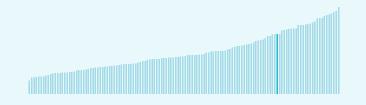


The Global Innovation Index (GII) ranks world economies according to their innovation capabilities.

Consisting of **roughly 80 indicators**, grouped into innovation inputs and outputs, the GII **aims to capture the multi-dimensional facets of innovation**.

## New Zealand ranking in the Global Innovation Index 2023

New Zealand ranks 27th among the 132 economies featured in the GII 2023.



New Zealand ranks 26th among the 50 high-income group economies.



New Zealand ranks 7th among the 16 economies in South East Asia, East Asia, and Oceania.



#### > New Zealand GII Ranking (2020-2023)

The table shows the rankings of New Zealand over the past four years. Data availability and changes to the GII model framework influence year-on-year comparisons of the GII rankings. The statistical confidence interval for the ranking of New Zealand in the GII 2023 is between ranks 26 and 31.

	GII Position	Innovation Inputs	Innovation Outputs
2020	26th	19th	33rd
2021	26th	19th	32nd
2022	24th	23rd	28th
2023	27th	24th	31st

New Zealand performs worse in innovation outputs than innovation inputs in 2023.

This year New Zealand ranks 24th in innovation inputs. This position is lower than last year.

New Zealand ranks 31st in innovation outputs. This position is lower than last year.



### → Expected vs. observed innovation performance

The bubble chart below shows the relationship between income levels (GDP per capita) and innovation performance (GII score). The trend line gives an indication of the expected innovation performance according to income level. Economies appearing above the trend line are performing better than expected and those below are performing below expectations.



> Relative to GDP, New Zealand's performance is at expectations for its level of development.

# > Innovation overperformers relative to their economic development ↑ GII Score Innovation leader Performing above expectations for level of development Performing at expectations for level of development Performing below expectations for level of 30 development Size legend (Population) 0 0.8 0.9 1 →GDP per capita, PPP logarithmic scale (thousands of \$)

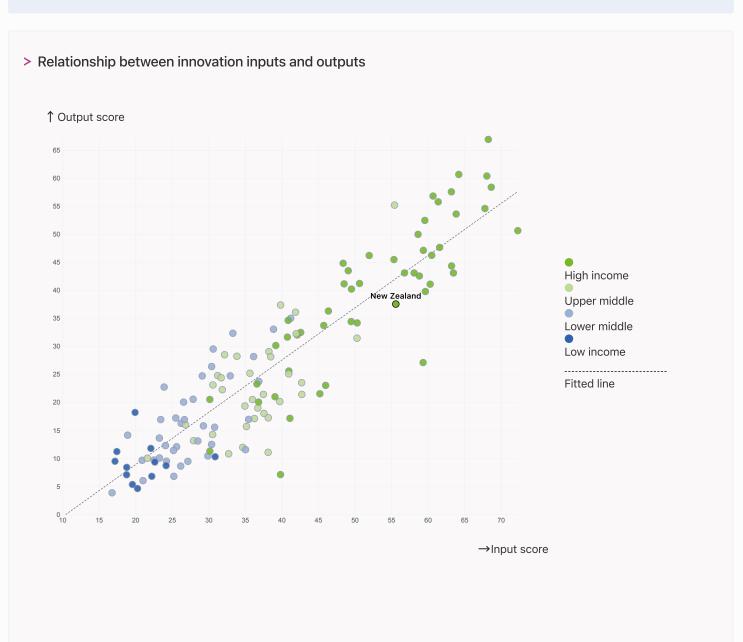


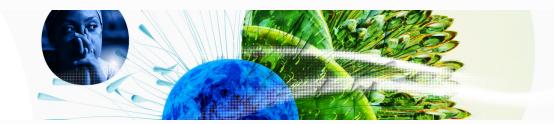
### → Effectively translating innovation investments into innovation outputs

The chart below shows the relationship between innovation inputs and innovation outputs. Economies above the line are effectively translating costly innovation investments into more and higher-quality outputs.



> New Zealand produces less innovation outputs relative to its level of innovation investments.





### → Overview of New Zealand's rankings in the seven areas of the GII in 2023

The chart shows the ranking for each of the seven areas that the GII comprises. The strongest areas for New Zealand are those that rank above the GII (shown in blue) and the weakest are those that rank below.

12th Institutions Highest rankings → 21st Human capital and research 27th Global Innovation Index 28th Creative outputs 29th 2 pillars \* 31st Market sophistication ← Lowest rankings 39th Knowledge and technology outputs \* Infrastructure, Business sophistication

> Highest rankings



New Zealand ranks highest in Institutions (12th) and Human capital and research (21st).

> Lowest rankings



New Zealand ranks lowest in Knowledge and technology outputs (39th), Market sophistication (31st) and Infrastructure, Business sophistication (29th).

The full WIPO Intellectual Property Statistics profile for New Zealand can be found on this link.



# → Benchmark of New Zealand against other country groupings for each of the seven areas of the GII Index

The charts shows the relative position of New Zealand (blue bar) against other country groupings (grey bars), for each of the seven areas of the GII Index.

# > High-Income economies

New Zealand performs above the high-income group average in Creative outputs, Market sophistication, Human capital and research, Infrastructure, Institutions.

### > South East Asia, East Asia, And Oceania

New Zealand performs above the regional average in Creative outputs, Business sophistication, Human capital and research, Infrastructure, Institutions.

Knowledge and technology
outputs

Top 10 | Score: 58.96

High income | Score: 38.62

SEAO | Score: 32.16

New Zealand | Score: 31.75

\* South East Asia, East Asia, and Oceania

Creative outputs

Top 10 | 56.09

New Zealand | 43.30

High income | 40.27

SEAO | 34.40

Business sophistication

Top 10 | 64.39

High income | 46.38

New Zealand | 45.69

SEAO | 40.54

Market sophistication

Top 10 | 61.93

SEAO | 47.18

New Zealand | 46.65

High income | 46.42

Human capital and research

Top 10 | 60.28

New Zealand | 51.12

High income | 46.30

SEAO | 40.81

Infrastructure

Top 10 | 62.83

New Zealand | 56.09

High income | 55.85

SEAO | 47.13

Institutions

Top 10 | 79.85

New Zealand | 78.52

High income | 68.16

SEAO | 62.54



### → Innovation strengths and weaknesses in New Zealand

The table below gives an overview of the indicator strengths and weaknesses of New Zealand in the GII 2023.



> New Zealand's main innovation strengths are **Cost of redundancy dismissal** (rank 1), **Operational stability for businesses** (rank 2) and **School life expectancy, years** (rank 2).

### Strengths Weaknesses

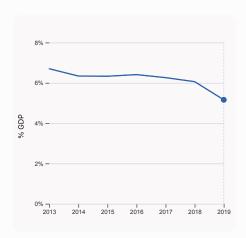
Rank	Code	Indicator name	Rank	Code	Indicator name
1	1.2.3	Cost of redundancy dismissal	85	4.3.2	Domestic industry diversification
2	1.1.1	Operational stability for businesses	81	5.3.4	FDI net inflows, % GDP
2	2.1.3	School life expectancy, years	75	2.1.2	Government funding/pupil, secondary, % GDP/cap
5	1.2.2	Rule of law	74	6.2.4	High-tech manufacturing, %
6	3.1.4	E-participation	74	2.1.5	Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary
6	3.1.3	Government's online service	69	3.3.1	GDP/unit of energy use
6	1.2.1	Regulatory quality	65	7.2.4	Creative goods exports, % total trade
9	4.3.1	Applied tariff rate, weighted avg., %	64	6.3.3	High-tech exports, % total trade
9	4.1.2	Domestic credit to private sector, % GDP	52	4.2.4	VC received, value, % GDP
10	5.3.3	ICT services imports, % total trade	48	6.2.2	Unicorn valuation, % GDP
11	6.1.4	Scientific and technical articles/bn PPP\$			



### → New Zealand's innovation system

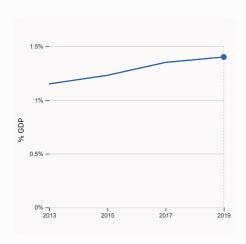
As far as practicable, the plots below present unscaled indicator data.

#### > Innovation inputs in New Zealand



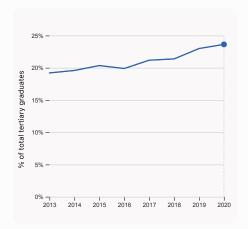
#### 2.1.1 Expenditure on education, % GDP

was equal to 5.16% GDP in 2019, down by 0.9 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 32.



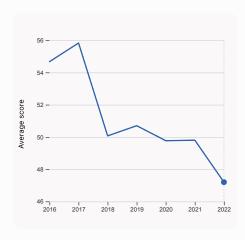
#### 2.3.2 Gross expenditure on R&D, % GDP

was equal to 1.4% GDP in 2019, up by 0.05 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 31.



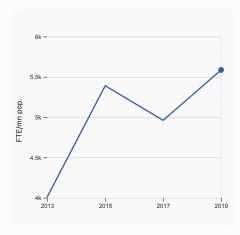
# 2.2.2 Graduates in science and engineering, %

was equal to 23.63% of total tertiary graduates in 2020, up by 0.64 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 52.



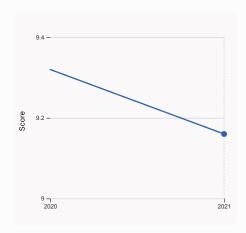
#### 2.3.4 QS university ranking, top 3

was equal to an average score of 47.2 for the top 3 universities in 2022, down by 5.22% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 24.



#### 2.3.1 Researchers, FTE/mn pop.

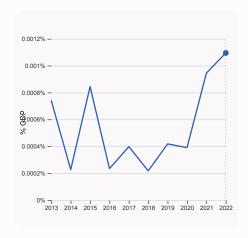
was equal to 5,585.92 FTE/mn pop. in 2019, up by 12.6% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 12.

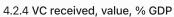


#### 3.1.1 ICT access

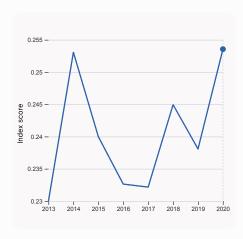
was equal to a score of 9.16 in 2021, down by 1.72% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 37.







was equal to 0.00109% GDP in 2022, up by 0.00015 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 52.

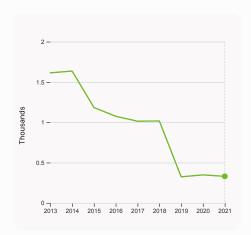


#### 4.3.2 Domestic industry diversification

was equal to an index score of 0.254 in 2020, up by 6.5% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 85.

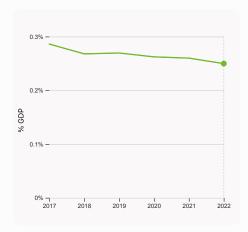


#### > Innovation outputs in New Zealand



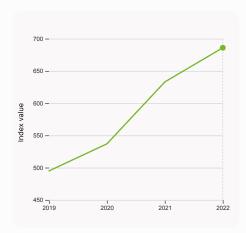
#### 6.1.1 Patents by origin

was equal to 0.33 Thousands in 2021, down by 5.17% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 48.



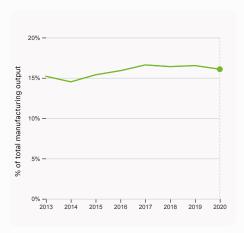
#### 6.2.3 Software spending, % GDP

was equal to 0.25% GDP in 2022, down by 0.01 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 55.



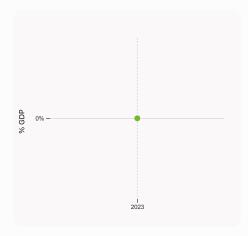
#### 6.1.5 Citable documents H-index

was equal to an index value of 686 in 2022, up by 8.37% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 27.



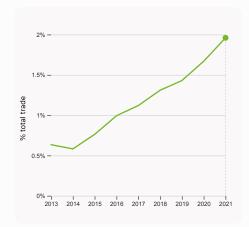
#### 6.2.4 High-tech manufacturing, %

was equal to 16.08% of total manufacturing output in 2020, down by 0.45 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 74.



6.2.2 Unicorn valuation, % GDP

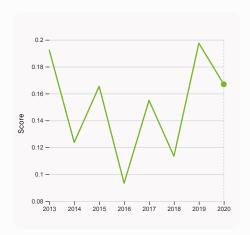
was equal to 0 % GDP in 2023 – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 48.



# 6.3.1 Intellectual property receipts, % total trade

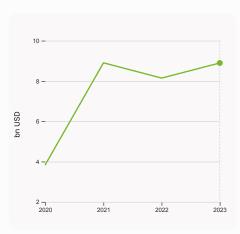
was equal to 1.96% total trade in 2021, up by 0.29 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 15.





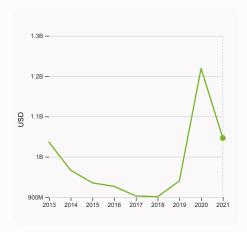
#### 6.3.2 Production and export complexity

was equal to a score of 0.167 in 2020, down by 15.49% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 53.



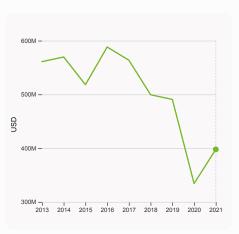
#### 7.1.3 Global brand value, top 5,000

was equal to 8.895 bn USD in 2023, up by 9.21% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 40.



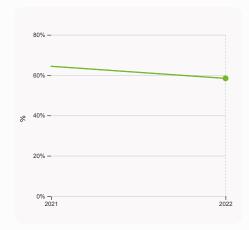
#### 6.3.3 High-tech exports

was equal to 1,046,457,556 USD in 2021, down by 14.15% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 64.



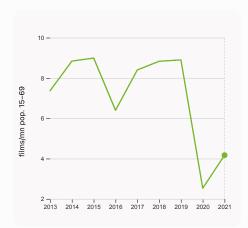
#### 7.2.1 Cultural and creative services exports

was equal to 397,789,000 USD in 2021, up by 19.011% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 43.



#### 7.1.1 Intangible asset intensity, top 15, %

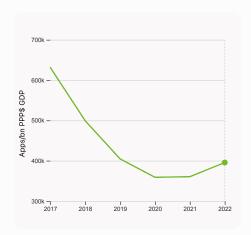
was equal to 58.4% in 2022, down by 5.99 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 39.



#### 7.2.2 National feature films/mn pop. 15-69

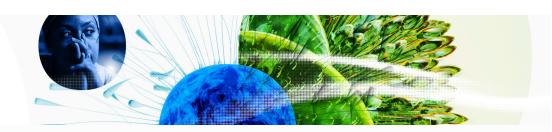
was equal to 4.17 films/mn pop. 15–69 in 2021, up by 64.82% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 32.





7.3.4 Mobile app creation/bn PPP\$ GDP

was equal to 395,633.91 Apps/bn PPP\$ GDP in 2022, up by 9.75% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 52.



### → New Zealand's innovation top performers

#### > 2.3.3 Global corporate R&D investors from New Zealand

Rank	Firm	Industry	R&D	R&D Growth	R&D Intensity
			[mn EUR]	[%]	[%]
773	XERO	Software & Computer Services	206	58	31
1253	FONTERRA CO-OPERATIVE	Food Producers	117	30	1
1503	FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE	Health Care Equipment & Services	93	13	9

Source: European Commission's Joint Research Centre (https://iri.jrc.ec.europa.eu/scoreboard/2022-eu-industrial-rd-investment-scoreboard). Note: European Commission's Joint Research Centre ranks the top 2,500 firms by R&D investment annually.

### > 2.3.4 QS university ranking of New Zealand's top universities

Rank	University	Score
87	THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND	62.70
217	UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO	42.00
275	VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON	36.90

 $Source: QS\ Quacquarelli\ Symonds\ Ltd\ (https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2023).$ 

Note: QS Quacquarelli Symonds Ltd annually assesses over 1,200 universities across the globe and scores them between [0,100]. Ranks can represent a single value "x", a tie "x=" or a range "x-y".

### > 7.1.1 Top 15 intangible-asset intensive companies in New Zealand

Rank	Firm	Intensity, %
1	XERO LTD	96.82
2	FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE CORP LTD	83.67
3	SPARK NEW ZEALAND LTD	78.42

Source: Brand Finance (https://brandirectory.com/reports/gift-2022). Note: Brand Finance only provides within economy ranks.

### > 7.1.3 Top 5,000 companies in New Zealand with highest global brand value

Rank	Brand	Industry	Brand Value, mn USD
1	ANLENE	Food	1,265.4
2	ANCHOR	Food	1,167.3
3	SPARK	Telecoms	811.5

Source: Brand Finance (https://brandirectory.com). Note: Rank corresponds to within economy ranks.



GII 2023 rank

GDP per capita, PPP\$

50,851.1

Score / Value Rank

# **New Zealand**

4.3.1 Applied tariff rate, weighted avg., %

4.3.2 Domestic industry diversification 4.3.3 Domestic market scale, bn PPP\$

Output rank 31	Input rank 24	Income <b>High</b>	Regi		Population (mn) <b>5.2</b>	GDP, PPP\$ (bn) <b>261.0</b>
			Score / Value Rank			
			78.5	12	<b>Business sophist</b>	ication
1.1 Institutional en	vironment		83.9	9	5.1 Knowledge workers	
1.1.1 Operational sta	ability for businesses*		93.8	2 •	5.1.1 Knowledge-intensiv	e employment, %
1.1.2 Government ef	ffectiveness*		74.0	20	5.1.2 Firms offering form	al training, %
1.2 Regulatory env	vironment		95.5	3	5.1.3 GERD performed by	y business, % GDP
1.2.1 Regulatory qua	ality*		89.0	6 ●	5.1.4 GERD financed by b	
1.2.2 Rule of law*			93.0	5 •	5.1.5 Females employed	, , ,
1.2.3 Cost of redund			8.0	1 •	5.2 Innovation linkages	
1.3 Business enviro			56.2	44	5.2.1 University-industry	
1.3.1 Policies for doi	-		56.2	47	5.2.2 State of cluster dev	•
1.3.2 Entrepreneurs	hip policies and culture <sup>†</sup>		n/a	n/a	5.2.3 GERD financed by	abroad, % GDP egic alliance deals/bn PPP\$
🙎 Human capit	tal and research		51.1	21	5.2.5 Patent families/bn I	
2.1 Education			61.4	27	5.3 Knowledge absorpt	
2.1.1 Expenditure or	adjustion % CDP		© 5.2	32		y payments, % total trade
	unding/pupil, secondary,	% GDP/can	14.8	75 ○ ♦	5.3.2 High-tech imports,	
2.1.3 School life exp		70 ODI /cup	20.3	2 •	5.3.3 ICT services impor	
	reading, maths and scie	nce	502.9	13	5.3.4 FDI net inflows, %	•
2.1.5 Pupil-teacher			14.6	74 ○ ◊	5.3.5 Research talent, %	in businesses
2.2 Tertiary educa			46.8	15		
2.2.1 Tertiary enroln	nent, % gross		79.9	25	Knowledge and t	echnology outputs
2.2.2 Graduates in s	science and engineering,	%	23.6	52	6.1 Knowledge creation	1
2.2.3 Tertiary inbou	nd mobility, %		17.5	11	6.1.1 Patents by origin/br	PPP\$ GDP
2.3 Research and	development (R&D)		45.2	22	6.1.2 PCT patents by orig	gin/bn PPP\$ GDP
2.3.1 Researchers, F	FTE/mn pop.		<b>5</b> ,585.9	12	6.1.3 Utility models by or	igin/bn PPP\$ GDP
2.3.2 Gross expendi	iture on R&D, % GDP		<b>S</b> 1.4	31	6.1.4 Scientific and techr	nical articles/bn PPP\$ GDP
2.3.3 Global corpora	ate R&D investors, top 3,	mn US\$	49.9	33	6.1.5 Citable documents	H-index
2.3.4 QS university	ranking, top 3*		47.8	24	6.2 Knowledge impact	
nfrastructu	re		56.1	29	6.2.1 Labor productivity	
					6.2.2 Unicorn valuation,	
	d communication techn	iologies (ICTs)	91.3	10	6.2.3 Software spending	
3.1.1 ICT access*			87.6	37	6.2.4 High-tech manufac 6.3 Knowledge diffusio	
3.1.2 ICT use*	online convice*		87.0 95.3	29 6 ●	6.3.1 Intellectual propert	
3.1.3 Government's 3.1.4 E-participation			95.3	6 •	6.3.2 Production and exp	
3.2 General infrast			44.1	26	6.3.3 High-tech exports,	
3.2.1 Electricity out			8,519.3	17	6.3.4 ICT services expor	
3.2.2 Logistics perfe			68.2	25	6.3.5 ISO 9001 quality/br	
3.2.3 Gross capital			24.5	61		
3.3 Ecological sus			32.9	43	Creative outputs	
3.3.1 GDP/unit of en	ergy use		9.9	69 🔾	7.1 Intangible assets	
3.3.2 Environmental	I performance*		64.1	26	7.1.1 Intangible asset inte	nsity, top 15, %
3.3.3 ISO 14001 env	vironment/bn PPP\$ GDP		1.6	54	7.1.2 Trademarks by original	in/bn PPP\$ GDP
<u>ш</u> Market soph	istication		46.7	31	7.1.3 Global brand value, 7.1.4 Industrial designs b	
4.1 Credit			61.2	17	7.1.4 industrial designs b	
	artups and scaleups <sup>†</sup>		n/a	n/a		e services exports, % total
4.1.2 Domestic credit to private sector, % GDP		160.5	9 •	7.2.2 National feature filr	ns/mn pop. 15-69	
4.1.3 Loans from microfinance institutions, % GDP			n/a	n/a	7.2.3 Entertainment and	media market/th pop. 15-6
4.2 Investment			20.2	35	7.2.4 Creative goods exp	orts, % total trade
4.2.1 Market capital	ization, % GDP		51.2	34	7.3 Online creativity	
4.2.2 Venture capita	al (VC) investors, deals/b	n PPP\$ GDP	0.2	26	7.3.1 Generic top-level de	omains (TLDs)/th pop. 15-6
4.2.3 VC recipients,	deals/bn PPP\$ GDP		0.1	16	7.3.2 Country-code TLDs	s/th pop. 15-69
4.2.4 VC received, v	value, % GDP		0.0	52 🔾	7.3.3 GitHub commits/mr	
4.3 Trade, diversif	4.3 Trade, diversification, and market scale			65	7.3.4 Mobile app creation	n/bn PPP\$ GDP

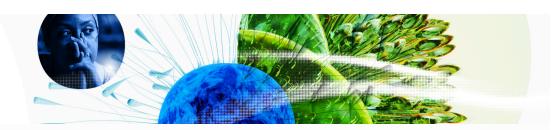
Business sophistication	45.7	29
5.1 Knowledge workers	49.6	32
5.1.1 Knowledge-intensive employment, %	n/a	n/a
5.1.2 Firms offering formal training, %	n/a	n/a
5.1.3 GERD performed by business, % GDP	<b>0</b> 0.9	27
5.1.4 GERD financed by business, %	<b>4</b> 9.9	30
5.1.5 Females employed w/advanced degrees, %	<b>Q</b> 21.5	27
5.2 Innovation linkages	36.9	31
5.2.1 University-industry R&D collaboration <sup>†</sup>	56.2	42
5.2.2 State of cluster development <sup>†</sup>	50.1	45
5.2.3 GERD financed by abroad, % GDP	<b>0</b> .1	31
5.2.4 Joint venture/strategic alliance deals/bn PPP\$ GDP	0.1	21
5.2.5 Patent families/bn PPP\$ GDP	1.3	25
5.3 Knowledge absorption	50.5	18
5.3.1 Intellectual property payments, % total trade	1.7	19
5.3.2 High-tech imports, % total trade	11.0	26
5.3.3 ICT services imports, % total trade	3.6	10 •
5.3.4 FDI net inflows, % GDP	1.7	81 🔾
5.3.5 Research talent, % in businesses	<b>©</b> 35.7	36
✓ Knowledge and technology outputs	31.8	39
6.1 Knowledge creation	40.1	24
6.1.1 Patents by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP	1.4	48
6.1.2 PCT patents by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP	1.3	21
6.1.3 Utility models by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP	n/a	n/a
6.1.4 Scientific and technical articles/bn PPP\$ GDP	n/a	n/a
6.1.5 Citable documents H-index	35.8	27
6.2 Knowledge impact	24.1	78 ♦
6.2.1 Labor productivity growth, %	1.1	61
6.2.2 Unicorn valuation, % GDP	0.0	48 ○ ◊
6.2.3 Software spending, % GDP	0.2	55
6.2.4 High-tech manufacturing, %	16.1	74 ○ ◊
6.3 Knowledge diffusion	31.1	52
6.3.1 Intellectual property receipts, % total trade	1.7	15
6.3.2 Production and export complexity	56.0	53
6.3.3 High-tech exports, % total trade	1.8	64 🔾
6.3.4 ICT services exports, % total trade	1.9	61
6.3.5 ISO 9001 quality/bn PPP\$ GDP	4.4	58
Creative outputs	43.3	28
7.1 Intangible assets	46.7	34
7.1.1 Intangible asset intensity, top 15, %	58.4	39
7.1.2 Trademarks by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP	101.1	12
7.1.3 Global brand value, top 5,000	3.5	40
7.1.4 Industrial designs by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP	1.3	59
7.2 Creative goods and services	24.9	40
7.2.1 Cultural and creative services exports, % total trade	0.7	43
7.2.2 National feature films/mn pop. 15-69	4.2	32
7.2.3 Entertainment and media market/th pop. 15-69	54.6	13
7.2.4 Creative goods exports, % total trade	0.4	65 O
7.3 Online creativity	54.8	18
7.3.1 Generic top-level domains (TLDs)/th pop. 15-69	34.5	20
7.3.2 Country-code TLDs/th pop. 15-69	61.1	15
7.3.3 GitHub commits/mn pop. 15-69	53.1	19
7.3.4 Mobile app creation/bn PPP\$ GDP	70.7	52

0.8

75.8

261.0

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### → Data availability

The following tables list indicators that are either missing or outdated for New Zealand.



> New Zealand has missing data for six indicators and outdated data for eight indicators.

### > Missing data for New Zealand

Code	Indicator name	Economy Year	Model Year	Source
1.3.2	Entrepreneurship policies and culture	n/a	2022	Global Entrepreneurship Monitor
4.1.1	Finance for startups and scaleups	n/a	2022	Global Entrepreneurship Monitor
4.1.3	Loans from microfinance institutions, % GDP	n/a	2021	International Monetary Fund, Financial Access Survey (FAS)
5.1.1	Knowledge-intensive employment, %	n/a	2022	International Labour Organization
5.1.2	Firms offering formal training, %	n/a	2019	World Bank Enterprise Surveys
6.1.3	Utility models by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP	n/a	2021	World Intellectual Property Organization; International Monetary Fund

### > Outdated data for New Zealand

Code	Indicator name	Economy Year	Model Year	Source
2.1.1	Expenditure on education, % GDP	2019	2021	UNESCO Institute for Statistics
2.3.1	Researchers, FTE/mn pop.	2019	2021	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT
2.3.2	Gross expenditure on R&D, % GDP	2019	2021	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT
5.1.3	GERD performed by business, % GDP	2020	2021	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT
5.1.4	GERD financed by business, %	2019	2020	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT
5.1.5	Females employed w/advanced degrees, %	2020	2022	International Labour Organization
5.2.3	GERD financed by abroad, % GDP	2019	2020	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT



Code	Indicator name	Economy Year	Model Year	Source
5.3.5	Research talent, % in businesses	2019	2021	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT



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The Index is a ranking of the innovation capabilities and results of world economies. It measures innovation based on criteria that include institutions, human capital and research, infrastructure, credit, investment, linkages; the creation, absorption and diffusion of knowledge; and creative outputs.

The GII has two sub-indices: the Innovation Input Sub-Index and the Innovation Output Sub-Index, and seven pillars, each consisting of three sub-pillars.