

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 2038, using Statistics New Zealand data.

Table 3.1: Population projections for greater Christchurch, and by Territorial Authorities within greater Christchurch, 2018 and 2038

Area	Year	Total
Greater Christchurch	2018	510,000
	2038	621,600
Christchurch City	2018	387,200
	2038	449,100
Waimakariri District	2018	60,900
	2038	79,600
Selwyn District	2018	61,900
	2038	92,900

The table shows that by 2038 the greater Christchurch population is projected to reach 621,600. A majority of those people (449,100) 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 92,900 in 2038, compared with 79,600 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.archive.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/population/estimates_and_projections/SubnationalPopulationProjections_HOTP2013base-2043.aspx

Source data frequency: Source data updated 2 to 3 years.

Metadata for this indicator is available at <https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/index-data>

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