

Title

WARD2019_V1_00_Clipped

Description

This dataset is the major released version of the annually released ward boundaries for 2019, clipped to the coastline. This clipped version contains 232 wards, excluding area outside ward, and has been created for map creation/cartographic purposes and does not fully represent the official full extent boundaries. 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
1989	409
1992	380
1995	366
1998	332
2001	328
2002	320
2003	320
2004	320
2005	286
2006	206
v1286	206
v2284	200
7284	200
8275	200
9275	201
10275	201
11248	201
12248	201
13248	201
14227	201
15227	201
16227	201
17232	201
18232	201
19232	201

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 2019, the following territorial authorities do not use wards: TA code Territorial authority name Ward code 024 Rotorua District 02499026 Kawerau District 02699029 Wairoa District 02999037 Whanganui District 03799040 Palmerston North City 04099045 Upper Hutt City 04599049 Carterton District 04999052 Nelson City 05299054 Kaikoura District 05499067 Chatham Islands Territory 06799071 Dunedin City 07199075 Invercargill City 07599

Ward boundaries are defined at meshblock level. Digital boundary data became freely available on 1 July 2007.

Coverage

-47.421563 -180 -33.773451 180

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