

# Tupuranga Waikato Waikato Progress Indicators

## Scorecard 2024

The Waikato Progress Indicators (WPI) measure social, economic and environmental progress in the Waikato region.

This scorecard compares latest data with baseline results for each indicator (2006 - 2007). For each of the 32 indicators, results are shown as improving trends, worsening trends or no significant change over the last 16 years. The indicators are grouped by wellbeing theme - economic, social and environmental wellbeing. For further information refer to [waikatoregion.govt.nz/waikato-progress-indicators-tupuranga-waikato/](https://waikatoregion.govt.nz/waikato-progress-indicators-tupuranga-waikato/)



### ECONOMY

**Income**  
Real median weekly household income.

**Building activity**  
Real value of new building consents issued.

**Regional GDP**  
Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita.

**Employment**  
Percentage of total working-age population who are employed.

**Water use**  
Water allocation as a percentage of primary allocatable water (Waikato River).

### SOCIETY

**Crime**  
Rates of victimisation per 10,000 population.

**Community engagement**  
Percentage of people who agree the public can influence Council decisions.

**Cultural respect**  
Level of agreement that having people with different lifestyles and cultures makes area a better place to live.

**Community pride**  
People's sense of pride in the way their city/town looks and feels.

**Educational attainment**  
Percentage of school leavers with NCEA level 2 or above.

**Housing affordability**  
Ratio of housing costs to household disposable income.

**Income inequality**  
Gini coefficient - a measure of the concentration of income within the region.

**Life expectancy**  
Life expectancy at birth.

**Life satisfaction**  
Percentage of people who rate their overall quality of life positively.

**Perceived health**  
Percentage of people who rate their overall health good, very good or excellent.

**Perceptions of safety**  
Percentage of adults who feel safe walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark.

**Physical activity**  
Percentage of people who say they were physically active on five or more of the past seven days.

**Public transport**  
Passenger transport boardings per resident per annum.

**Road safety**  
Social costs of road injury crashes per capita.

**Social connectedness**  
Percentage of people who feel a sense of community in their neighbourhood.

**Te Reo Māori speakers**  
Percentage of Te Reo Māori speakers in the total population.

**Voter turnout**  
Average voter turnout in local and regional council elections.

### ENVIRONMENT

**Environmental attitudes**  
New Ecological Paradigm - percentage pro- or mid-ecological.

**Air quality**  
Exceedances of the regional guideline for particulate matter.

**Coastal ecosystem health**  
Traits Based Index calculated for estuarine monitoring sites.

**Recycling**  
Self-reported prevalence of household recycling.

**Residential expansion onto highly productive land**  
Area of highly productive land in urban and rural residential use.

**River water quality**  
Percentage of water samples taken from rivers and streams deemed unsatisfactory for ecological health.

**Soil quality**  
Percentage of soil monitoring sites meeting at least five soil quality targets.

**Waste**  
Tonnage of waste to landfill per annum.