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Development Strategy Monitoring report Rural areas



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Rural areas

Residential growth in rural Auckland will mainly be focused in towns. This will provide services for the wider rural area and support the rural nodes of Pukekohe and Warkworth.

Less growth is anticipated in the smaller towns and villages such as Beachlands, Glenbrook, and Swanson..

Rural lifestyle growth will be focused in areas zoned as 'countryside living'. This approach will help maintain rural character and support ongoing rural production.

More detailed information on the approach to growth in the rural area can be found in the 'Rural Auckland' section of the Development Strategy.

Highlights in the rural areas in the 2021/2022 reporting year are:

- 1,414 dwellings were consented. This is a 32 per cent increase from the previous reporting year. This is approximately six per cent of all dwellings consented
- 71 per cent of dwellings consented were houses
- most dwellings consented were in the residential zoned areas of rural towns and settlements.

Consents in rural zones

The number of dwellings consented in rural areas has remained broadly stable for the previous five years, with around 900 to 1,000 dwellings consented each year. In 2021/2022 1,414 dwellings were consented which is a 32 per cent increase from the previous reporting year.

Of dwellings consented in the rural area in 2021/2022, 759, or 54 per cent, were in the residential-zoned areas of rural towns and settlements. This is in line with the Development Strategy.

However, the number of dwellings consented in areas zoned for rural production in 2021/2022 was very close to the number consented in the countryside living zone.

Auckland Unitary Plan Zone	Dwellings Consented, 2020/2021	Dwellings Consented, 2021/2022	Change
Hauraki Gulf Islands	67	58	↓
Residential Zones	576	759	↑
Rural - Countryside Living Zone	138	214	^
Rural - Mixed Rural Zone	53	49	↓
Rural - Rural Coastal Zone	32	42	^
Rural - Rural Production Zone	124	198	^
Other Zones	85	94	1
Total	1,075	1,414	1

Dwellings consented in rural zones, by reporting year (1 July - 30 June)

Dwelling Typology

71 per cent of dwellings consented in the rural area in 2021/2022 were houses, compared with 21 per cent for more intensive housing (such as apartments, and townhouses). This intensive housing experienced a 59 per cent increase from the previous reporting year.

Dwellings consented in rural areas, by type, by reporting year (1 July - 30 June)



Dwellings consented by type



