

Unleashing Data with Stats NZ

*E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā iwi o te motu ko tēnei te mihi manahau a Tatauranga Aotearoa ki a koutou. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.
He pānui tēnei, hei whakamārama i ngā kaupapa nui a Tatauranga Aotearoa i te wā o te Kōanga.
Ko te tūmanako ia, ka whai hua hoki ēnei kaupapa raraunga ma koutou.*

This year has proven a busy one for all of us at Stats NZ. As we work on bringing together the data we received through the 2018 Census, we have begun working towards our next census in 2023. Alongside this we are consulting with the public about creating robust measures of wellbeing for New Zealand, building a housing quality framework, updating New Zealand's data and statistics legislation and establishing a new approach & framework for Māori data governance that is looking for representatives to take part in our co-design process.

At Stats NZ we are keen to hear your views on these initiatives but because we understand how busy everyone is, we have compiled these messages together into one pānui. Below are links to important consultation that Stats NZ is undertaking and contact details should you want to get involved or for further information. It is our hope that you will accept our invitation to get involved.

Ngā mihi nui

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Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand – Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa

Stats NZ is developing Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand, Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa, to track New Zealand's progress. The set of indicators will go beyond economic measures, such as gross domestic product, to include wellbeing and sustainable development.

We want to ensure the indicators reflect Māori values and perspectives. In the coming weeks we will be sending information to iwi and Māori organisations, to seek input on what matters most to whānau, hapū and iwi in terms of wellbeing. Visit the page below to find out more and to make a submission.

Contact: indicators@stats.govt.nz

For more information: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/consultations/indicators-aotearoa-new-zealand-nga-tutohu-aotearoa-consultation>

Next Census (2023) engagement

Stats NZ's priority remains the delivery of a fit for purpose data set from the 2018 Census. While this work is underway, we still need to start our planning for the next census. The first part of this planning includes a submission of a one year Budget Bid (19/20) to fund the investigation, development and delivery of a Next Census Detailed Business Case. Part of this planning involves working with iwi and Māori organisations to understand how they would like to be involved in consultation and engagement as we develop the next census.

Please contact the Next Census Project Manager Mike Watson if you wish to be involved in our engagement planning for 2019.

Contact: Mike Watson – Mike.Watson@stats.govt.nz or 021 237 4459

Māori data governance

Work is underway at Stats NZ to co-design a Māori approach to data governance for the data system. In August-September meetings were held separately with executive leaders of the Public Service and officials representing agencies from across government, to secure their support for the co-design approach. These discussions have been positive and have led to the formation of a sub-group of officials, the *Kāwana Co-design Group*, agreeing to be involved as partners in the co-design process.

Similarly, and following preliminary discussions with members of the Data Iwi Leaders Group and Te Mana Raraunga, Stats NZ is working with the Data ILG to bring together representatives of iwi and Māori organisations to stand up a *Te Ao Māori Co-design Group*, broadly representative of Māori, to also participate in the co-design process. The hui will be held in November - for more information or to get involved, **contact:** James Hudson James.Hudson@stats.govt.nz

Developing a definition for housing quality

This month we will begin consulting on a proposed definition of housing quality for use in New Zealand's data system. Currently there is no single agreed definition of housing quality nationally or internationally. Our proposed definition includes a framework to help collate, describe, and define all the different aspects of housing quality. The framework brings together and defines four interrelated elements of housing quality:

- Housing habitability
- Housing functionality
- Environmental sustainability
- Social and cultural sustainability

Consultation started on 17 October and will be open for four weeks for submissions. We need to know if we're on the right track and would appreciate your input to tell us what housing quality means for you, your whānau and extended.

Contact: lan.newman@stats.govt.nz or housingqualityframework@stats.govt.nz

For more information: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/about-us/consultations-and-reviews/>

Statistics legislation review

Stats NZ is currently consulting the public on new data and statistics legislation to replace the Statistics Act 1975. For more than 40 years, the Statistics Act 1975 has governed the operation of New Zealand's official statistics system and supported data use for research and analysis. However, the data environment, information needs and opportunities to use data and statistics have changed significantly since the Act was designed. The Act does not mention the Treaty or the interests of Māori in collecting, managing, and using data.

Data and statistics can play a significant role in decision-making, and advancing iwi and Māori economic, social and cultural wellbeing. Your views are sought on how new data and statistics legislation can recognise the Treaty relationship between Māori and the Crown, and iwi and Māori interests in collecting, managing, and using data. Visit the page below to make a submission.

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For more information: <https://www.stats1975.nz/>