

Building Consents Issued: July 2017

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Key facts

New dwellings

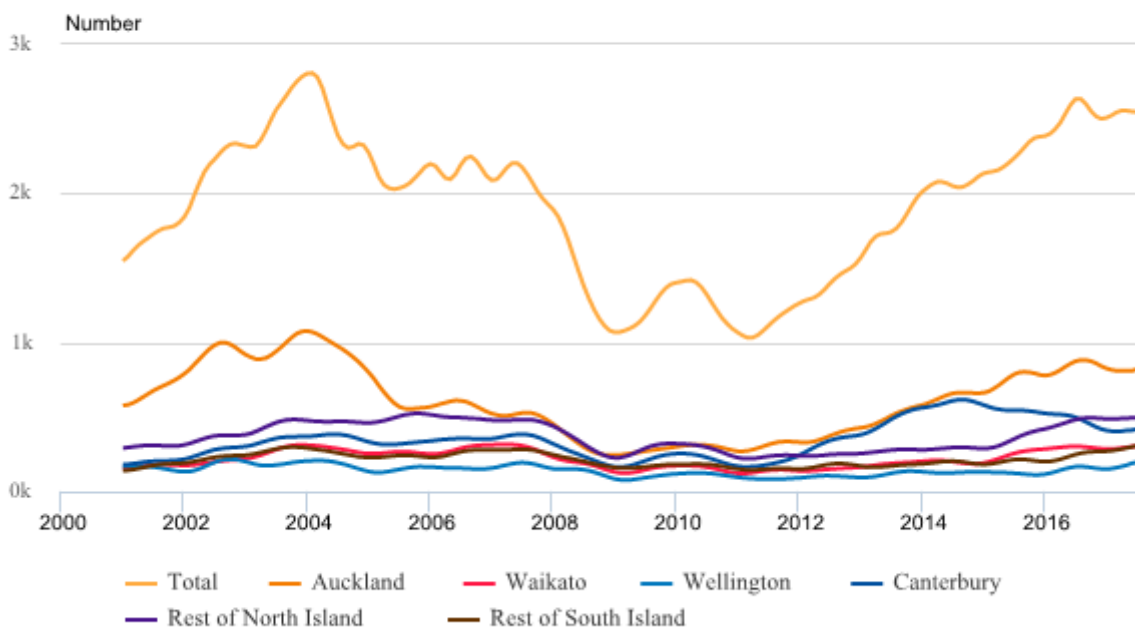
In July 2017, building consents were issued for 2,762 new dwellings:

- 1,900 houses
- 367 apartments
- 350 townhouses, flats, and units
- 145 retirement village units.

The seasonally adjusted number of new dwellings consented fell 0.7 percent, following a 1.3 percent fall in June. For houses only, the seasonally adjusted number rose 8.5 percent, following a 4.0 percent fall in June.

The trend for the number of new dwellings consented is relatively flat. It reached a 12-year high in mid-2016, but decreased towards the end of the year.

Trend for new dwellings consented
By region, monthly



Source: Stats NZ

Including alterations, the value of building work consented in the July 2017 month was \$1.8 billion, comprising \$1.2 billion of residential work and \$576 million of non-residential work.

In the year ended July 2017, 30,404 new dwellings were consented – up 4.5 percent from the July 2016 year.

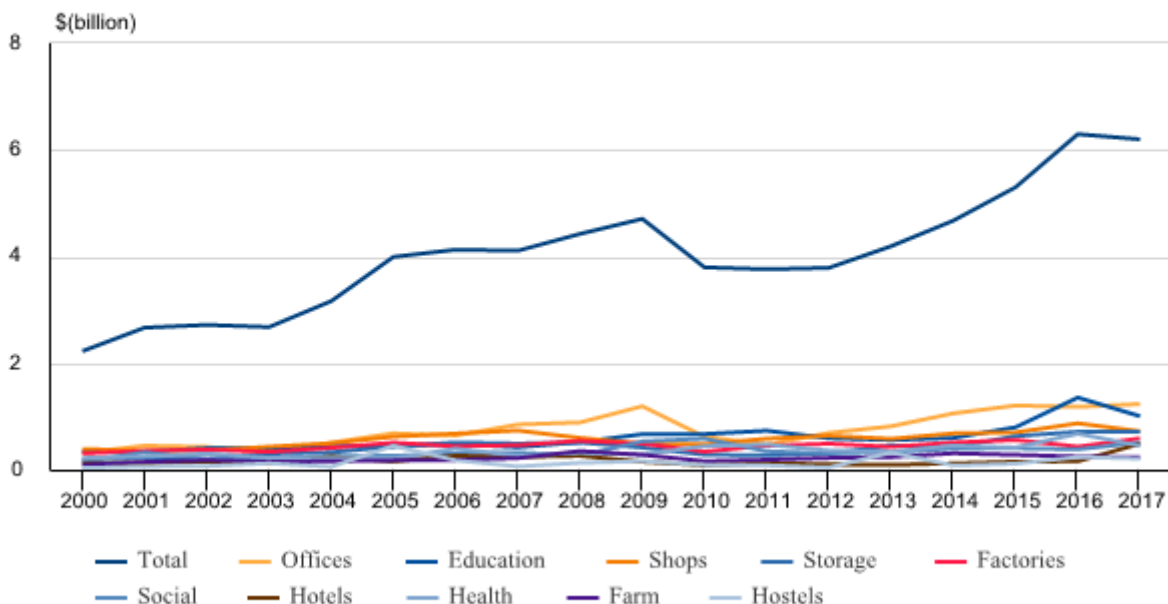
Non-residential

In the year ended July 2017, non-residential building consents totalled \$6.2 billion – down 1.5 percent from the July 2016 year.

The non-residential building types with the highest values were:

- offices, administration, and public transport buildings – \$1.2 billion (up 4.6 percent from the July 2016 year)
- education buildings – \$1.0 billion (down 26 percent)
- shops, restaurants, and bars – \$726 million (down 17 percent)
- storage buildings – \$720 million (up 0.6 percent).

Value of non-residential buildings consented
By building type, year ended July



Source: Stats NZ

The regions with the highest value of consented non-residential building work were:

- Auckland – \$2.2 billion
- Canterbury – \$1.5 billion
- Wellington – \$636 million.

In the year ended July 2017, the value of consents for all buildings was \$19.1 billion, comprising \$12.9 billion of residential work and \$6.2 billion of non-residential work.

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