

SNAPSHOT OF THE CITY

	<i>Wellington city then</i>	<i>Wellington city now</i>	<i>Did you know?</i>
Population	In 2001, Wellington city had a population of 167,187 – 39.1% of the region's population.	Wellington city has an estimated population of 190,500 – 40.5% of the region's population.	Wellington's population is expected to grow to 231,700 by 2031.
Employment	In 2001, 108,910 people were employed in Wellington.	137,260 people are employed in Wellington city.	Property and business services employs more Wellingtonians than any other industry.
Earnings	In 2004, the average employee earned \$25.93 per hour.	Wellington city employees earn an average of \$29.40 per hour.	Wellington city employees have the highest average hourly earnings of all major cities in New Zealand.
Transport	In 2001, 30% of people used public transport, 52% drove and 14% walked.	34% of Wellingtonians who travel into central Wellington on a weekday use public transport, 45% use a car and 10% walk.	Wellington city has the largest proportion of residents who use public transport of all major cities in New Zealand.
House prices	In the March 2005 quarter, the average home cost \$315,800.	In the December 2007 quarter, the average home cost \$431,000.	Wellington city average home prices are the second most expensive in New Zealand, behind Auckland.