

3 May 2021

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Dear Adam,

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act request dated 3 April 2019 for the below:

- *The number of new dwellings required in each region on a yearly basis for the next five years, based on Stats NZ data and research on population growth and migration trends and estimates*

Stats NZ does not project regional dwelling requirements based on current population growth and migration statistics. It may be worth noting your request is more in line with policy decision making at the next level than the data and statistics we currently produce and therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act.

While we do not produce the data on exactly what you are asking for, we do however have other information you may find very useful. For example, we release ‘*subnational population estimates*’ every year that provides the best available measure of the population usually living in different areas of the country. The latest subnational population estimates release can be found at: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/subnational-population-estimates-at-30-june-2020>. We also produce population projections, which indicate the future population of different areas of the country. The latest release of our subnational population projections can be found at: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/subnational-population-projections-2018base2048>.

We also produce projections for the number and composition of families and households in different areas of the country, but this won’t be available until early 2022. Our previous subnational families and household projection release was in 2017 – details are available at: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/subnational-family-and-household-projections-2013base2038-update>”

Finally, we produce statistics on the number of ‘*building consents*’ issued by each Territorial Authority and this can be found here: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/building-consents-issued-february-2021>

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right, by way of complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this response to your request.

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Stats NZ intends to publish its response to your request made under the Act on the Stats NZ website. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Consistent with the Act, publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and helps promote balanced public debate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stallah Valaau', written over a faint horizontal line.

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