

2023 Census electoral population at meshblock level (2025 Meshblock)

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Title

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Abstract

This dataset uses the 2025 meshblock layer, which was released as part of the <https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/geographic-boundaries-annual-release-as-at-1-january-2025/> 2025 geographic boundaries annual release.

These meshblocks were used as a basis to build the electoral population for each **proposed electorate**. The electoral populations are calculated from the 2023 Census data using the formulae specified in the Electoral Act 1993 and are confidentialised using Stats NZ confidentiality rules. The rules applied to the electoral populations are suppression of all unrounded counts below six (displayed as: '-999') and random rounding to base three. There may be slight differences when comparing the total electoral population for electorates with totals derived using electoral population counts at meshblock level or from another source.

In a small number of cases, the proposed electorate boundaries do not align to the annual 2025 meshblock boundaries exactly. This is due to meshblock adjustments that have been made as part of the Representation Commission's process. Apart from these adjustments, a meshblock freeze remains in place until the Representation Commission has finished its electorate boundary review and the new electorate boundaries have been set.

Purpose

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Resource Constraints

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Use Limitation

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boundaries

Data Quality Info
DQ _ Data Quality
Lineage
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Statement
The digital meshblock boundaries are stored and maintained by Stats NZ. Non-alignment of meshblock and cadastral boundaries are one of a number of reasons for meshblock boundary adjustments. Other reasons include requests from local authorities, Local Government Commission, Electoral Representation Commission and to make census enumeration processes easier. From the high definition meshblock pattern, higher geographies are dissolved using the dissolve tool in the Arc GIS suite to create multiple output datasets.