

## Building Consents Issued: September 2017

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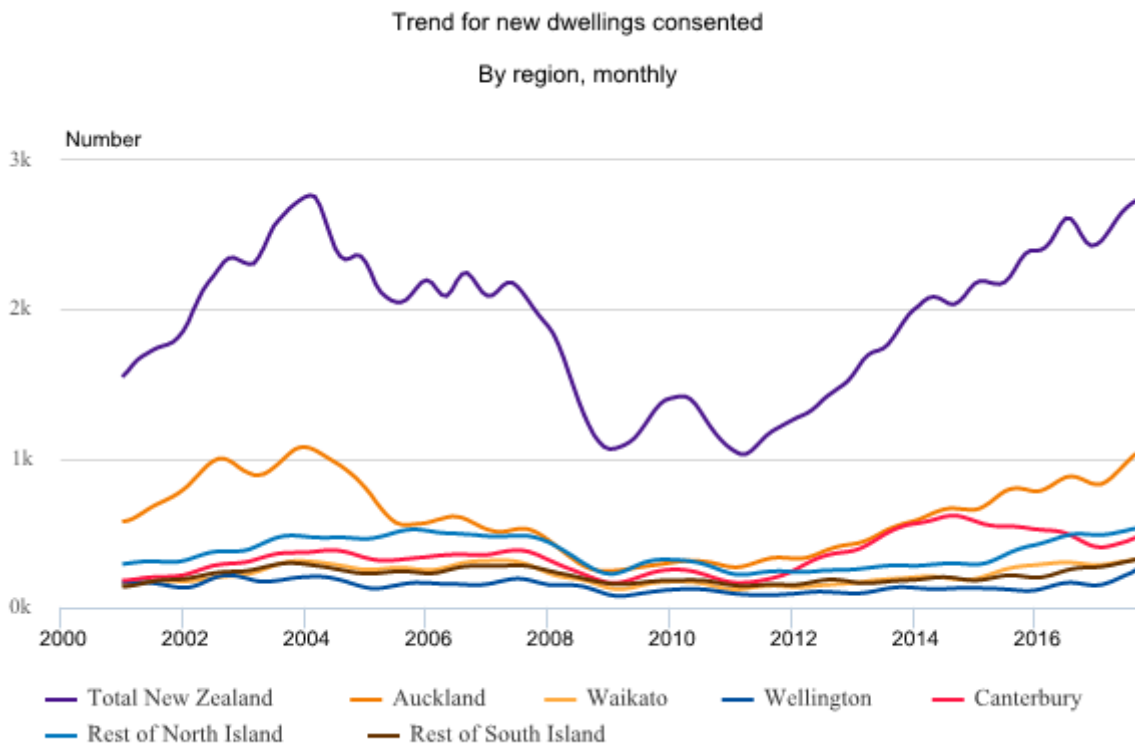
#### New dwellings

In September 2017, building consents were issued for 2,770 new dwellings:

- 1,843 houses
- 427 townhouses, flats, and units
- 415 apartments
- 85 retirement village units.

The seasonally adjusted number of new dwellings consented fell 2.3 percent (following a 5.9 percent rise in August). For houses only, the seasonally adjusted number fell 1.7 percent (following a 3.1 percent fall in August).

The trend for the number of new dwellings consented increased, and is at its highest level since early 2004.



Source: Stats NZ

Including alterations, the value of building work consented in September 2017 was \$1.8 billion, comprising \$1.2 billion of residential work and \$546 million of non-residential work.

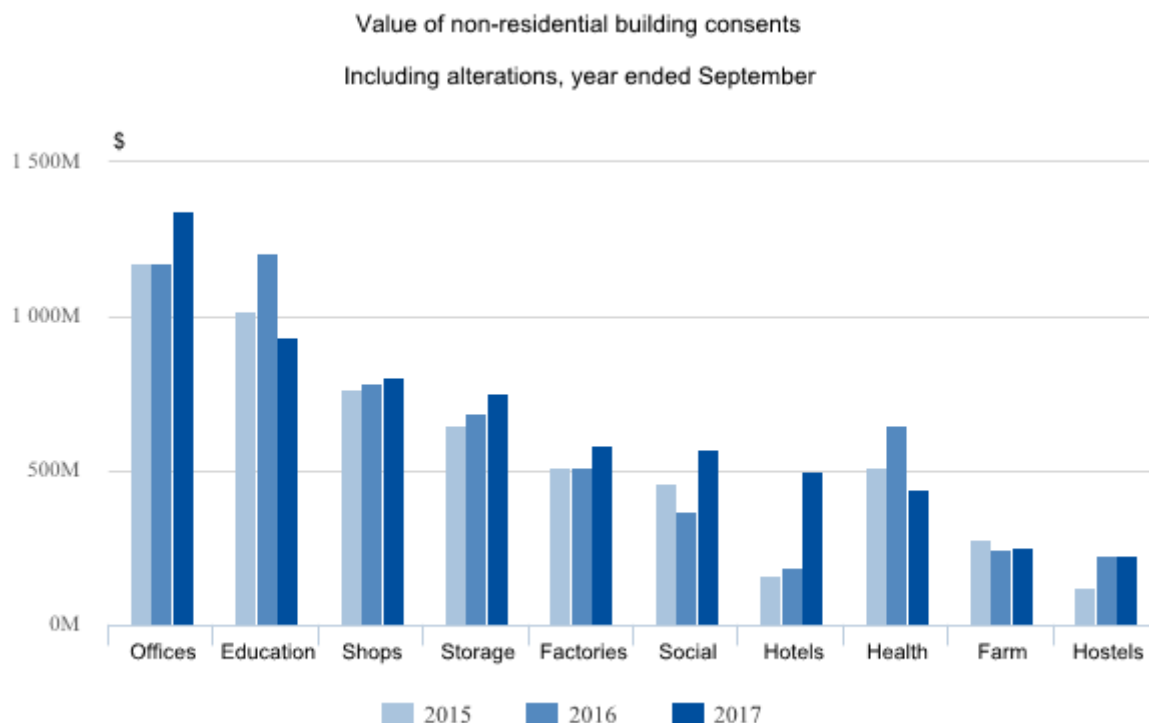
In the year ended September 2017, 30,892 new dwellings were consented – up 3.0 percent from the September 2016 year.

## Non-residential

In the year ended September 2017, non-residential building consents totalled \$6.4 billion – up 5.9 percent from the September 2016 year.

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

- offices, administration, and public transport buildings - \$1.3 billion (up 14 percent from the September 2016 year)
- education buildings – \$935 million (down 23 percent)
- shops, restaurants, and bars – \$803 million (up 1.9 percent)
- storage buildings – \$754 million (up 9.9 percent).



Source: Stats NZ

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

- Auckland – \$2.4 billion (up 7.1 percent from the September 2016 year)
- Canterbury – \$1.5 billion (down 6.8 percent)
- Wellington – \$615 million (up 24 percent)
- Waikato – \$470 million (up 25 percent).

## Changes to seasonally adjusted and trend series

We have improved the way we calculate all seasonally adjusted and non-residential trend series in Building consents issued. For more information, see [Building consents issued seasonal adjustment and trend changes in September 2017](#) on DataInfo+.

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