



Overall performance

New Zealand's transparent public procurement processes provide favourable conditions for investment in infrastructure projects. This is supported by the ability to easily establish a business, which promotes competition. To encourage investment in infrastructure projects and provide security for investors, New Zealand could improve the liquidity of its financial market and reduce government debt to make financing projects cheaper.

Drivers	Rank (/16)	Rank change (2017-20)	Score (/100)	Emerging	Aspiring	Contender	Top performer	Global leader
Governance	6	↓ 1	81	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Regulatory frameworks	16	↓ 2	72	Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue
Permits	2	—	94	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Planning	9	↓ 1	97	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Procurement	11	↑ 7	93	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
Activity	46	↓ 17	31	Teal	Teal	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Funding capacity	13	↑ 1	72	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Light Blue
Financial markets	18	↓ 1	56	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Light Blue	Light Blue

New Zealand at a glance

\$40,634
GDP per capita
(USD, 2019)

5 million
Population
(2019)

2.8% of GDP
Infrastructure investment
(2019 estimate)

0.3% of GDP
Infrastructure gap
(2019 estimate)

75.5
Infrastructure quality
(0-100, 100 is best, 2019)

\$565 million
Private infrastructure investment
(5-year average, USD, 2019)

Top performing metrics



100/100

Transparency in public procurement

New Zealand's public procurement notices are made available online and tender documents transparently detail procurement procedures. The transparency of the process encourages more participation and greater competition, which drive value for money.



99.6/100

Cost to start a business

According to the World Bank, the average cost of starting a business in New Zealand is 0.2% of income per capita, easing the entry of new firms.



98.9/100

Time required to start a business

According to the World Bank, it only takes half a day to start a business in New Zealand, the shortest timeframe of any InfraCompass 2020 country. Shorter times to set up can persuade businesses, including new infrastructure entities, to set up in a country.

Opportunities to grow

For guidance on how to improve these metrics, please see the [New Zealand Country Page](#) on the InfraCompass website.



24.3/100

Long term GDP growth trend

Although New Zealand's long-term GDP growth rate has risen to 2.6% from a 20-year low in 2015 of 2.1%, it is still lower than its 20 year average of 3%. Long-term growth rates signal a country's capacity to fund infrastructure from future growth.



5.4/100

Stocks traded

New Zealand's value of stocks traded as a share of GDP was 6%, compared to the average of 43% for High Income Countries. As this indicator measures the liquidity of equities, it is important to infrastructure investors to know they can exit investments at appropriate points.



76.8/100

Gross government debt

New Zealand's gross government debt fell to 29.5% of GDP in 2019, a decline that has continued from a peak of 35.7% of GDP in 2012. Although higher than the 20 year average of 28%, the 2019 figure is still lower than the High Income Countries' average of 74% of GDP, suggesting capacity to borrow to fund infrastructure.



ECONOMY OVERVIEW

GDP (\$US billion, 2019)	204.7	Population (million, 2019)	5	Unemployment rate (2019)	4.8%
GDP per capita (\$US, 2019)	40,634	Urbanisation ratio (2018)	87.0%	Inflation rate (2019)	1.4%
GDP growth rate (annual, 2019)	2.5%	Gross Government Debt (% of GDP, 2019)	30.0%	Digital Adoption Index (0-1 best, 2016)	0.71
GDP per capita growth rate (annual, 2019)	-1.4%	Sovereign risk rating (2019)	93	Gini coefficient (0-100 worst, NA)	NA

METRIC SCORES

The below metrics are normalised so that they all range from 0 to 100. For original metrics and data sources, please see <https://infracompass.github.org/>

GOVERNANCE		REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS		PERMITS	
Post-completion reviews?	Yes -	Effect of taxation on incentives to invest	64.1 ↑	Cost to start a business	99.6 ↑
Infrastructure or PPP unit/agency?	Yes -	Prevalence of foreign ownership	73.8 ↓	Dealing with construction permits	70.5 -
Recovery rate	79.7 ↓	Product market regulation, network sectors	50.8 -	Quality of land administration	88.3 ↑
Rule of law	87.5 ↓	Regulatory (including competition) quality	89.6 ↓	Registering property	96.9 ↓
Shareholder governance	50 -	Strength of insolvency framework	53.1 -	Time required to start a business	98.9 -
Political stability and absence of violence	75.7 ↑	Investment promotion agency?	Yes -		
PLANNING		PROCUREMENT		ACTIVITY	
Published project pipeline?	Yes -	Average procurement duration – transaction RFP	89.9 ↑	Infrastructure investment	33.5 ↑
Published infrastructure plan?	Yes -	Degree of transparency in public procurement	100 ↑	Private infrastructure investment	16.1 ↓
Preparation of PPPs	82 ↓	Published procurement guidelines?	Yes -	Value of closed PPP infrastructure deals	33.7 ↓
Economic analysis assessment?	Yes -	Procurement of PPPs	67 -	Value of closed infrastructure deals with foreign equity sponsorship	38.8 ↓
Market sounding and/or assessment?	Yes -	PPP contract management	63 -		
Environmental impact analysis?	Yes -				
FUNDING CAPACITY		FINANCIAL MARKETS		Drawing on data from: International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Bank, World Economic Forum, IJ Global, CEPII, Oxford Economics, Trading Economics, and Deloitte.	
GDP per capita	51.8 ↑	Domestic credit to private sector	76.2 ↑		
Gross government debt	76.8 ↑	Financing through local equity market	71 ↓		
Long term GDP growth trend	24.3 ↑	Stocks traded	5.4 ↑		
Summary credit rating	93 ↑	Financial depth	61.8 ↓		
		Financial stability	94 ↓		

Metric key:

↑ Increase from InfraCompass 2017 ↓ Decrease from InfraCompass 2017 - No change from InfraCompass 2017

Note:

'Top performing metrics' are the metrics with the highest score out of 100.

'Opportunities to grow' are the metrics with the lowest weighted score out of 100. These metrics would have the greatest impact on the overall score.