



# National Education Network Plans - Update

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# Introduction

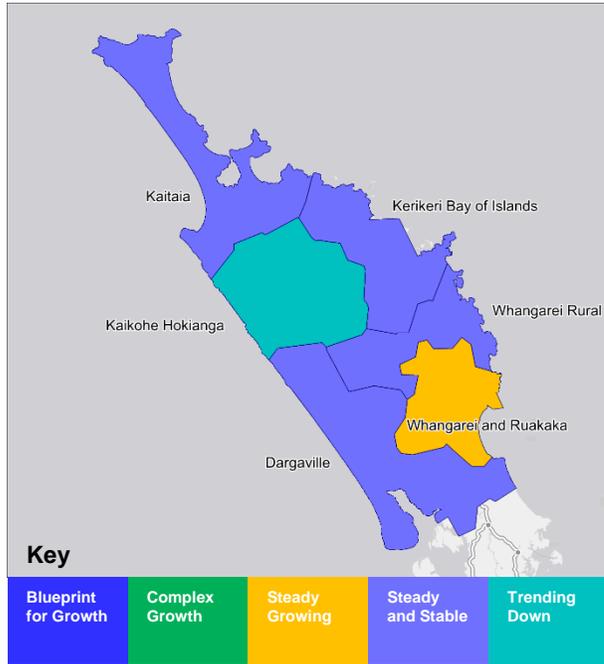
The National Education Network Plan (NENP) covers 119 catchments across the country. Each catchment plan shows where we expect changes in population to influence planning for the schooling network. This document contains high level updates for 2025 for each of the 12 Education Regions.

Maps of each region show the catchments, with their growth profile\* indicated by colour, as described below.

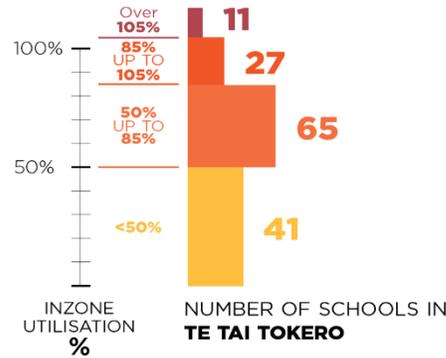
Blueprint for Growth	Complex Growth	Steady Growing	Steady and Stable	Trending Down
<p>This is where local government planning includes intensive housing development and expansion into outer urban areas in response to, or causing, a large influx of people to move into a particular area. These are opportunities to master-plan education infrastructure collaboratively across agencies to integrate in new communities.</p>	<p>This is where the area is desirable and there continues to be population growth despite limited room for expansion outwards. Local planning efforts are focused on redevelopment activities, intensification, or urban renewal to increase capacity or in response to other social and economic drivers.</p>	<p>This is where school-aged population growth is less significant but a response is still required. For example, there has been a change in the demographics of the region, with more young families moving into existing suburbs. Local planning efforts are focused on providing services for the demographic change.</p>	<p>This is where the school-aged population is anticipated to remain relatively stable. The school aged population is generally balanced across school rolls, although there may be pockets of growth and decline within catchments.</p>	<p>This is where the school-aged population is anticipated to fall across a catchment. The forecast is an overall reduction in the school age population although there may be pockets of limited growth and stability within catchments.</p>

\* Growth profiles from the 2019 NEGP and 2021 NENP – will be updated in 2026 when new Stats NZ data is available

# Tai Tokerau



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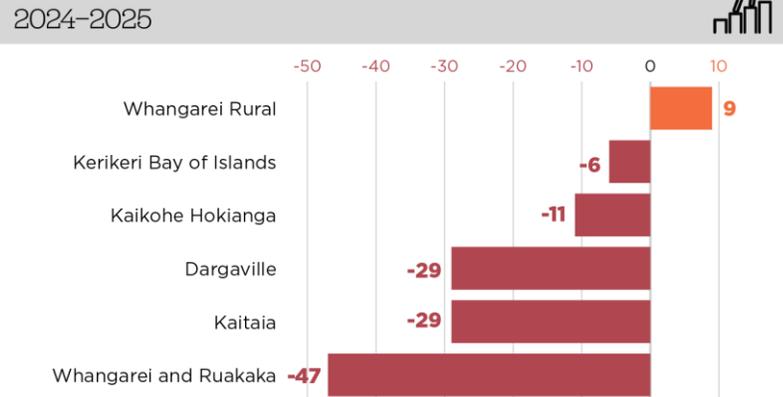
### What's influencing population change across the region?

- The new spatial plan for Kerikeri and Waipapa enables significant growth in the short to medium term, which is evident in the private plan changes and realised roll growth in the Kerikeri schools, with flow-on effects beginning to impact Kawakawa.
- The Whangarei Future Development Plan (FDS) enables significant growth in the Northern suburbs and Ruakaka in the short to medium term. Construction has commenced on two developments of 1,200 new dwellings in Ruakaka and southern Whangārei.
- The Dargaville catchment displays two distinct population patterns:
  - Western Area: is a rural setting often remote with Dargaville as the main township, it has a stable population over the last five years.
  - Eastern Area: In contrast, the east has experienced significant growth, with an increase of two hundred plus students over the last five years. This upward trend is expected to continue.
- Mangawhai continues to be influenced by internal migration of families from Auckland, and another new private plan change is going through the processes this year.
- While not population change, there is a growing demand for immersion Māori education across the region, prompting kura to grow to accommodate the demand.

### What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- We are implementing a range of new and amended enrolment schemes across the region to help manage the risk of overcrowding and ensure the schooling network is well-positioned to accommodate future growth as projected by district councils.
- Mangawhai Beach School has received funding to replace temporary classrooms with permanent roll growth spaces, supporting sustained roll growth in the area.

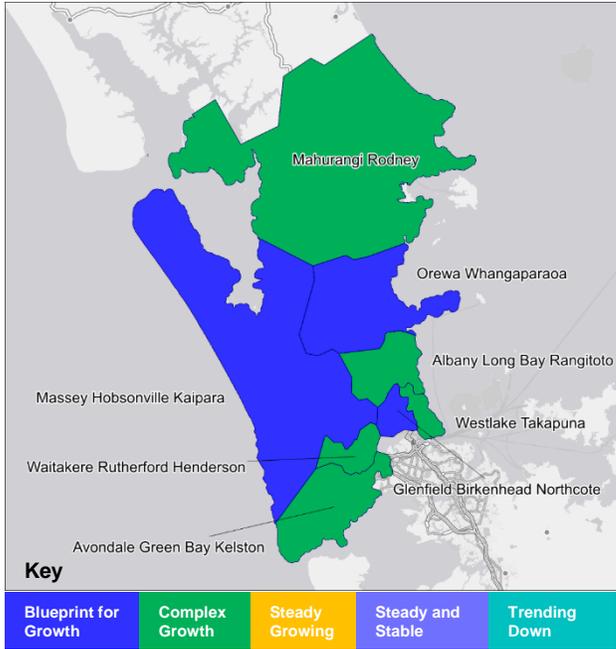
## Catchment Roll Growth 2024-2025



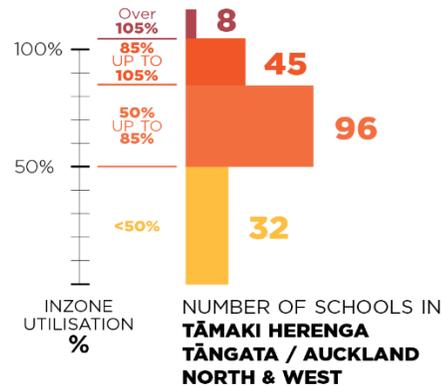
### What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

- We will continue to monitor population growth, residential development, and school roll trends to inform future demand and guide responses across English medium, Māori medium, and learning support specialist settings.
- Ongoing collaboration with councils on spatial plans and future development strategies will help ensure the education network is well-positioned to accommodate growth.
- In Māori medium education, we are focused on completing pathways within catchments. Planning will begin this year for the new location of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāringaomatariki.
- In learning support, we are addressing gaps in provision and completing pathways. A satellite unit for Blomfield Special School at Selwyn Park School has been funded this year.
- Enrolment scheme reviews and amendments will continue to be our primary tool for managing growth across the region.

# Tāmaki Herenga Tāngata – Auckland North and West



## Current inzone utilisation (JULY 2025)



### What's influencing population change across the region?

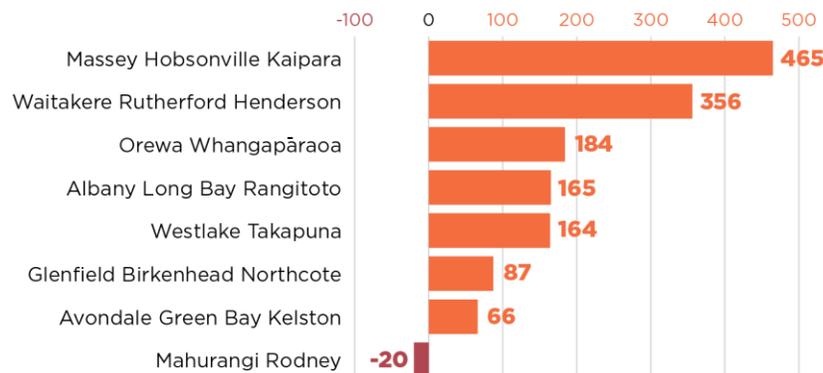
- All but one catchment experienced roll growth in the past year.
- Intensification is enabled by the Auckland Unitary Plan, and private plan changes in parts of the north and west are bringing forward growth in areas that is different to that signalled in Council's Future Development Strategy.
- There are significant areas of Future Urban zoned land in both north and west Auckland, including greenfield areas at Warkworth, Milldale, Whenuapai, Hobsonville, Kumeū and Massey.

### What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- Seven schools received funding for additional teaching spaces to respond to growth.
- Funding was received for a satellite of Oaklynn Special School at Kelston Intermediate School.
- Site works are underway for a new year 1-8 primary school at Massey Redhills (Te Pae School). Opening date Term 1, 2027.
- We are reviewing 19 enrolment schemes across Tāmaki Herenga Tāngata and are developing new enrolment schemes across the region to relieve the risk of overcrowding and to position the network to respond to the future growth forecast.
- We remain engaged with Auckland Council and other government agencies to inform and be informed about plans for residential growth and intensification.
- Hare Krishna School has a change in year levels to include years 11-13 that is being phased in over 3 years.
- We are planning our specialist settings and network to ensure provision is well located to respond to growth, including options for additional specialist provision in the North of Auckland.
- We are exploring the opportunities identified by Te Tira Hou to build capacity and pathways to support a growing demand for Kaupapa Māori and Māori medium education.

## Catchment Roll Growth

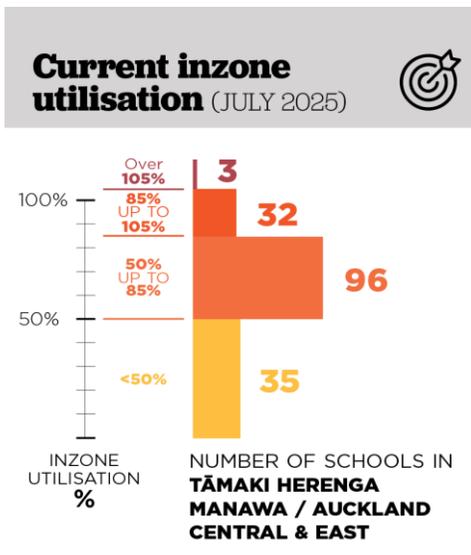
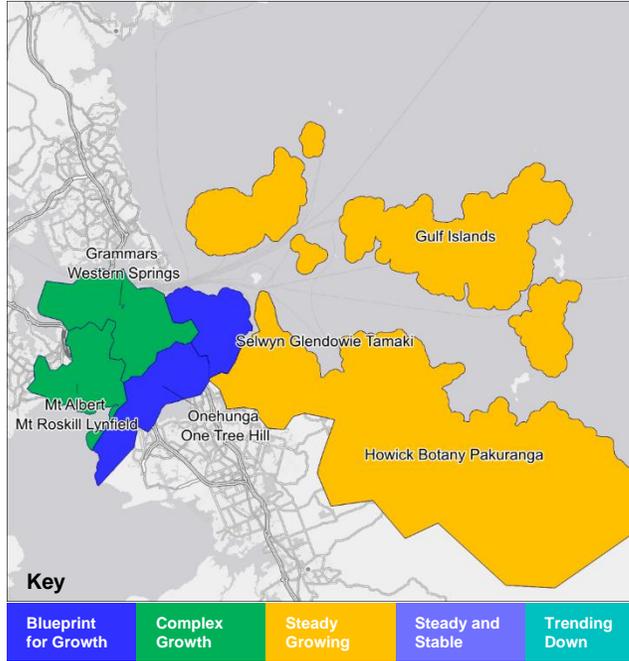
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### What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

- Progress further site acquisitions in growth areas and implement plans to increase educational provision as required. This will include growing existing schools and opening new schools. We will support establishment of additional Bilingual and Immersion provision in Te Reo Māori and Pacific languages.
- Investigate options to cater for future demand across Mahurangi and Rodney as we understand that there will be growth beyond 2026.
- Investigate land acquisition for an additional secondary school in west Auckland.
- Investigate options to cater for future demand in Albany.
- Monitor the forecast growth and demand in response to the pace and scale of housing development.
- Enrolment scheme reviews and amendments to continue as a first option to manage growth across the region.
- Monitor rolls for numbers of out of zone students and remind schools of their obligations to consider the longer-term implications of out of zone enrolments, as capacity for in zone students may be needed at a later date.

# Tāmaki Herenga Manawa – Auckland Central and East



## What's influencing population change across the region?

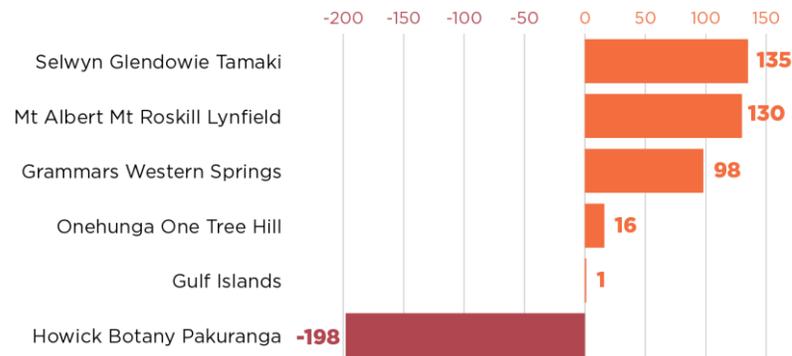
- All but one catchment across the region experienced roll growth, driven by intensification enabled by the Auckland Unitary Plan – a trend that is expected to continue in urban areas.
- Population growth within catchments is uneven, with increasing enrolments at some schools being offset by declines in other areas of the same catchment.
- As larger primary school cohorts progress through the system, roll pressure is increasingly shifting to secondary schools.
- The redevelopment of the Wesley (West) Kāinga Ora neighbourhood has recently been deferred indefinitely which will slow increases in population and school rolls in the Mt Albert Mt Roskill Lynfield catchment.
- Kāinga Ora continues to deliver housing in Roskill South, Owairaka, Waikowhai, Tāmaki and Oranga, driving roll growth in the Mt Albert Mt Roskill Lynfield, Selwyn Glendowie Tamaki and Onehunga One Tree Hill catchments.
- Early stages of development on the former Unitec site will drive growth in Avondale.

## What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- Additional teaching spaces to respond to growth have been funded for Bucklands Beach Intermediate, Macleans College, One Tree Hill College and Te Kura o Pātiki Rosebank School.
- Funding was received for a secondary school satellite of Central Auckland Specialist School.
- Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Maungarongo received funding to progress the project at the kura.
- Construction is underway for the relocation of Central Auckland Specialist School to the Wesley Intermediate site.
- Construction will soon begin for the rebuild of Sommerville Special School.
- We are reviewing 68 enrolment schemes across Herenga Manawa and implementing a range of amendments across the region to relieve the risk of overcrowding and to position the network to respond to the future growth forecast.
- The Ministry remains engaged with Auckland Council and other government agencies to inform and be informed about plans for residential growth and intensification.
- We are planning our specialist network and settings to ensure provision is well located to respond to growth.
- We are exploring the opportunities identified by Te Tira Hou to build capacity and pathways to support a growing demand for Kaupapa Māori and Māori medium education.

## Catchment Roll Growth

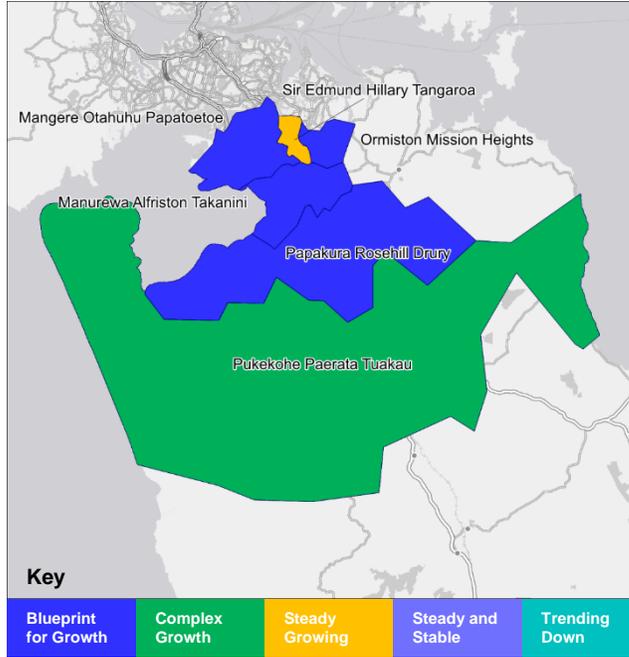
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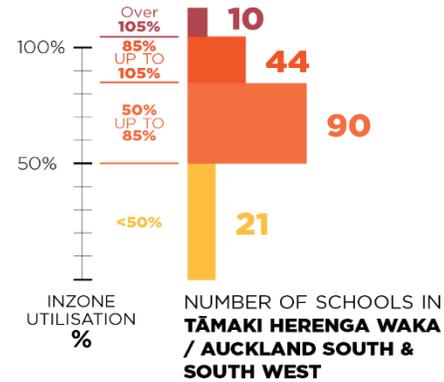
## What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

- We will continue to monitor population growth, residential development trends, and trends in school rolls to inform future actions.
- We will grow existing schools, open new schools if required, and support the establishment of additional Bilingual and Immersion provision in Te Reo Māori and Pacific languages.
- Investigations continue for a site for a new primary school to cater for the development at the Unitec site.
- Enrolment scheme reviews and amendments to continue as a first option to manage growth over the region.
- Monitor rolls for numbers of out of zone students and remind schools of their obligations to consider the longer-term implications of accepting out of zone enrolments, as capacity for in zone students may be needed at a later date.

# Tāmaki Herenga Waka – Auckland South and Southwest



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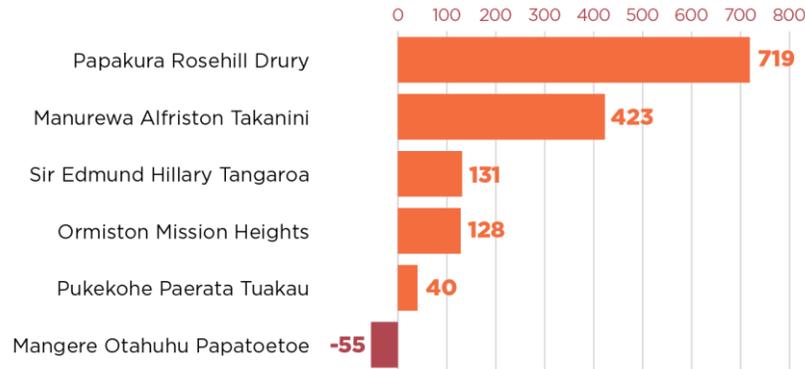
- All but one catchment has had roll growth, with significant growth in Papakura Rosehill and Drury.
- Intensification is enabled by the Auckland Unitary Plan and there is likely to be continued intensification across urban areas and private plan changes bringing forward growth ahead of time compared to Auckland Council's Future Development Strategy.
- There are significant areas of Future Urban Land in the sub-region, including greenfield areas at Takanini, Hingaia, Drury, Paerata, Pukekohe and growth is continuing in Pokeno.
- Development in Drury has not progressed as quickly to what was previously forecast.
- There are a higher number of students per household than we see traditionally.
- The redevelopment of the Ōtaki o te Wai (Middlemore) Kāinga Ora neighbourhood has been deferred indefinitely which will impact on the forecast demand in school rolls from development in that immediate area.

### What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- Thirteen schools received funding for additional teaching spaces to respond to growth.
- Funding was received for a satellite of Rosehill Special School at Papakura Normal School.
- Three kura received funding.
- We have acquired land for a new primary school in Pokeno.
- We are planning to open a new primary school (Te Kura Rau Iti) in Flatbush in 2026 and a new junior college at Chapel Downs in 2027.
- We are reviewing 33 enrolment schemes across Herenga Waka and are developing a range of new enrolment schemes across the region to relieve the risk of overcrowding and to position the network to respond to the future growth forecast.
- We continue to engage with Auckland Council and other government agencies to inform and be informed about plans for residential growth.
- We are planning our specialist settings and network to ensure provision is well located to respond to growth.
- We are exploring the opportunities identified by Te Tira Hou to build capacity and pathways to support a growing demand for Kaupapa Māori and Māori medium education.

## Catchment Roll Growth

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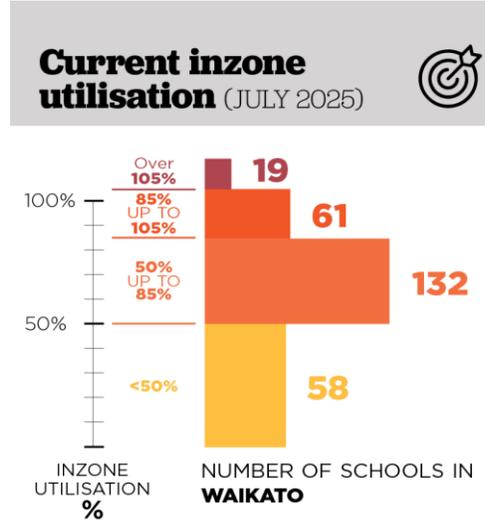
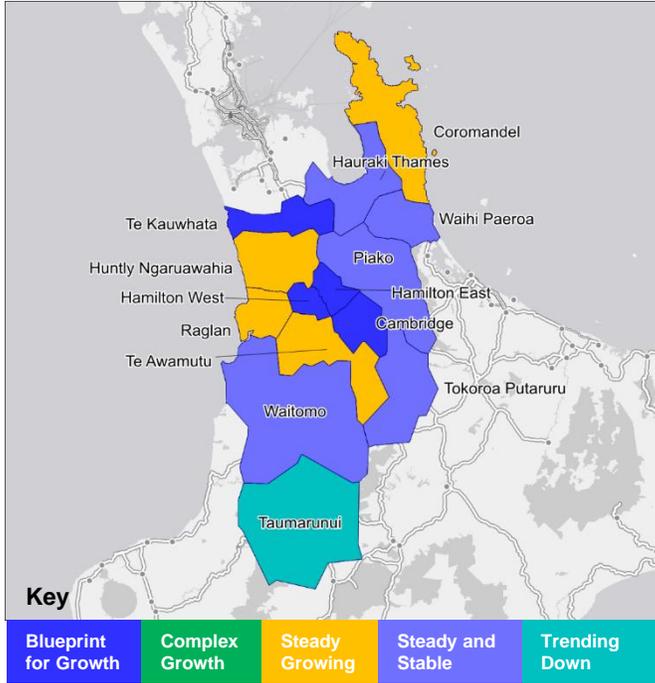


### What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

- Progress further site acquisitions in growth areas, and implement plans to increase educational provision as required. This will include growing existing schools and opening new schools. We will support establishment of additional Bilingual and Immersion provision in Te Reo Māori and Pacific languages.
- Investigate additional land acquisition for schools in Drury as development progresses.
- Enrolment scheme reviews and amendments to continue as a first option to manage growth in the region.
- Expansion/redevelopment of existing schools to respond to growth in student numbers due to public and private developments.
- Monitor rolls for out of zone students and remind schools of their obligations to consider the longer-term implications of accepting out of zone enrolments, as capacity for in zone students may be needed at a later date.

# Waikato

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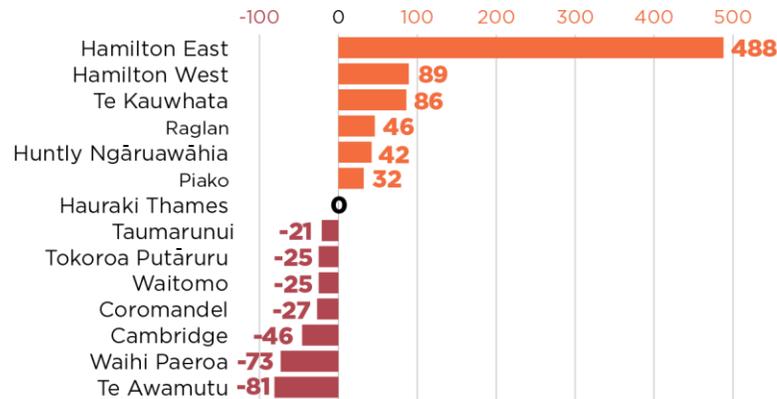
### What's influencing population change across the region?

- Population migration from Auckland continues due to more affordable housing and flexible working arrangements.
- Hamilton and surrounding districts are a popular destination for families.
- Infill housing continues in central Hamilton.
- Residential developments have slowed in Cambridge and Te Awamutu and this is contributing to a decline in the school aged population.

### What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- Completed zoning of every State Primary and Intermediate school in Hamilton to better balance the network and identify potential future roll growth requirements.
- Development at Rototuna Junior and Senior High Schools in Hamilton North has been completed with an extra 800 spaces created.
- Site planning is underway for the two new primary schools in the new Peacocke subdivision in the Melville area of Hamilton.
- We are progressing additional classrooms from Budget 25 to manage roll growth (including KME/MME and Learning support).

### Catchment Roll Growth 2024-2025

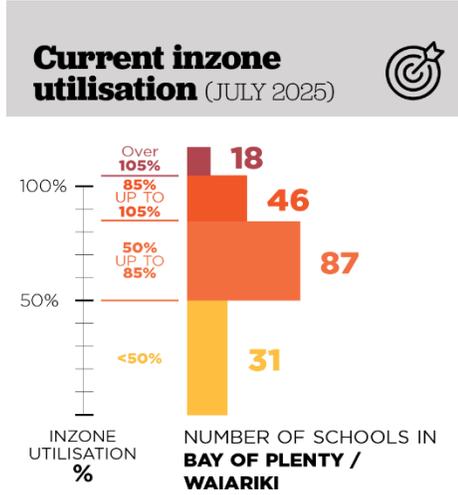
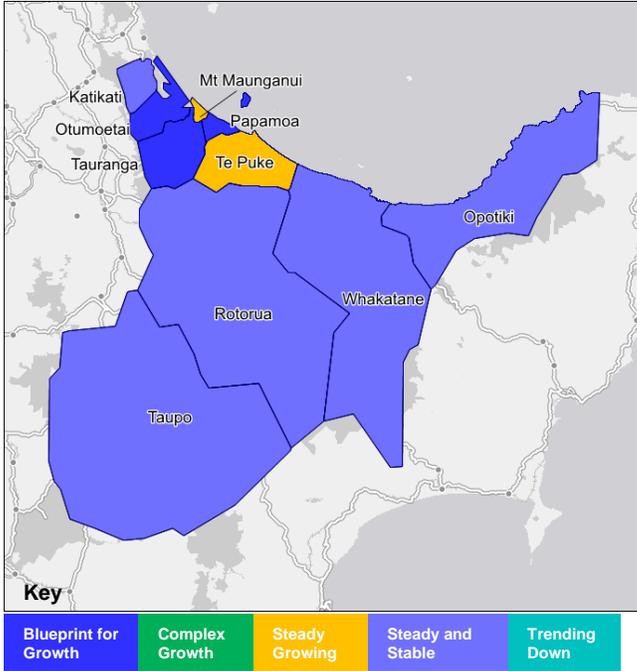


### What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

- We are pursuing site acquisition in the Rotokauri area of Hamilton to manage future growth.
- Specific focus on new enrolment schemes in Matamata and Ngāruawāhia to balance this network of schools.
- Enrolment scheme reviews and amendments to continue as a first option to manage growth over the region.
- Increasing the number of Learning Support teaching spaces at local Specialist Schools
- In areas facing population decline we will support individual schools with low enrolments to remain viable, while actively assessing any need for structural schooling changes such as mergers or closures.
- Continue working with all our local government and territorial partners on spatial planning and future development strategies.

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# Bay of Plenty Waiariki



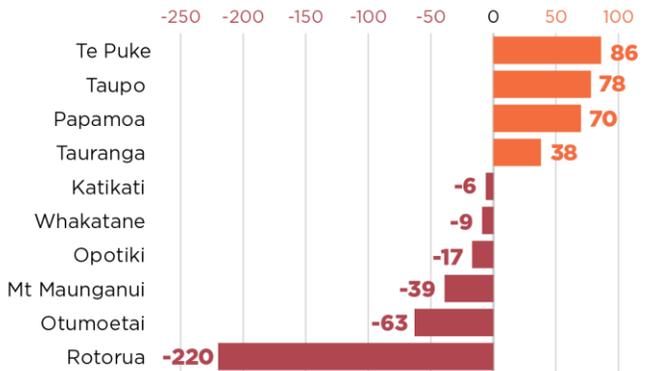
## What's influencing population change across the region?

- The Te Puke catchment continues to grow with planned residential developments ongoing, this is resulting in anticipated increases in the school-aged population.
- Taupō catchment is continuing to be a popular destination for families with this reflected in an increase in enrolments.
- Pāpāmoa continues to have strong school-aged population growth due to continuing development of higher density housing areas.
- The Tauranga population has continued to grow steadily, around 6% growth in the school aged population, and is projected to continue to see strong growth over the next 30 years.
- The decline in student numbers in the Rotorua catchment is not expected to continue with student numbers returning to steady and stable into the medium term.

## What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- The expansion of Pāpāmoa College is complete and Mount Maunganui College is nearing completion with additional spaces for up to 500 students added at each school.
- A number of significant roll growth projects are underway or completed recently including schools in Tauranga's CBD, Mount Maunganui and Te Puke and a number of kura across the region.
- Completed zoning of every State school in Taupō to better balance the network and identify potential future roll growth requirements.
- Specific focus on new enrolment schemes in Rotorua to better balance the network and identify surplus space.

## Catchment Roll Growth 2024-2025

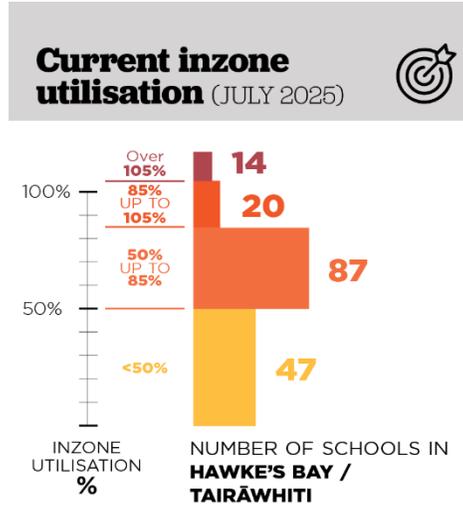
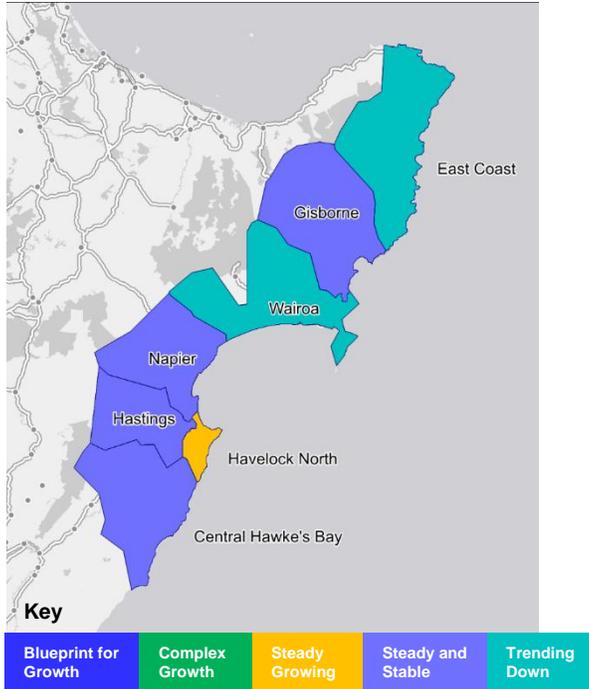


## What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

- Continue working with all our territorial and central government partners on spatial planning and future development strategies for growth, including the Smartgrowth partnership in Tauranga city.
- Acquire land for a future secondary school in the Western Corridor growth area and the relocation and expansion of Tauriko School.
- We continue to monitor development and plan for growth within the wider Tauranga catchment.
- Actively manage enrolment schemes to balance student numbers where there are underutilised schools in the network/catchment.
- Make recommendations for provision of additional classrooms where a school is significantly over utilised from in-zone growth.

# Hawke's Bay Tairāwhiti

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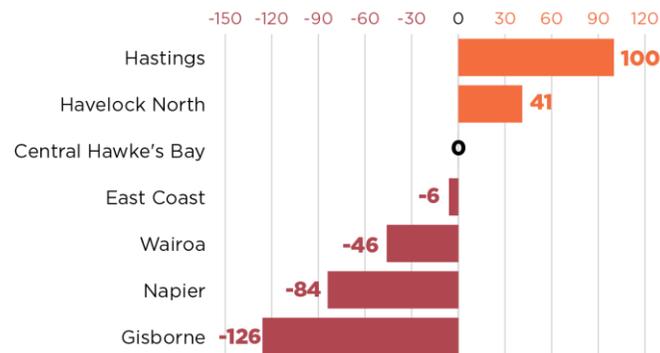
- Small residential developments have continued across the Hastings and Havelock North catchments.
- Gisborne catchment is experiencing a decline in student numbers which could be due to families moving out of the region for job opportunities.
- Māori students in the Tairāwhiti / Gisborne District now make up 69% of the total number enrolled in schools and kura.
- Declines in student numbers are also evident across the Napier, Wairoa and East Coast catchments. This could also be due to families moving out of the region for job opportunities and the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle on housing availability in Wairoa and the East Coast.

## What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- Most schools in Hastings have enrolment schemes and despite an increase in student numbers this catchment has available capacity across multiple schools. Will continue to monitor.
- TKKM o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu (relocated in 2024) has provision to cater for 400 ākonga.
- Six roll growth teaching spaces have been funded in Budget 25 for TKKM o Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Heretaunga (Hastings).
- Closure of Cobham School (Gisborne). Cobham will become the home for a newly established Wharekura, TKKM o Hawaiki Hou which will provide for 108 students.
- TKKM o Horouta Wānanga (Gisborne) received construction funding for 200 spaces – to enable relocation to its new site adjacent to Te Poho-o-Rawiri Marae.
- Removal of excess teaching spaces (5) at Tiaho School, Wairoa as part of a redevelopment.

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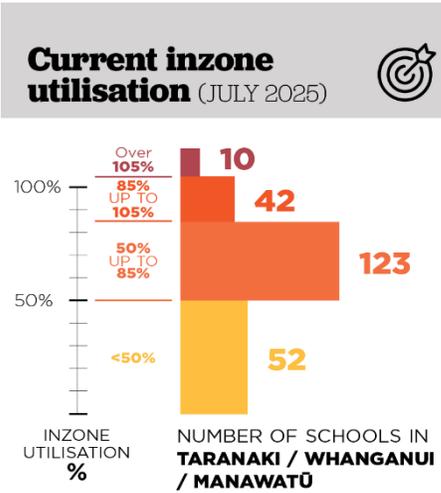
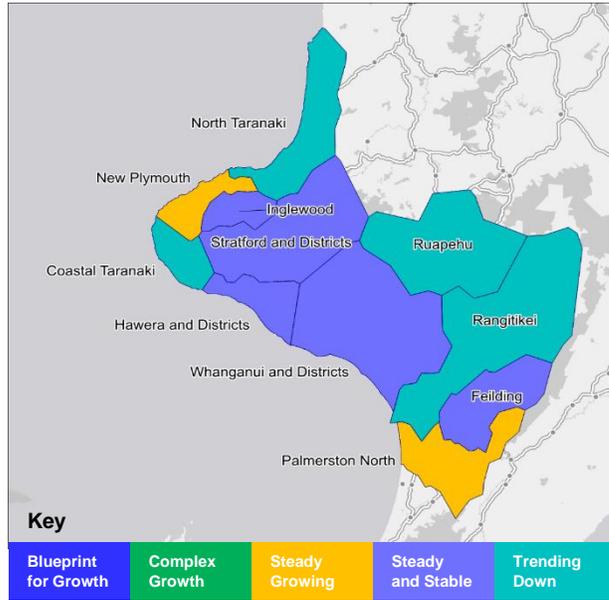


## What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

- Implement enrolment schemes in Central Hawkes Bay to spread demand across the catchment.
- Actively manage enrolment schemes to balance student numbers where there are underutilised schools in the network/catchment.
- Investigate options to reduce excess capacity within the Gisborne Network to respond to population decline and the increase in Kaupapa Māori provision.
- Continue working with all our local government and territorial partners on spatial planning and future development strategies.

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# Taranaki Whanganui Manawatū



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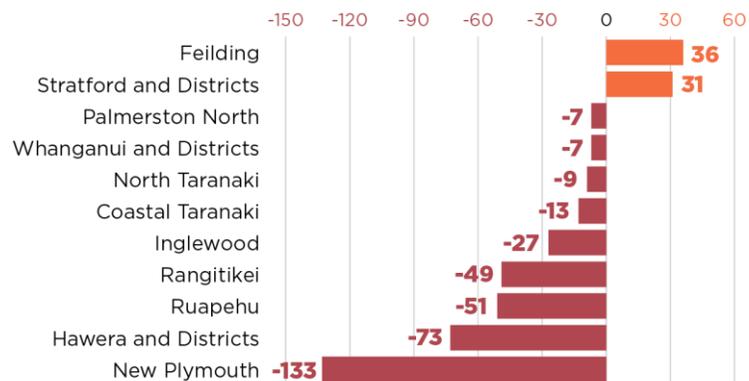
- The catchments of Feilding, and Stratford and Districts are experiencing some growth in student numbers. This could be due to the development of more affordable housing which is drawing families to these areas.
- North Taranaki (Waitara), whilst overall student enrolment numbers are stable, Waitara township has seen an increase in enrolments. This is reflective of the development of affordable housing options including Iwi led developments.
- Palmerston North and Whanganui continue to have a stable school aged population, and this is expected to continue in the short term.
- The decline in students numbers in New Plymouth and Hawera and Districts is due to a decline in primary school enrolments, while secondary enrolments remain steady.
- The decline in student numbers in Rangitikei and Ruapehu may be due to less employment opportunities and the availability and quality of housing.

## What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- Across the region we continue to see growth in whānau desire for Kaupapa Māori education.
- A new Kura was established in Feilding with 60 places for ākonga. We are planning for additional kura in North Taranaki.
- We are progressing additional classrooms from Budget 25 to manage roll growth in KME/MME Kura.
- Enrolment schemes have been implemented in Palmerston North, Inglewood and Waitara to better balance the network and identify potential future roll growth requirements.
- Across the region there has been growth in the number of students identified as having additional learning needs.

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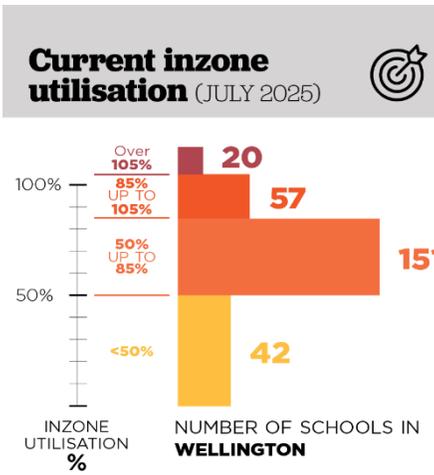
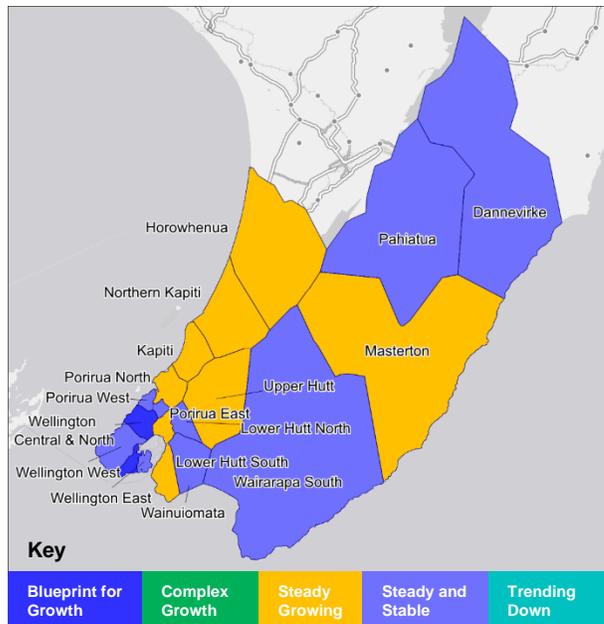


## What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

- We are planning for growth in ORS supported students, including the possibility of a new specialist school in the region.
- Continue working with all our local government and territorial partners on spatial planning and future development strategies.
- Meet with the respective Iwi Trusts to gain an understanding of future Kaupapa Māori needs in the catchment.
- Continue to plan for roll growth Māori Medium and Kaupapa Māori Education across the region.
- Enrolment scheme reviews and amendments to continue as a first option to manage growth over the region.

# Wellington

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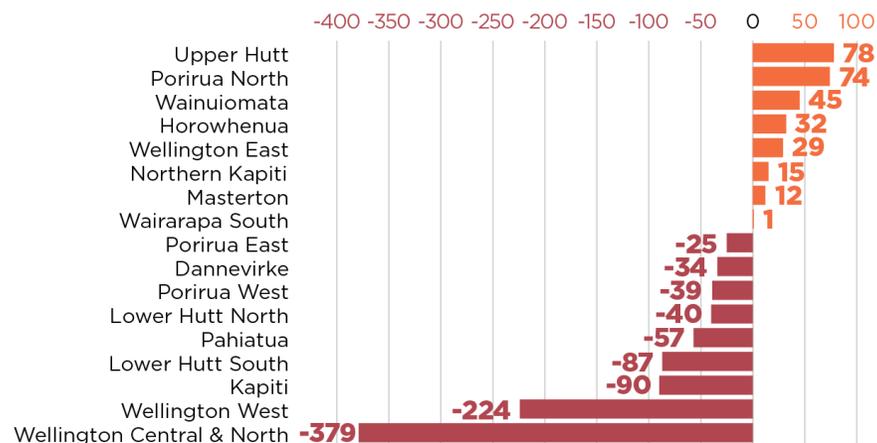


## What's influencing population change across the region?

- At a regional level, primary school enrolment patterns have followed the general trend of decline, following a recent peak. In contrast, secondary enrolments are anticipated to be peaking in 2025/2026, after which they are anticipated to begin a decline, as seen in the primary age cohort.
- Within catchments, parental choice remains a major influence over individual school roll trends. With a smaller school age population, greater choice becomes available as schools with enrolment schemes which were unable to accommodate out-of-zone enrolments, now have space available as their in-zone enrolments decrease.
- Porirua North and Northern Kapiti (Waikanae) catchments have large scale greenfield developments at various stages of planning. These future communities will require access to schooling.
- Within the Horowhenua catchment significant residential development is planned in and around Levin.
- In addition to greenfield developments, intensification within established communities will have an influence on the existing school networks. There has been in-fill residential development, resulting in 2-3 level townhouse and apartment developments. We expect this will continue over the medium to long term as development opportunities arise and as infrastructure upgrades occur to support this development.

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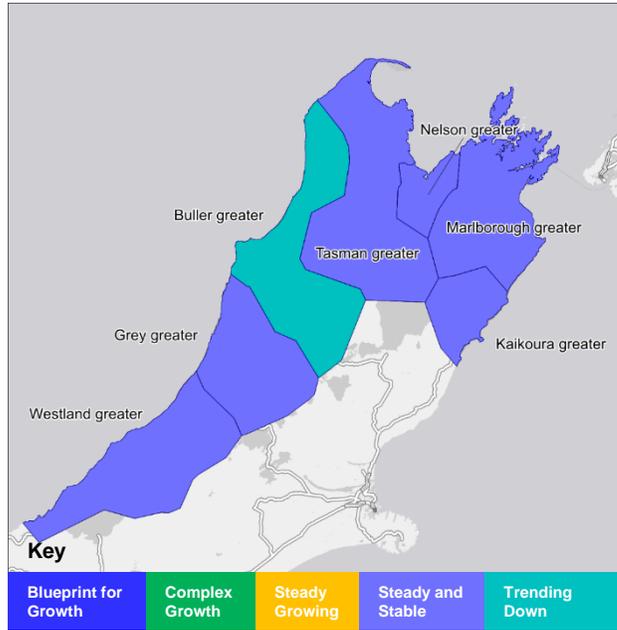
- Enrolment schemes remain the primary response to managing the network of schools, particularly where enrolments are occurring from students living in other school catchments. For example, we are working on the enrolment schemes for the schools in the Upper Hutt catchment to manage growth. We are anticipating growth to be at manageable levels some time in 2026.
- Several roll growth projects, combined with re-development of existing school property have been undertaken or are in delivery at secondary schools across the region.
- We are working with Councils and developers to inform our planning of responses to growth anticipated in the Porirua North, Waikanae and Levin areas.
- We are working with Councils and developers in relation to land acquisition for future primary schools in Porirua North and Levin.

## What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

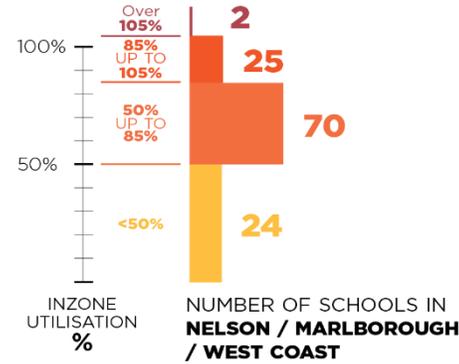
- We are in discussion with whānau and landowners for sites for new Kura in Porirua and in Levin.
- We will continue to monitor enrolment patterns across school networks, working with schools to share information about enrolment patterns, local student populations and residential development. This information assists schools with their planning and enrolment scheme management.
- We are developing responses to address schools that are over-utilised through a combination of enrolment schemes and additional capacity where it is needed to support enrolment of local students.

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# Nelson Marlborough West Coast



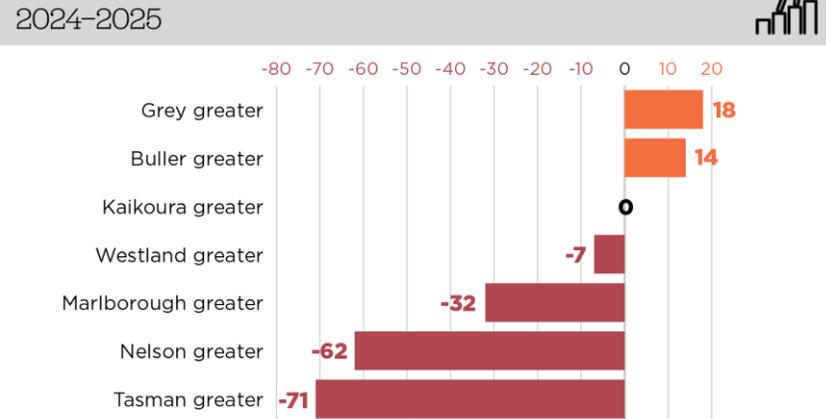
## Current inzone utilisation (JULY 2025)



### What's influencing population change across the region?

- In most catchments across Nelson Marlborough West Coast the school aged population is steady and stable. The Buller district was projected to decline. However, we are seeing population shifts across the Nelson Marlborough West Coast region that have not been previously forecast.
- Working arrangements, education choices and housing affordability have changed in unanticipated ways following the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in unpredicted increases in enrolments at some schools.
- Growth in the mining, dairy, tourism and hospitality sectors is creating jobs and partly responsible for high levels of internal migration south. Census 2023 showed Marlborough (8.7%), Nelson (8.0%) Tasman (7.5%) and the West Coast (7.5%) had the most people who previously lived in the North Island as reported in the 2018 Census – behind only Otago (9.9%).
- Tasman has experienced some of the fastest population and housing growth in the country. Census 2023 results show the population grew by 10.3% and the Council's growth projections show all age groups in Tasman are projected to experience growth over the next 10 years.
- There are pockets of growth in the Nelson-Richmond conurbation, particularly in the West and South of Richmond, due to housing expansion and intensification.
- The Māori school-aged population is growing significantly, both in numbers and as a proportion of the overall school aged population, resulting in greater demand for Kaupapa Māori and Māori medium provision.

## Catchment Roll Growth 2024-2025



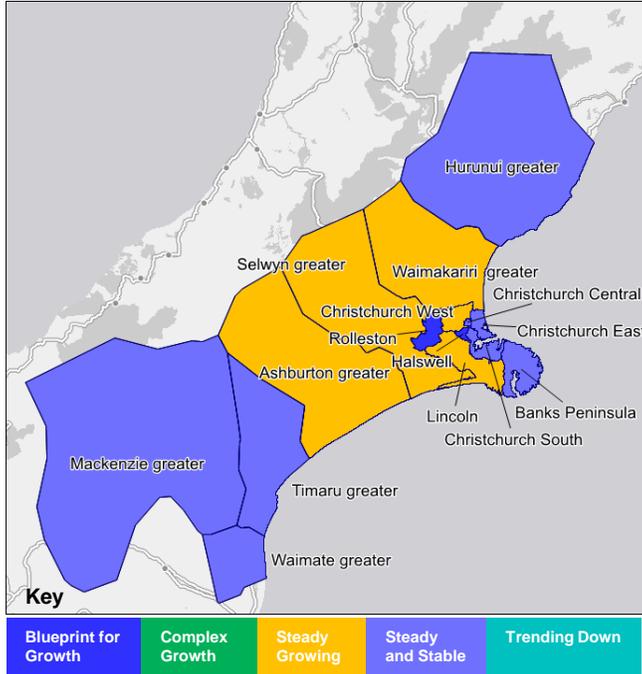
### What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- Recapitation (increasing to Y1-8 from Y1-6) at Wakefield School in 2024 and Appleby School in 2025.
- Addressing the priority property needs of Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges and Bohally Intermediate following the end of the Te Tātoru o Wairau | Blenheim schools rebuild project.
- Working with Iwi on Kaupapa Māori and Māori medium provision. New kura, Te Pā Wānanga at Ōmaka Marae in Blenheim. We are supporting and application for a new kura, Te Kura Motuhake o Arahura at Arahura Marae near Hokitika. Additional teaching spaces at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tuia te Matangi in Richmond. New Level 1 MME pathways in Nelson.
- A satellite for Maitai Specialist School is in construction at Nayland College in Stoke. Redevelopment of the Maitai Specialist School base site at a new location in Richmond. We are supporting an application for a new satellite in Motueka.

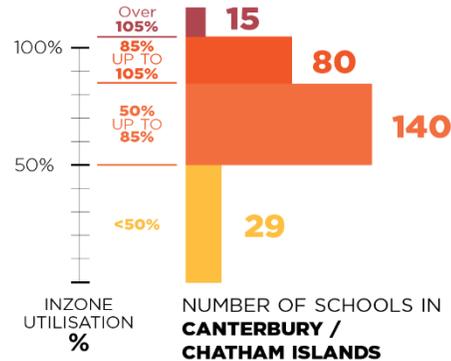
### What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

- Relocation of Ranzau School to a new school in Richmond West to manage growth in the Waimea catchment.
- A Marlborough satellite of Maitai Specialist School in Blenheim, and a Transition Education Centre in Nelson.
- Monitor rolls and respond to changes, primarily through management and implementation of enrolment schemes.
- Work with Councils as they plan for housing intensification and expansion, forecasting what this will mean for the schooling network in these communities.

# Canterbury Chatham Islands



## Current inzone utilisation (JULY 2025)



## What's influencing population change across the region?

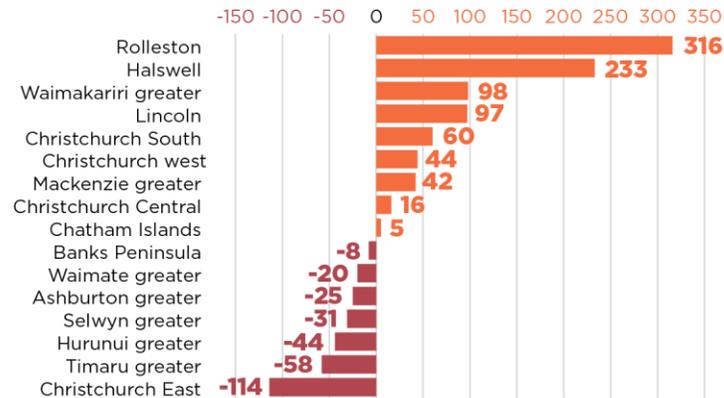
- Significant growth is underway across the Selwyn District, including Rolleston and Lincoln.
- Primary school rolls within Rolleston and Lincoln grew by 6% each year from 2020 to 2024 and grew by 4% in 2025.
- This growth has been driven by large scale greenfield residential developments, which have also driven significant growth in the Halswell area, as well as in the Waimakariri District. Much of this growth is due to the proximity of these development areas to Christchurch City.
- Within Christchurch City, there has been an increase in infill residential development, typically driven by large numbers of small-scale intensification projects. This has resulted in rapid population growth in several urban areas within the city.
- Further greenfield growth in satellite towns and further in-fill/intensification in urban areas is expected over the short to medium term. Most rural areas of Canterbury are stable or experiencing a low level of growth. There is potential for significant residential growth in Ashburton and Timaru, but the scale and timing of uptake of enabled housing development is uncertain at this time.

## What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- A new primary school will open in Rolleston in 2026, as will the second campus of Rolleston College.
- Large scale expansions have been completed or are in progress at schools in Rolleston, Lincoln, and Woodend. Multiple small to medium scale expansion projects have been approved and funded within urban areas of Christchurch City.
- Sites have been purchased for additional primary provision in Prebbleton and Halswell, and new primary schools will open on these sites in 2027. Work is underway to investigate future sites for new schools in areas of greenfield growth.
- Enrolment schemes are in place at 81% of state schools, and at 69% of state integrated schools in the region. This has helped to manage the risk of overcrowding at individual schools and supports the best use of the network of schools. Regular review and amendment of enrolment schemes ensures they remain fit for purpose in meeting the requirements of the Education and Training Act.
- Additional capacity is being made available at each of the state schools identified as being over 105% utilised. At each of these schools, additional teaching space is either available through temporary solutions, or has been funded for construction.
- The Ministry continues to work with Proprietors of State Integrated schools to identify the demand and opportunities for expansion of Integrated provision to support the wider network, particularly in growth areas. Several Maximum Roll Increases have been recently approved, with the larger of these increases staged over several years.

## Catchment Roll Growth

2024-2025

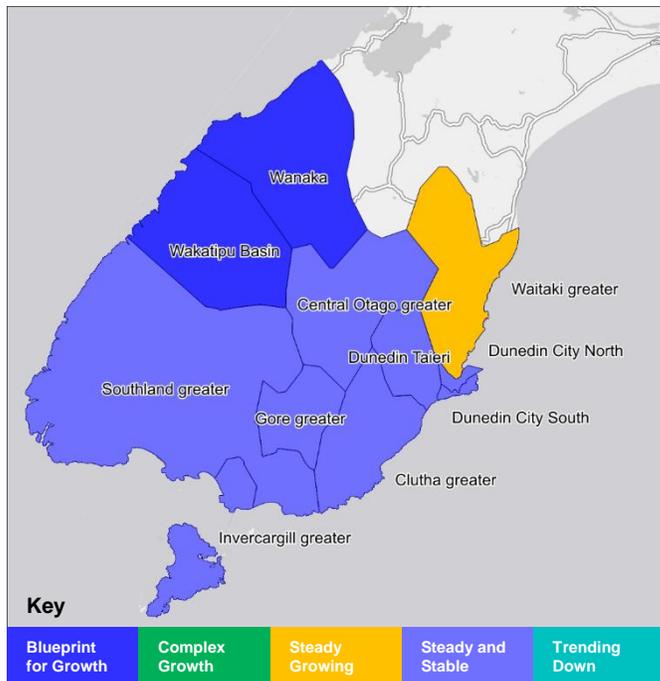


## What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

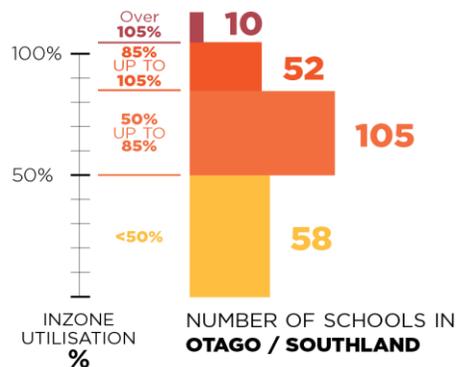
- Continue to monitor population growth, residential development trends, and trends in school rolls to inform future actions. Continue to engage with local Councils to inform and be informed by council plans for residential growth.
- Progress further site acquisitions in growth areas, and implement plans to increase educational provision as required. This will include growing existing schools and opening new schools. We will support establishment of additional Bilingual and Immersion provision in Te Reo Māori and Pacific languages.
- Review enrolment schemes regularly to ensure students have access to a local state school, and to ensure best use of capacity available in the network.

# Otago Southland

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## Current inzone utilisation (JULY 2025)



## What's influencing population change across the region?

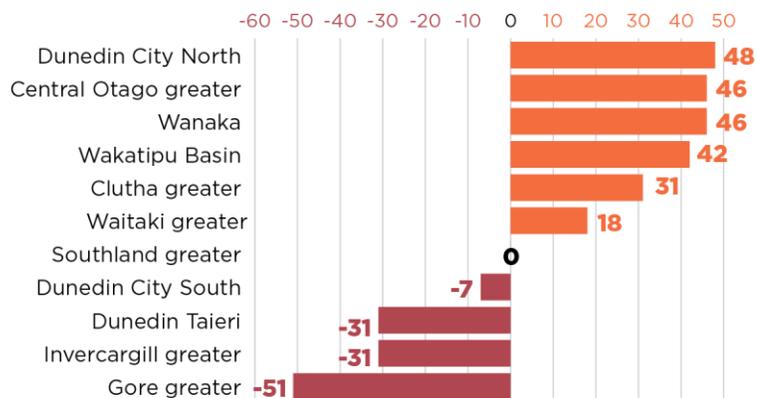
- Significant growth is underway and planned for Wakatipu Basin (Queenstown). In Wakatipu Basin, state and state-integrated schools saw their rolls grow an increase of 14.1% between 2021 and 2025.
- In the same timeframe, in Wānaka, state and state-integrated schools saw their rolls grow by 12.9%.
- In Dunedin, the Future Development Strategy is proposing growth in the Taieri area, Corstorphine and Caversham within the short and medium term (next 10 years), and parts of Brockville over the next 30 years.
- There continues to be significant growth in the Wakatipu Basin and Wānaka catchments, and learners' projections across Otago Southland look stable due to stability or steady growth in the rest of the region: Central Otago, Dunedin City North, Clutha and Waitaki.

## What's already underway to help us respond to population change across the region?

- Te Kura Whakatipu o Kawarau (Y1-8) in Queenstown opened in 2022.
- Stage 2 of Te Kura Whakatipu o Kawarau is now approved for additional teaching spaces due to the scale and pace of growth in Queenstown. The opening roll of 160 has increased by 233 students or 145.6%.
- Te Kura O Take Kārara (Y1-6) in Wānaka opened in 2020 and has ensured there is continued capacity in the primary network.
- We have initiated processes to acquire further land to accommodate projected student growth in the Wakatipu Basin and are in discussion with developers in Kingston for a new primary school site.
- We have delivered additional classrooms to Dunstan High School in Central Otago.
- We are working to support Māori Medium education pathways across the region with possibilities to initiate kohanga reo provision in Queenstown and potential investment in TKKM o Ōtepoti.
- The Ministry continues to work with state-integrated proprietors to identify the demand and opportunities for expansion of Integrated provision to support the wider network, particularly in growth areas.

## Catchment Roll Growth

2024-2025



## What else are we planning to do to respond to population change across the region?

- Investigate additional land acquisition for a secondary school in Queenstown and a primary school in Hāwea.
- Continue to work with Queenstown Lakes District Council as they update the information around new developed areas and timing based on their current spatial plan.
- Continue to actively monitor rolls for out of zone students and communicate with schools to support them meet their obligations and consider reduction in the number of out-of-zone places offered.

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