

Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand – measuring our wellbeing

Stats NZ is developing Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand, a set of indicators for measuring our progress. This work supports many cross-government initiatives and international reporting. We are working with the Treasury to ensure the indicators align with their [Living Standards Framework](#).

Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand will provide a wellbeing lens to government policy and investment decisions.

In addition, the indicators will enable government and non-government agencies to deliver on international Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) reporting standards.

The indicators

The indicators will go beyond economic measures, such as gross domestic product (GDP), and will include wellbeing and sustainable development.

The wellbeing indicators will build on international best practice, and will be tailored to New Zealanders by incorporating cultural and te ao Māori perspectives.

Some of the indicators will be new, and some will already exist (such as GDP). They will be available through an online tool for everyone to use to tell a consistent story about New Zealand.

Agencies and organisations will be able to create a dashboard from the online tool to track their own progress and help them deliver on international [Sustainable Development Goals](#).

Now, later, and elsewhere

The indicators will monitor our progress in New Zealand now and in the future, as well as New Zealand's impact on other countries:

- **Here and now** – the wellbeing of the current generation, for example life satisfaction and health.
- **Later** – what we're leaving behind for future generations, for example fish stocks and waste.
- **Elsewhere** – how our actions impact on other countries, for example foreign aid.

Developing Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand

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We will use a four-step process to ensure the indicators are fit for purpose, sustainable, and enduring.

- 1. Foundation** – we will follow the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) recommendation that the foundations of wellbeing should be measured across the 'here and now', 'later', and 'elsewhere' dimensions.
- 2. Selecting the topics** – the CES provides a starting point for the development of topics – we are leading an inclusive process to adapt the CES topics for New Zealanders.
- 3. Selecting the indicators** – approximately 110 indicators will be developed through the consultation process, guided by the principles for indicator selection
 - **Core** indicators (20–25) will provide a broad overview of progress.
 - **Second tier** indicators (80–90) will provide more detailed information on each of the dimensions.

The indicators will be selected through a collaborative process involving a wide range of stakeholders, including central and local government, NGOs, and external experts, such as te ao Māori experts, academics, and technical advisory groups.

We are engaging with Māori including at the community level. This will ensure te ao Māori perspectives are embedded into the set of well-being indicators.

4. International peer review

We've drawn on international expertise from several national statistical offices that have developed similar collections of indicators. A group of international experts will be invited to peer review our final list of indicators.

Next steps

The first set of indicators will be available online at the end of 2018, with the final set available in early 2019.

We will regularly test the indicators to ensure they remain enduring, robust, relevant, and flexible.

Contact us

Online submissions on the indicators will be available July 2018. Make a submission at [Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand – Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa: Consultation](#) [<https://www.stats.govt.nz/consultations/indicators-aotearoa-new-zealand-nga-tutohu-aotearoa-consultation/>] or email indicators@stats.govt.nz.