

Information topic	Details
Indicator name	<b>Access to fluoridated drinking-water</b>
Domain and topic	Drinking-water quality: Access to fluoridated drinking-water
Indicator definition and units	Number and percentage of the population on registered community drinking-water supplies (those that serve more than 100 people) with access to fluoridated drinking-water.
Data source	Annual Report on Drinking-water Quality. Ministry of Health
Numerator	Estimated number of people who were served with fluoridated drinking-water
Denominator	Population on registered community drinking-water supplies.
Methodology	This indicator presents data published in the <i>Annual Report on Drinking-water Quality 2020-2021</i> , published by the New Zealand Ministry of Health in April 2022.
Time period and time scale	Annual from 1 July – 30 June, from 2009/10 onwards
Population coverage	Population on registered drinking-water supplies.
Spatial Coverage	National & by territorial authority
Measures of frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number and percentage of people on registered supplies who have access to fluoridated drinking-water</li> <li>Number and percentage of people on registered supplies who have access to fluoridated drinking-water by territorial authority</li> </ul>
Limitations of indicator	<p>Indicator only represents the population on registered drinking-water supplies serving over 100 people, instead of all New Zealanders. For example, New Zealanders who rely on wells or rain tanks for potable drinking-water and water sources that serve a population of less than 100 people are not included.</p> <p>Figures are based on supplies that were listed as fluoridated in the data source and do not account for faults in the process of adding fluoride to water supplies that may cause fewer than the stated number of people to actually have access to fluoridated drinking-water or to local agreements that exclude fluoridation from subsets of larger supplies.</p>
Limitations of data source	The population statistics in the report are estimates derived from the online Water Information New Zealand (WINZ) datasets and it is not possible to determine their accuracy.
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Related indicators	<a href="#">Access to safe drinking-water</a> <a href="#">Waterborne diseases related to drinking water</a> <a href="#">Oral health of children</a>
For more information	<a href="https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/annual-report-drinking-water-quality-2020-2021">https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/annual-report-drinking-water-quality-2020-2021</a>
References	Ministry of Health. 2022. <i>Annual Report on Drinking-water Quality 2020–2021</i> . Wellington: Ministry of Health.