

Local Government Size Indexes Rankings 2025

Rankings apply for the full triennium commencing on 12 October 2025, which is the day after the date of the next local elections.

Ranking	Territorial Authority
1	Christchurch
2	Wellington
3	Hamilton
4	Tauranga
5	Dunedin
6	Whangarei
7	Hutt
8	Far North
9	Hastings
10	New Plymouth
11	Rotorua
12	Palmerston North
13	Waikato
14	Napier
15	Porirua
16	Selwyn
17	Whanganui
18	Invercargill
19	Queenstown Lakes
20	Waimakariri
21	Western Bay of Plenty
22	Waipa
23	Timaru
24	Kapiti Coast
25	Whakatane
26	Taupo
27	Thames-Coromandel
28	Horowhenua
29	South Taranaki
30	Upper Hutt
31	Southland
32	Matamata-Piako
33	South Waikato
34	Kaipara
35	Ashburton
36	Masterton
37	Hauraki
38	Manawatu
39	Waitaki
40	Tararua
41	Central Otago
42	Clutha

Ranking	Territorial Authority
43	Wairoa
44	Rangitikei
45	Ruapehu
46	Central Hawke's Bay
47	Grey
48	Waitomo
49	Buller
50	Ōpōtiki
51	Hurunui
52	Gore
53	Ōtorohanga
54	Stratford
55	Kawerau
56	South Wairarapa
57	Westland
58	Waimate
59	Carterton
60	Mackenzie
61	Kaikoura

Ranking	Unitary Authority
1	<i>Auckland</i>
2	Tasman
3	Gisborne
4	Marlborough
5	Nelson
6	<i>Chatham Islands</i>

Ranking	Regional Council
1	Canterbury
2	Wellington
3	Waikato
4	Otago
5	Bay of Plenty
6	Manawatū–Whanganui
7	Hawke's Bay
8	Northland
9	Southland
10	Taranaki
11	West Coast