



Tatauranga Aotearoa

Ward 2021 (generalised)

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WARD2021_V1_00

Abstract

This dataset is the definitive set of ward boundaries for 2021 as defined by the territorial authorities and/or Local Government Commission, but maintained by Stats NZ (the custodian).

Wards were originally set up within any territorial authority with a population of at least 20,000. Wards are defined under the Local Electoral Act 2001 and result from dividing a territorial authority for electoral purposes. The ward system was designed to allow for the recognition of communities within a territorial authority and to increase community involvement in the local government system.

Territorial authorities can now choose whether they would like to maintain electoral wards. As a result, the number of wards has steadily decreased since they were first created in 1989. Ward boundaries are reviewed in the year before the three-yearly local government elections.

The following table lists the total number of wards by year:

Year	Ward totals
1989	409
1992	380
1995	366
1998	332
2001	328
2002	320
2003	320
2004	320
2005	286
2006 v1	286
2006 v2	284
2007	284
2008	275
2009	275
2010	275
2011	248
2012	248
2013	248
2014	227
2015	227
2016	227
2017	232

2018	232
2019	232
2020	226
2021	226

Wards are numbered based on their corresponding territorial authority. Each ward has a unique five-digit number. The first three digits represent the territorial authority that the ward lies within. The following two digits are sequential and represent the number of wards within a territorial authority. For example, Westland District (057) has three wards, which are coded 05701, 05702, and 05703.

Several territorial authorities do not use wards. In the data, these territorial authorities use “99” at the end of the ward code, and the descriptor “Area Outside Ward”. In 2021, the following territorial authorities do not use wards:

TA code Territorial authority name Ward code

024	Rotorua District	02499
026	Kawerau District	02699
037	Whanganui District	03799
040	Palmerston North City	04099
045	Upper Hutt City	04599
048	Masterton District	04899
049	Carterton District	04999
052	Nelson City	05299
054	Kaikoura District	05499
067	Chatham Islands Territory	06799
071	Dunedin City	07199
075	Invercargill City	07599

Ward boundaries are defined at meshblock level.

Digital boundary data became freely available on 1 July 2007.

Purpose

This dataset is the definitive version of the annually released ward boundaries as at 1 January 2021 as defined by the territorial authorities and Local Government Commission and maintained by Stats NZ (the custodian). This version contains 226 wards, excluding area outside ward.

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boundaries

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Extent

EX_ Extent

Geographic Element

EX_ Geographic Bounding Box

165.973643776-175.379047114-47.6201235787-33.9584970996

Distribution Info

Distribution

Transfer Options

Digital Transfer Options

On Line

Online Resource

Linkage

URL

<https://datafinder.stats.govt.nz/layer/105140-ward-2021-generalised/>

Data Quality Info

DQ_ Data Quality

Lineage

LI_ Lineage

Statement

Wards are based on the meshblock pattern. Non-alignment of meshblock and cadastral boundaries are one of a number of reasons for meshblock boundary adjustments. Other reasons include requests from local authorities, Local Government Commission, Electoral Representation Commission and to make census enumeration processes easier. From the meshblock pattern, higher geographies, including the 2021 ward pattern, were dissolved using the dissolve tool in the Arc GIS suite.

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