

## What is the Chatham Islands Council?

This stand-alone council group includes the smallest local authority in New Zealand (by population size), the Chatham Islands Council, which serves just over 600 people.



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Demographics	What is this?
Population for 2024 (no.)	Number of people ordinarily resident in the council area
Population change for 2023 to 2024 (%)	Percentage change in population between 2023 and 2024
Land area for 2025 (km <sup>2</sup> )	Total surface area of land within council boundaries



Rates revenue	What is this?
Change for 2023 to 2024 (%)	Actual and forecast percentage changes of total rates revenue (including growth, penalties and remissions, and metered water revenue) from year to year. These are <b>unlikely</b> to reflect real rates increases for households and businesses.
Forecast change for 2024 to 2025 (%)	
Forecast change for 2025 to 2026 (%)	



Debt*	What is this?
Credit rating (and rating agency) for 2025	Independent opinion of the capability and willingness of a council to repay its debts, reflecting the council's financial strength or creditworthiness. Not all councils have credit ratings.
Net debt/total revenue for 2024 (%)	Total debt, less liquid assets, over cash earnings (such as rates and other revenue, excluding certain contributions). A higher percentage generally indicates a greater reliance on debt.
Net debt/total revenue change for 2023 to 2024	Actual difference in net debt/total revenue from year to year (i.e., not a percentage change of the previous percentage)
Debt headroom for 2024	Net debt/total revenue remaining until a council reaches its borrowing limit with the Local Government Funding Agency



Operating expenditure	What is this?
Actual operating expenditure in 2024 (\$000)	Total amount spent on operations (e.g., salaries and utilities)



Personnel	What is this?
Staff numbers for 2024 (FTE)	Total full-time equivalents (working at least 37.5 hours per week)
Personnel costs for 2024 (\$000)	Total personnel costs (excluding elected member remuneration)

Capital expenditure by activity for 2024 (%)



Percentage of total capital expenditure for each activity group (e.g., roading) in 2024



Capital expenditure	What is this?
Total capital expenditure for 2024 (\$000)	Total amount spent to acquire or upgrade assets (such as equipment or buildings)
Actual/planned capital expenditure for 2024 (%)	Actual capital expenditure divided by planned. Less than 100% indicates a council has not spent as much as planned.
Forecast total capital expenditure for 2025 to 2027 (\$000)	Sum of forecast capital expenditure for the next three years

Balanced budget	What is this?
Revenue/operating expenses for 2022 (%)	Outcome of dividing council revenue by operating expenditure (excluding certain contributions, assets, gains or revaluations). Less than 100% indicates that operating expenses are greater than revenue, as defined in regulations.
Revenue/operating expenses for 2023 (%)	
Revenue/operating expenses for 2024 (%)	

\*The Local Government Funding Agency supplied results for debt measures.

## Demographics

### Result

Population for 2024 (no.)	610
Population change for 2023 to 2024 (%)	1.7
Land area for 2025 (km <sup>2</sup> )	795

## Rates revenue

### Result

Change for 2023 to 2024 (%)	11.8
Forecast change for 2024 to 2025 (%)	3.8
Forecast change for 2025 to 2026 (%)	6.9

## Debt\*

### Result

Credit rating (and rating agency) for 2025	–
Net debt/total revenue for 2024 (%)	–
Net debt/total revenue change for 2023 to 2024	–
Debt headroom for 2024	–

## Operating expenditure

### Result

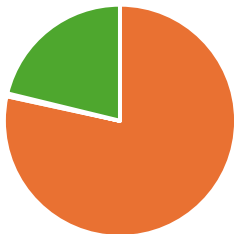
Total operating expenditure for 2024 (\$000)	11,776
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## Personnel

### Result

Staff numbers for 2024 (FTE)	10
Personnel costs for 2024 (\$000)	923

Capital expenditure by activity for 2024 (%)



- Roading
- Wastewater
- Water
- Stormwater
- Flood protection
- Other capital

## Capital expenditure

### Result

Total capital expenditure for 2024 (\$000)	2,977
Actual/planned capital expenditure for 2024 (%)	70
Forecast total capital expenditure for 2025 to 2027 (\$000)	11,058

## Balanced budget

### Result

Revenue/operating expenses for 2022 (%)	97
Revenue/operating expenses for 2023 (%)	114
Revenue/operating expenses for 2024 (%)	99

\*Not a borrower with the Local Government Funding Agency

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## Demographics

	Population for 2024 (no.)	Population change for 2023 to 2024 (%)	Land area for 2025 (km <sup>2</sup> )
Chatham Islands Council	610		1.7

## Rates revenue

	Change for 2023 to 2024 (%)	Forecast change for 2024 to 2025 (%)	Forecast change for 2025 to 2026 (%)
Chatham Islands Council	11.8	3.8	6.9

## Debt

	Credit rating for 2025	Net debt/total revenue for 2024 (%)	Net debt/total revenue change for 2023 to 2024	Debt headroom for 2024
Chatham Islands Council	-	-	-	-

## Operating expenditure

	Total operating expenditure for 2024 (\$000)
Chatham Islands Council	11,776

## Personnel

	Staff numbers for 2024 (FTE)	Personnel costs for 2024 (\$000)
Chatham Islands Council	10	923

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## Capital expenditure

	Total capital expenditure for 2024 (\$000)	Actual/planned capital expenditure for 2024 (%)	Forecast total capital expenditure for 2025 to 2027 (\$000)
Chatham Islands Council	2,977	70	11,058

## Capital expenditure by activity in 2024 (%)

	Roading (%)	Waste water (%)	Water (%)	Storm water (%)	Flood protection (%)	Other capital (%)
Chatham Islands Council	78.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	21.2

## Balanced budget

	Revenue/operating expenses for 2022 (%)	Revenue/operating expenses for 2023 (%)	Revenue/operating expenses for 2024 (%)
Chatham Islands Council	97	114	99

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