

YOUR GUIDE TO LIVING AND WORKING IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND



If it's quality of life you're after, live your best life in Wellington.

2210 hours of sunshine each year (July the coldest and June/July the wettest)

81% of people in Wellington have a formal qualification, 33% hold a tertiary qualification or equivalent - compared with 25% of New Zealand as a whole⁴

2nd-largest contribution to national GDP, at 12.5% (NZ\$40.2B) in 2020. This was driven by professional, scientific, and technical services; financial and insurance services; public administration, and safety⁴

¹ Safe Cities Index 2021;

² Deutsche Bank Quality of Life Survey 2018;

³ World Happiness Report 2020

⁴ Regional GDP: Year ended March 2020 Report - Stats NZ

Wellington offers an exciting mix of exhilarating and easy going, a compact city with a big heart. Described as a culinary and creative capital city, it is all about lifestyle, a place to work to live, not live to work.

In fact, 18,000 of the city's residents walk or jog to work. The residents are a lucky bunch - nearly all Wellingtonians are within 3km of the sea which means easy access to our 497km of coastline. On top of all that seaside goodness, Wellington has 363km of mountain bike and walking tracks around the city.

BE THE "I" IN WELLINGTON

A giant sculptural sign on Wellington's waterfront lets you physically become part of "Wellington". Take turns to stand on a platform to replace the letter, become the "I" and say, "I am in Wellington!"



#1 safest large city in New Zealand, and **#7** in the world¹

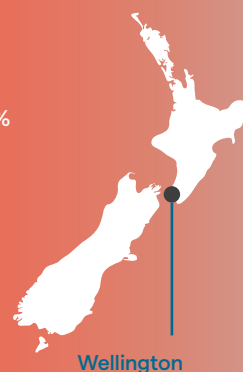
#2 most liveable city in the world²

#3 happiest city in the world³



The Wellington region is located in the lower North Island of New Zealand, and is made up of eight district and city council areas. There is an estimated number of **542,000** people in the region, which is 11% of New Zealand's population.

The region is home to many diverse cultures, with Statistics New Zealand estimating around 26.9% of residents being born overseas. The population mix consists of:



75% European

14% Maori

13% Asian

8% Pacific Peoples

1.9% Middle Eastern/Latin American/African

1.4 % other (New Zealander)

* Note: Total of more than 100% due to people being able to associate with more than one ethnic group.

A CITY OF OPPORTUNITY

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The opportunities are endless regardless of your background, with career pathways, internships and graduate programmes to help you propel your career. From the creatively inclined, to future culinary leaders, tech enthusiasts, film makers, game developers, beer barons, academics and social entrepreneurs, whatever your calling, you can find it in Wellington.

We have many thriving sectors - we are home to New Zealand's Government which makes up 17% of our workforce, we have world-class education institutes, we make Hollywood blockbuster films, we have a flourishing information and technology industry, we have innovative start-ups alongside established brands and local entrepreneurs. Wellington has quickly become known as the country's high-tech capital.

Most students in New Zealand can work part time while they study. Find out more about working on a student visa at <https://naumainz.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/help-and-advice/working/working-on-a-student-visa>

BALANCED LIFESTYLE

And it doesn't have to mean spending 40 hours a week behind a desk. Flexible hours, state-of-the-art offices and social work cultures mean going to work becomes less of a chore and more of a fun way to spend your day.



EMPLOYABILITY

97% Graduates employed in New Zealand. Unemployment rate for people with a bachelor's degree or higher is approximately 3%^a

\$1.38M A typical bachelor's degree graduate earns more over their working life than a non-graduate^a

NZ\$50K-NZ\$60K undergraduate salary range in New Zealand. For students, the minimum wage is NZ\$21.20 per hour (before tax) from 1 April 2022

Find out about cost of living, financial planning, taxes and other money matters at <https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/live-in-new-zealand/money-tax/cost-of-living>

^a UNZ New Zealand's Universities Key Facts & Stats 2018



WORKERS ARE IN DEMAND

Wellington City continued to be the New Zealand's highest average salaries in 2021 (NZ\$82K)^a

Like most cities with growing economies, Wellington has a range of job opportunities with high priority areas being Information & Communication Technology, engineering, business and finance, health and construction^a

Top-paying industries⁷:

- » Information & Communication Technology
- » Accounting
- » Engineering
- » Consulting & Strategy
- » Marketing & Communications

^aAll information is quoted in March 2022

Top companies in Wellington:

- » Accounting: Deloitte, EY
- » Consulting: PWC, Accenture, KPMG, AMP
- » IT Services: IBM, Fujitsu, Datacom
- » Computer Hardware & Software: Microsoft, Xero
- » Internet: Google, Amazon, Shopify
- » Banks & Credit Unions: ANZ, ASB, BNZ
- » NZ central government organisations

^aTrade Me Jobs Report for Q4 2021

^aSEEK Employment Report, April 2021 compared to February 2020;

⁷SEEK Employment Report, based on average annual packaged salaries of full-time roles listed on SEEK May 2020 - April 2021



LIVING EXPENSES

(Approximate Estimates Only)

General Cost Guides (the prices are quoted in March 2022)	Wellington (NZ\$ Cost Per Week)
Rental Fees in city centre	\$280-\$480
Rental Fees outside of centre	\$180 - \$250
Utilities (electricity, water, phone, internet)	\$50 - \$120
Groceries and eating out	\$100 - \$200
Milk - Standard, 2 litres	\$3.5 - \$4.5
McDonalds meal	\$12 - \$16
Cafe lunch (e.g. sandwich, pasta, noodles)	\$15 - \$25
Coffee in city cafe	\$3.5 - \$6.5
Public Transport (bus/train/scooter/bike)	\$15 - \$20
Fuel per 1 Litre	\$2.2 - \$2.8

The cost of living in Wellington is comparable to other OECD countries. Mercer's 2021 Cost of Living survey ranked Wellington 94th in the world in terms of its cost of living, making Wellington a most affordable city in Oceania.

How to apply to study in Wellington

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