



Summary of rates and levies

By rate and levy type:

	2007/08 Budget \$000s	2008/09 Plan \$000s	Change \$000s	Change %
General rates				
Flood protection ⁽¹⁾	7,538	7,892	354	4.70%
Environment, Parks and Council costs	21,986	22,911	925	4.21%
Biosecurity and Land Management	4,840	5,153	313	6.47%
Investment management ⁽²⁾	(9,835)	(9,302)	533	5.42%
Total general rates	24,529	26,654	2,125	8.66%
Targeted rates				
River management rates	3,801	4,080	279	7.34%
Regional transport rates	41,356	45,869	4,513	10.91%
Stadium rates	3,010	3,010	-	0.00%
Economic Development Agency rates	4,500	4,500	-	0.00%
Bovine Tb rates	160	160	-	0.00%
South Wairarapa District – river rates	159	139	(20)	-12.58%
Wairarapa scheme and stopbank rates	1,223	1,312	89	7.28%
Total targeted rates	54,209	59,070	4,861	8.97%
Total regional rates	78,738	85,724	6,986	8.87%
Water supply levy	26,392	26,392	-	0.00%
Total rates and levies	105,130	112,116	6,986	6.65%

This table shows the rates and levies for Greater Wellington in 2008/09, together with the changes from 2007/08. Rates comprise the general rate and various targeted rates. Greater Wellington also charges a water supply levy directly to the four metropolitan city councils in the region. The city councils then rate accordingly for this levy.

Increases in the transport rate are partly driven by the rise in world oil price, which impacts the amount paid under our diesel bus contracts.

The increases in the flood protection component of general rates and river management rates are mainly due to the debt servicing costs of the capital expenditure programme.

The total rate increase in regional rates for 2008/09 is 8.87%. The water supply levy will remain at the same level as 2007/08. When the water supply levy is included, the increase is 6.65%.

Notes:

Figures labelled "2007/08 Budget" are sourced from Greater Wellington's 2007/08 Annual Plan, and those labelled "2008/09 Plan" are those adopted in this 2008/09 Annual Plan.

- (1) The portion of flood protection charged as a general rate
- (2) Contribution from Greater Wellington's investments. The reduction in the contribution is due to higher interest rates and a one-off gain budgeted in 2007/08

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By area:

	2007/08 Budget \$000s	2008/09 Plan \$000s	Change \$000s	Change %
Wellington City	40,757	43,886	3,129	7.68%
Lower Hutt City	15,111	17,033	1,922	12.72%
Upper Hutt City	5,083	5,626	543	10.68%
Porirua City	6,282	6,873	591	9.41%
Kapiti Coast District	6,248	6,671	423	6.77%
Masterton District	1,785	1,908	123	6.89%
Carterton District	727	790	63	8.67%
South Wairarapa District	1,200	1,323	123	10.25%
Tararua District ⁽¹⁾	3	3	-	0.00%
District-wide rates	77,196	84,113	6,917	8.96%
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⁽¹⁾ 11 rural properties in the Tararua district are within the boundaries of the Greater Wellington region



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What is the impact on your area?

Rates for Greater Wellington are mostly allocated to ratepayers on the basis of their capital values. The territorial local authorities undertake valuations in different years. To ensure properties are valued on the same basis in each territorial area, Greater Wellington undertakes an equalised capital value (ECV) calculation. The movements in ECV reflect the extent to which capital values in each area have moved relative to each other.

Changes in district-wide rates due to ECV movements and apportionment from 2007/08 to 2008/09

	ECV movements		General rate		River management rate		Regional transport rate		Stadium purposes rate		EDA rate		Total district-wide rates	
	Change \$000s	Change %	Change \$000s	Change %	Change \$000s	Change %	Change \$000s	Change %	Change \$000s	Change %	Change \$000s	Change %	Change \$000s	Change %
Wellington City	44	0.11%	1,004	2.46%	17	0.04%	2,045	5.03%	-	0.00%	19	0.05%	3,129	7.68%
Lower Hutt City	30	0.20%	383	2.53%	295	1.95%	1,213	8.04%	-	0.00%	1	0.01%	1,922	12.72%
Upper Hutt City	(14)	-0.28%	135	2.66%	-	0.00%	437	8.61%	-	0.00%	(15)	-0.30%	543	10.68%
Porirua City	(5)	-0.08%	163	2.59%	2	0.03%	438	6.97%	-	0.00%	(7)	-0.11%	591	9.41%
Kapiti Coast District	(74)	-1.18%	217	3.47%	(35)	-0.56%	309	4.94%	-	0.00%	6	0.10%	423	6.77%
Masterton District	(1)	-0.06%	109	6.11%	-	0.00%	19	1.07%	-	0.00%	(4)	-0.22%	123	6.89%
Carterton District	8	1.10%	43	5.91%	-	0.00%	16	2.20%	-	0.00%	(4)	-0.55%	63	8.67%
South Wairarapa District	12	1.00%	71	5.92%	-	0.00%	36	2.99%	-	0.00%	4	0.33%	123	10.25%
Tararua District	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
District-wide rates	-	0.00%	2,125	2.75%	279	0.36%	4,513	5.85%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	6,917	8.96%

Water supply levy

	2007/08 Budget \$000s	2008/09 Plan \$000s	Change \$000s	Change %
Wellington City Council	14,508	14,205	(303)	-2.09%
Hutt City Council	6,523	6,721	198	3.04%
Upper Hutt City Council	2,418	2,431	13	0.54%
Porirua City Council	2,943	3,035	92	3.13%
Water supply levy	26,392	26,392	-	0.00%

This table shows that the water supply levy will not increase from the 2007/08 level. The amounts charged to each of the four cities may change when the full year's water consumption results are known.

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What is the impact on your area?



Percentage changes in each rate type from 2007/08 to 2008/09

	General rate			River management rate			Regional transport rate			Stadium purposes rate			EDA rate		
	2007/08 Budget \$000s	2008/09 Plan \$000s	Change %	2007/08 Budget \$000s	2008/09 Plan \$000s	Change %	2007/08 Budget \$000s	2008/09 Plan \$000s	Change %	2007/08 Budget \$000s	2008/09 Plan \$000s	Change %	2007/08 Budget \$000s	2008/09 Plan \$000s	Change %
Wellington City	11,549	12,597	9.07%	143	160	11.89%	25,248	27,293	8.10%	1,788	1,788	0.00%	2,029	2,048	0.94%
Lower Hutt City	4,394	4,807	9.40%	1,598	1,893	18.46%	7,637	8,850	15.88%	588	588	0.00%	894	895	0.11%
Upper Hutt City	1,577	1,698	7.67%	546	546	0.00%	2,468	2,905	17.71%	158	158	0.00%	334	319	-4.49%
Porirua City	1,892	2,050	8.35%	88	90	2.27%	3,734	4,172	11.73%	216	216	0.00%	352	345	-1.99%
Kapiti Coast District	2,566	2,709	5.57%	1,405	1,370	-2.49%	1,688	1,997	18.31%	146	146	0.00%	443	449	1.35%
Masterton District	1,248	1,356	8.65%	0	0	0.00%	229	248	8.30%	60	60	0.00%	248	244	-1.61%
Carterton District	484	535	10.54%	21	21	0.00%	119	135	13.45%	21	21	0.00%	82	78	-4.88%
South Wairarapa District	816	899	10.17%	0	0	0.00%	233	269	15.45%	33	33	0.00%	118	122	3.39%
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2008/09 residential rates by rate type

	General rate per \$100,000 of capital value		River management rate per \$100,000 of capital value		Regional transport rate per \$100,000 of capital value		Stadium purposes rate per \$100,000 of capital value		Total residential rates per \$100,000 of capital value excl EDA rate	
	2007/08	2008/09	2007/08	2008/09	2007/08	2008/09	2007/08	2008/09	2007/08	2008/09
Wellington City	\$29.18	\$27.50	\$0.36	\$0.35	\$31.51	\$29.72	\$3.89	\$3.37	\$64.94	\$60.94
Lower Hutt City	\$39.11	\$27.15	\$14.22	\$10.69	\$68.78	\$50.54	\$4.83	\$3.14	\$126.94	\$91.52
Upper Hutt City	\$39.17	\$26.83	\$13.56	\$8.63	\$65.96	\$49.41	\$4.28	\$2.72	\$122.97	\$87.59
Porirua City	\$37.16	\$26.77	\$1.73	\$1.18	\$77.74	\$57.65	\$4.37	\$2.91	\$121.00	\$88.51
Kapiti Coast District	\$33.09	\$34.27	\$18.12	\$17.33	\$24.28	\$28.42	\$2.01	\$1.99	\$77.50	\$82.01
Masterton District	\$31.73	\$33.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.48	\$10.04	\$2.60	\$2.56	\$43.81	\$46.48
Carterton District	\$27.84	\$29.99	\$1.21	\$1.20	\$14.04	\$15.40	\$2.43	\$2.33	\$45.52	\$48.92
South Wairarapa District ⁽¹⁾	\$28.17	\$30.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17.04	\$19.16	\$2.76	\$2.67	\$47.97	\$52.07

2008/09 residential rates by average residential property in each territorial authority area

	Total residential rates per average residential property excl EDA rate		EDA rate ⁽²⁾ per residential property		Total residential rates per average residential property including EDA rate	
	2007/08	2008/09	2007/08	2008/09	2007/08	2008/09
Wellington City	\$299.62	\$319.31	\$14.06	\$14.06	\$313.68	\$333.37
Lower Hutt City	\$320.45	\$353.75	\$14.06	\$14.06	\$334.51	\$367.81
Upper Hutt City	\$270.58	\$303.24	\$14.06	\$14.06	\$284.64	\$317.30
Porirua City	\$312.36	\$337.12	\$14.06	\$14.06	\$326.42	\$351.18
Kapiti Coast District	\$224.32	\$239.22	\$14.06	\$14.06	\$238.38	\$253.28
Masterton District	\$82.58	\$88.58	\$14.06	\$14.06	\$96.64	\$102.64
Carterton District	\$100.10	\$109.26	\$14.06	\$14.06	\$114.16	\$123.32
South Wairarapa District ⁽¹⁾	\$123.81	\$130.72	\$14.06	\$14.06	\$137.87	\$144.78

Notes:


- (1) Excludes river rates charged on Greytown and Featherston urban properties
- (2) GrowWellington is the region's economic development agency (EDA). The EDA rate is a targeted rate allocated on a fixed-amount basis for residential and rural ratepayers. It is allocated on capital value for businesses. For residential properties, the fixed amount is \$14.06 and rural properties \$28.13. This rate will fund GrowWellington.

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Rates calculator for residential properties



The table below shows how to calculate your own indicative residential regional rates for 2008/09. For example, if you live in Porirua City and have a residential property with a capital value of \$300,000, your indicative regional rates are \$279.59.

	2008/09 rates per \$100,000 of capital value excl EDA rate		Enter the capital value of your property		Economic development rate	Rates on your property for 2008/09	
Wellington City	\$60.94	x	<input type="text"/>	÷	100,000	+ \$14.06	<input type="text"/>
Lower Hutt City	\$91.52	x	<input type="text"/>	÷	100,000	+ \$14.06	<input type="text"/>
Upper Hutt City	\$87.59	x	<input type="text"/>	÷	100,000	+ \$14.06	<input type="text"/>
Porirua City	\$88.51	x	<input type="text"/>	÷	100,000	+ \$14.06	<input type="text"/>
Kapiti Coast District	\$82.01	x	<input type="text"/>	÷	100,000	+ \$14.06	<input type="text"/>
Masterton District	\$46.48	x	<input type="text"/>	÷	100,000	+ \$14.06	<input type="text"/>
Carterton District	\$48.92	x	<input type="text"/>	÷	100,000	+ \$14.06	<input type="text"/>
South Wairarapa District ⁽¹⁾	\$52.07	x	<input type="text"/>	÷	100,000	+ \$14.06	<input type="text"/>

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes river rates charged on Greytown and Featherston urban properties

Porirua City example	\$88.51	x	\$300,000	÷	100,000	+ \$14.06	\$279.59
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Please note: The above calculation does not include rates set by your local city or district council.

Greater Wellington rates are set and assessed by Greater Wellington but are invoiced and collected by the relevant territorial authority in the Wellington region. Such combined collection arrangements are cost effective and more convenient for ratepayers.