

# Building Consents Issued: September 2016

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## Key facts

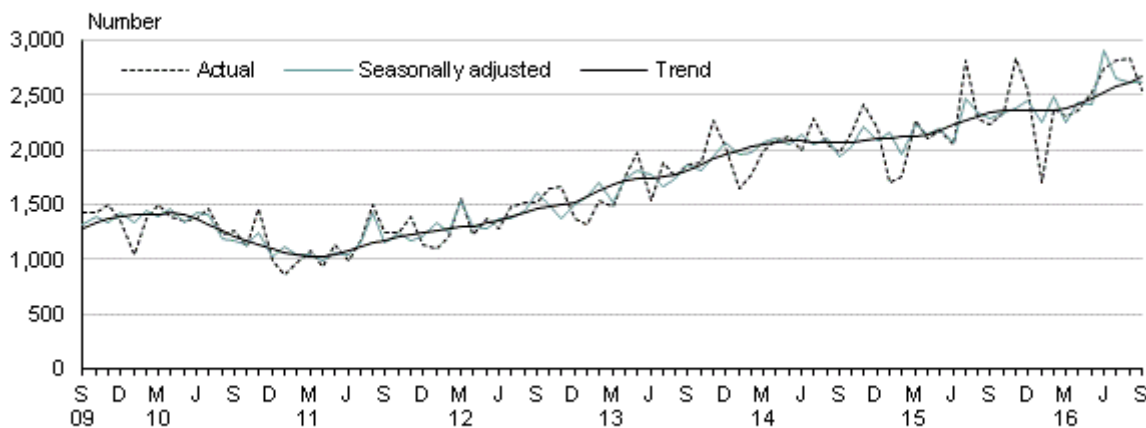
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- 1,892 houses
- 393 townhouses, flats, and units
- 206 apartments
- 59 retirement village units.

The seasonally adjusted number of new dwellings consented rose 0.2 percent. The trend is increasing.

In the year ended September 2016, 29,935 new dwellings were consented – up 14 percent from the September 2015 year. The value rose 24 percent over the same time period.

**New dwellings consented**  
Monthly



Source: Statistics New Zealand

The actual value of building work consented in the September 2016 month was \$1.6 billion. For September 2016 compared with September 2015:

- residential work was **up** \$151 million (17 percent) to \$1.1 billion
- non-residential work was **down** \$110 million (18 percent) to \$509 million.

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### New dwellings edge up in September

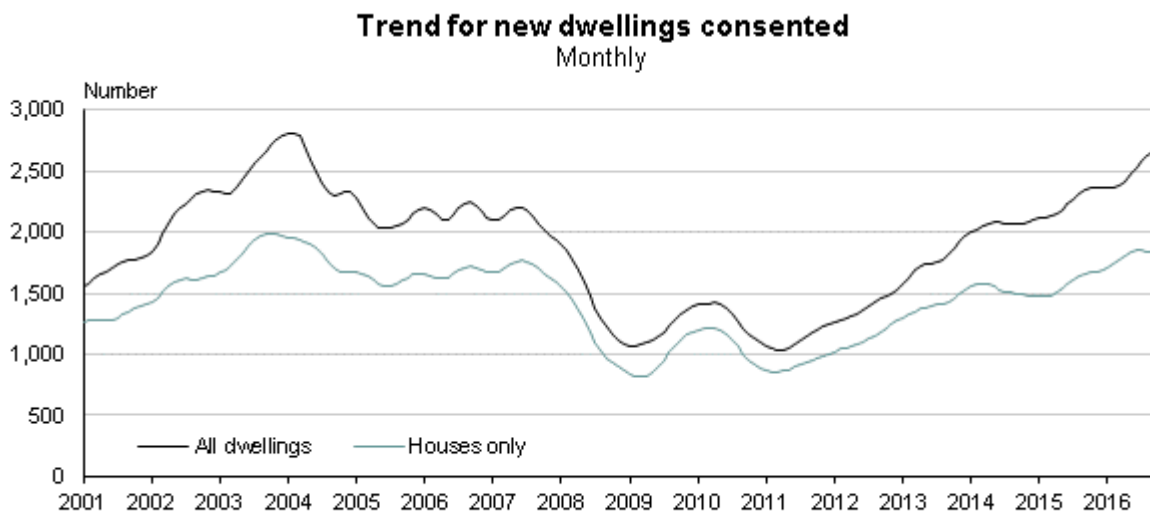
In September 2016, a total of 2,550 new dwellings were consented:

- 1,892 houses
- 393 townhouses, flats, and units
- 206 apartments
- 59 retirement village units.

The seasonally adjusted number of new dwellings rose 0.2 percent, following a 1.5 percent fall in August. The trend is increasing and is at its highest level since early-2004.

For houses only, the seasonally adjusted number fell 2.5 percent, following a 4.1 percent rise in August. The trend is showing signs of flattening.

Both trends have increased substantially since the low point in early 2011.



Source: Statistics New Zealand

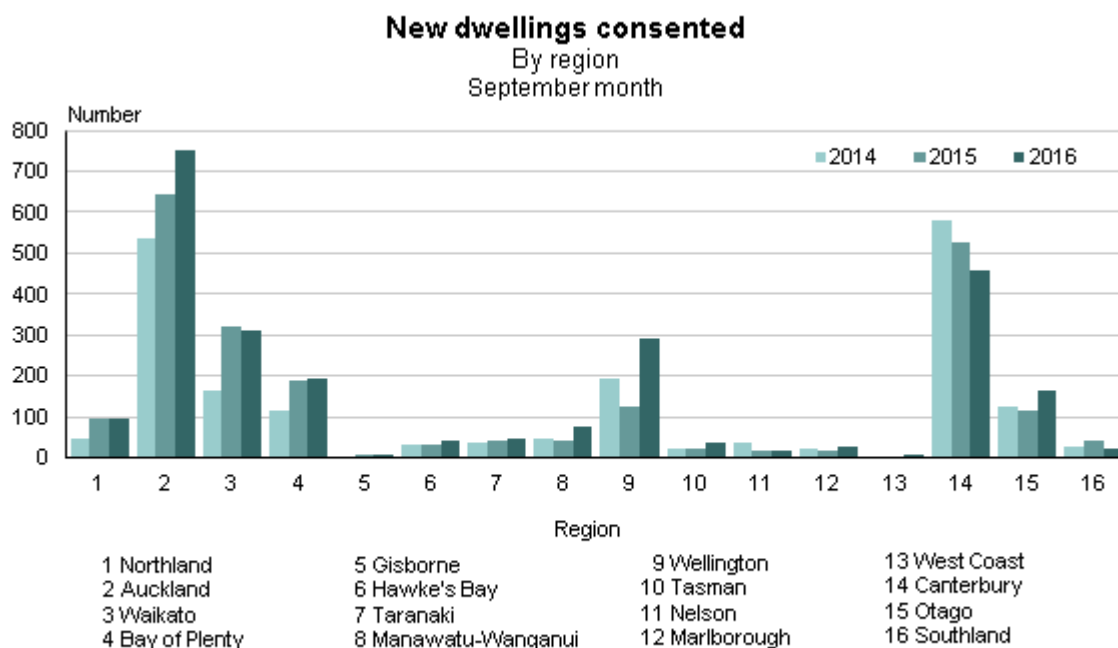
## New dwellings up in 11 of 16 regions

In 11 of the 16 regions, the number of new dwellings consented in September 2016 was higher than in September 2015.

The regions with the largest increases were:

- Wellington – up 168 (133 percent) to 294, including 93 units in the Wellington City Council-owned Arlington Apartments
- Auckland – up 109 (17 percent) to 752
- Otago – up 50 (43 percent) to 165
- Manawatu-Wanganui – up 34 (81 percent) to 76.

Nationally, 2,550 new dwellings were consented – up 308 (14 percent) from September 2015.



Source: Statistics New Zealand

In September 2016 compared with August, after removing monthly volatility, the trend for the number of new dwellings consented increased:

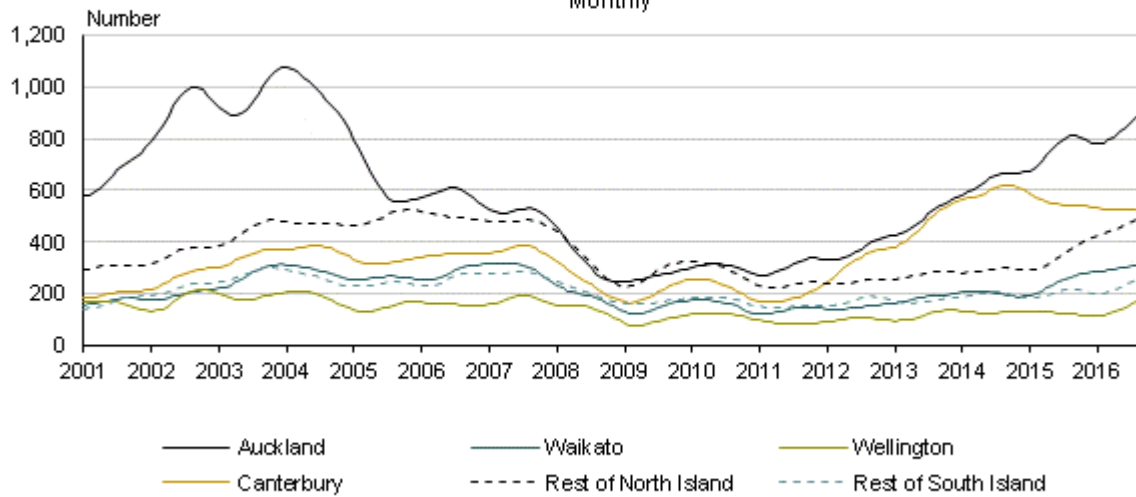
- 0.7 percent in Auckland
- 2.1 percent in Waikato
- 7.8 percent in Wellington
- 1.6 percent in the rest of the North Island
- 4.3 percent in the rest of the South Island.

In Canterbury, the trend decreased 0.5 percent this month: it has decreased 16 percent since the series peak in late 2014, but remains at a historically high level.

**Note:** Trend movements, particularly for recent months, may be revised when we add future months to the series.

## Trend for new dwellings consented

By region  
Monthly



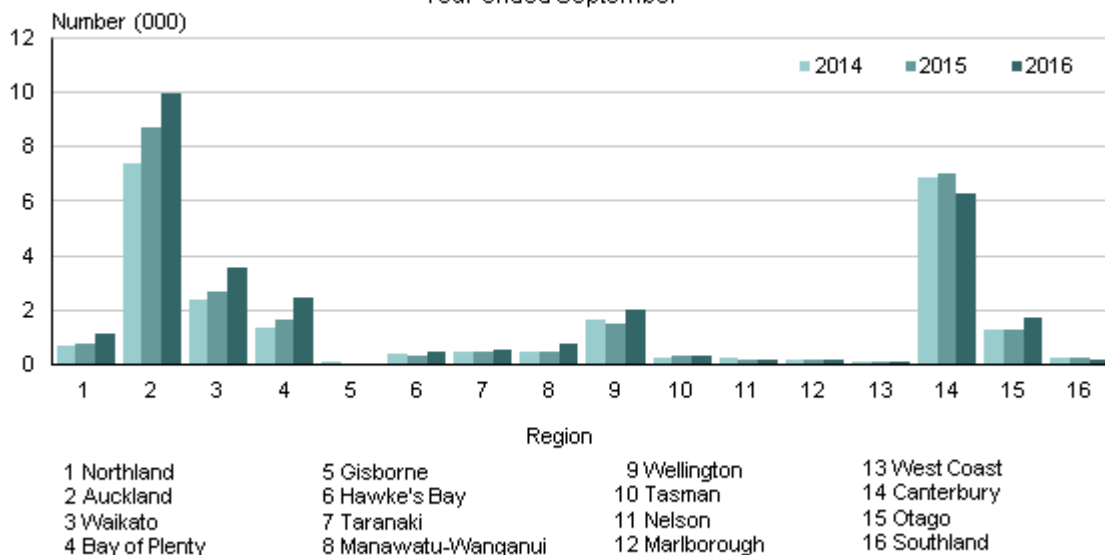
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## Annual dwelling consents up across the North Island

In the year ended September 2016, 29,935 new dwellings were consented, up 14 percent from the September 2015 year. Across the North Island, the number increased 25 percent, but decreased 3.9 percent across the South Island, including a fall of 737 dwellings in Canterbury.

## New dwellings consented

By region  
Year ended September



Source: Statistics New Zealand

The regions with the largest increases were:

- Auckland – up 1,239 (14 percent)
- Waikato – up 845 (31 percent)

- Bay of Plenty – up 829 (50 percent)
- Wellington – up 458 (30 percent)
- Otago up 408 (31 percent)
- Northland up 321 (40 percent).

The annual total of 29,935 new dwellings is the highest total since March 2005.

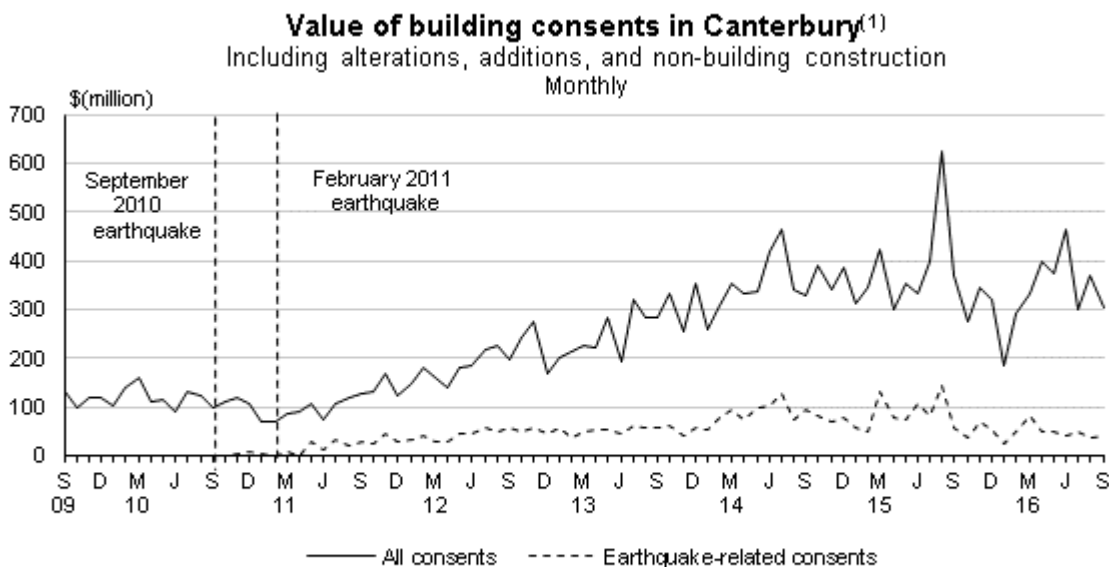
## Canterbury earthquake-related consents total \$3.9 billion

Since September 2010, \$3.9 billion of Canterbury’s consents have been identified as earthquake-related building consents. This includes consents for 4,654 new dwellings.

Not all earthquake-related consents can be identified. For comparison, total figures for Canterbury from September 2010 to September 2016 were:

- \$18.9 billion of building consents (all construction)
- 31,505 new dwellings consented.

In September 2016, the value of consents identified as earthquake-related in Canterbury was \$41.3 million (of a total of \$303 million for Canterbury). This included 37 new dwellings (of a total of 458).



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Source: Statistics New Zealand

## Non-residential building consents valued at \$509 million

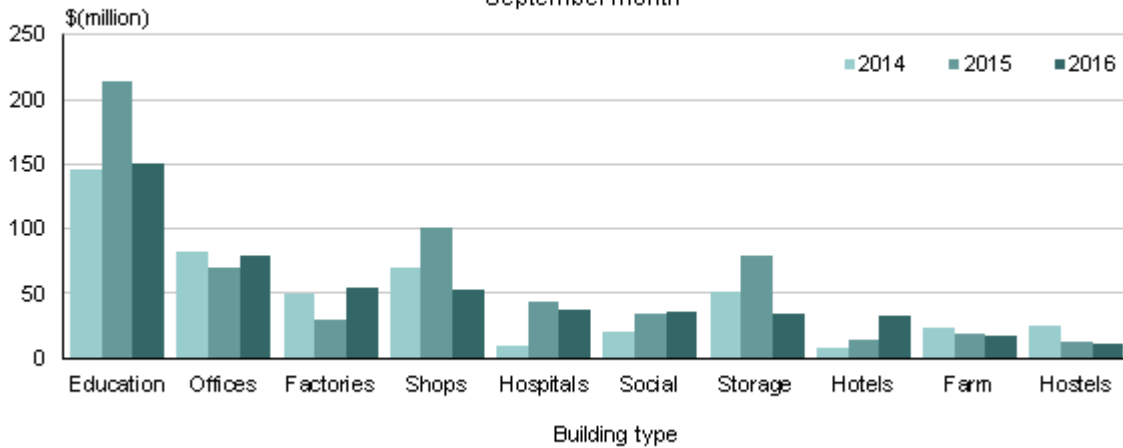
The value of consents for non-residential buildings in September 2016 was \$509 million – down \$110 million (18 percent) from September 2015. The largest contributors to the latest month’s value were:

- education buildings – \$150 million
- offices, administration, and public transport buildings – \$80 million
- factories and industrial buildings – \$55 million

- shops, restaurants and bars – \$54 million.

### Value of non-residential buildings consented

By building type (including alterations and additions)  
September month



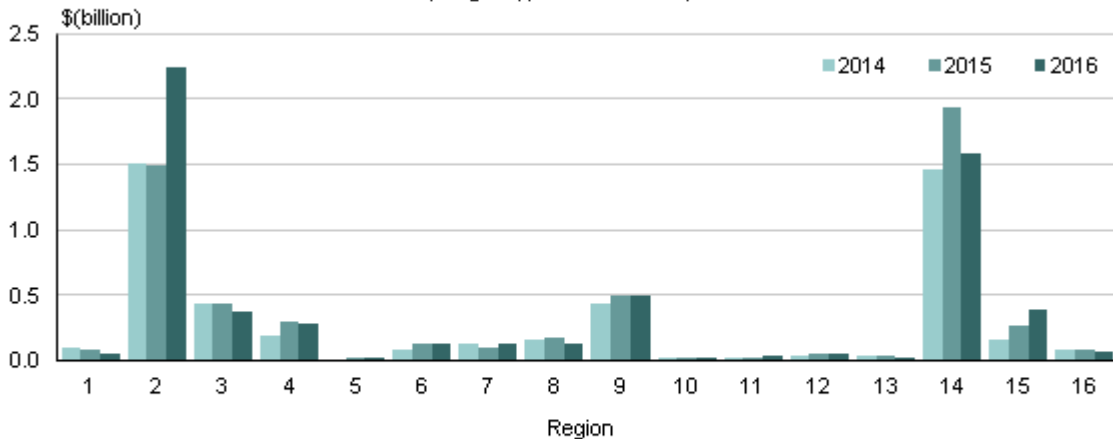
Source: Statistics New Zealand

In the year to September 2016, the regions that contributed the highest value of non-residential building consents were:

- Auckland – \$2.2 billion
- Canterbury – \$1.6 billion
- Wellington – \$496 million.

### Value of non-residential building consents

Including alterations and additions  
By region, year ended September



1 Northland	5 Gisborne	9 Wellington	13 West Coast
2 Auckland	6 Hawke's Bay	10 Tasman	14 Canterbury
3 Waikato	7 Taranaki	11 Nelson	15 Otago
4 Bay of Plenty	8 Manawatu-Wanganui	12 Marlborough	16 Southland

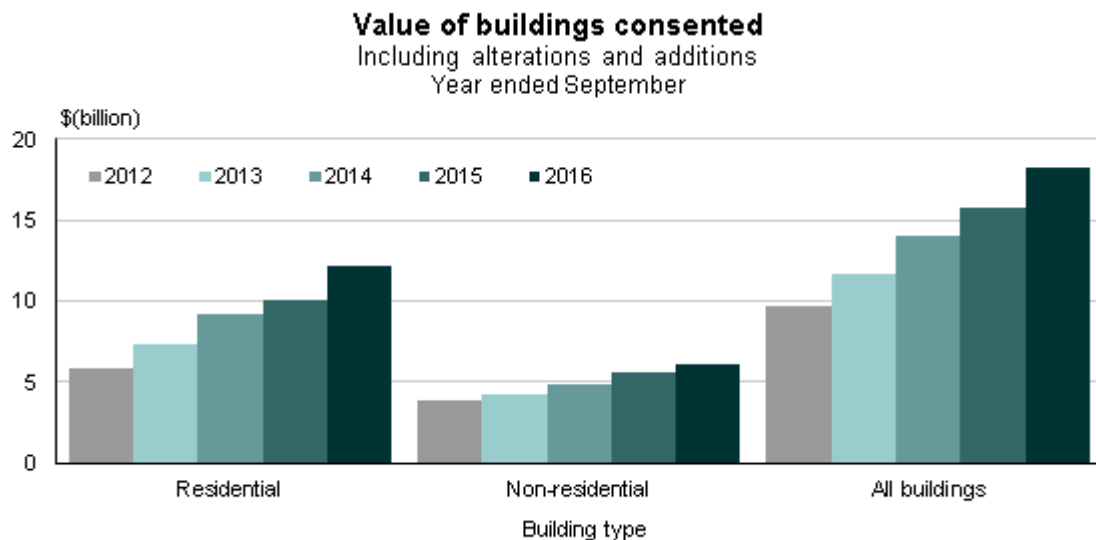
Source: Statistics New Zealand

## Consents for all buildings total \$1.6 billion in September

The total value of building work consented in September 2016 was \$1.6 billion. This comprised \$1.1 billion of residential work, and \$509 million of non-residential work.

For the year ended September 2016, compared with the year ended September 2015, the value of buildings consented increased for:

- all buildings – up \$2.5 billion (16 percent) to \$18 billion
- residential buildings – up \$2.1 billion (21 percent) to \$12 billion
- non-residential buildings – up \$386 million (6.8 percent) to \$6.1 billion.



Source: Statistics New Zealand

Data for building consents is obtained from all territorial authorities in New Zealand.

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