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Our Population: Population projections

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Population projections produced by Statistics New Zealand estimate the future number of people living in an area. Projections are derived from population estimates and assumptions about future fertility, life expectancy, and net migration [2]. Projections provide planners with information about the probable size and demographics of the population, helping to ensure that governments, local councils, and communities have infrastructure and facilities to meet the short- and long-term needs of future populations [2].

This indicator presents the population projections for greater Christchurch, and the Territorial Authorities within greater Christchurch, for 2018 and 2048, using Statistics New Zealand data.

Table 3.1: Population projections for greater Christchurch, and by Territorial Authorities within greater Christchurch, 2018 and 2048

Area	Year	Total
Greater Christchurch	2018	508,400
	2048	653,000
Christchurch City	2018	383,800
	2048	463,500
Selwyn District	2018	63,300
	2048	106,500
Waimakariri District	2018	61,300
	2048	83,000

The table shows that by 2048 the greater Christchurch population is projected to reach 653,000. A majority of those people (463,500) will reside in Christchurch City. In 2018, Selwyn and Waimakariri districts had similar sized projected populations, however it is projected that Selwyn District will experience relatively more growth and reach a population size of 106,500 in 2048, compared with 83,000 for Waimakariri District.

Data Sources

Source: Statistics New Zealand.
Survey/data set: Subnational Population Projections: 2013 (base)-(2043) update. Access publicly available data from the Statistics New Zealand website www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/subnational-population-projections-2013base2043-update
Source data frequency: Source data updated 2 to 3 years.

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