments
QBAS Quarterly Building Activity Survey

QES Quarterly Employment Survey
LCI Labour Cost Index
LEED Linked Employer-Employee Data
AES Annual Enterprise Survey