

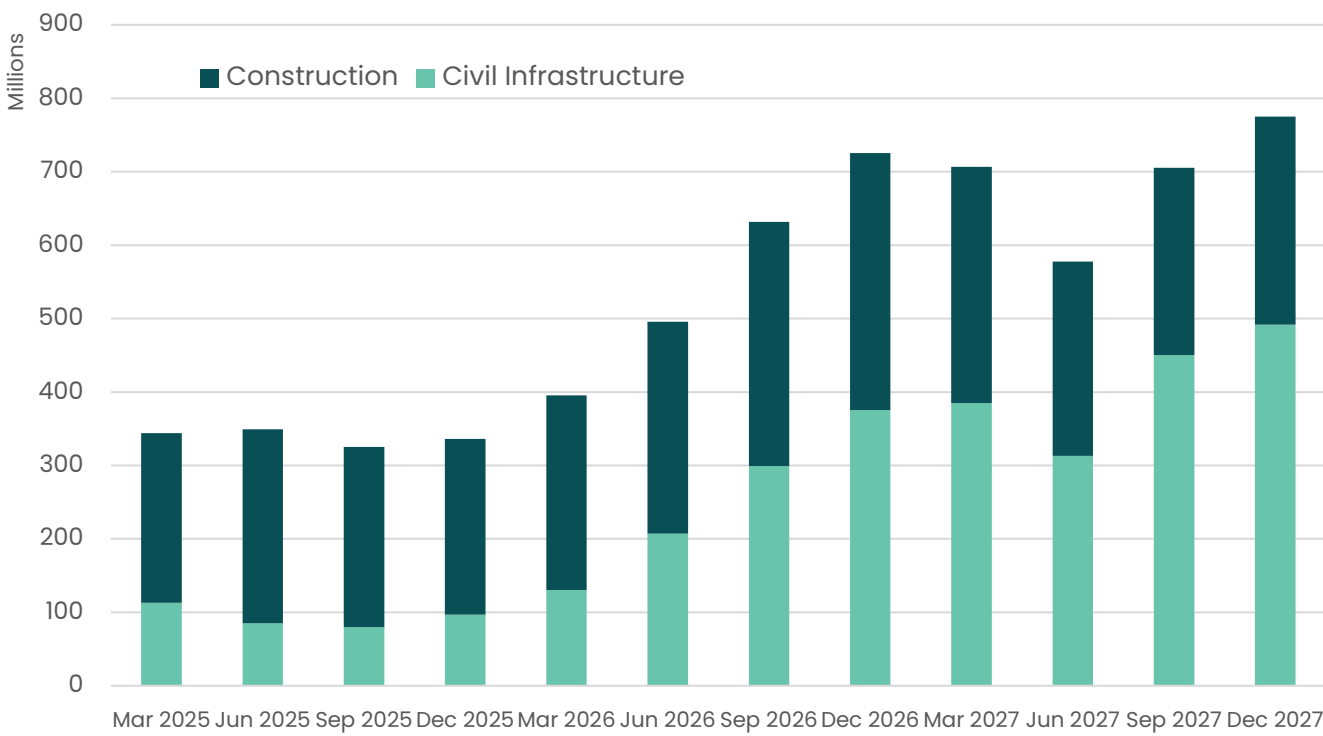
# ADDING TO THE MANAWATŪ- WHANGANUI STORY



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# Manawatū-Whanganui anticipated project pipeline value and key projects [\(Link\)](#)



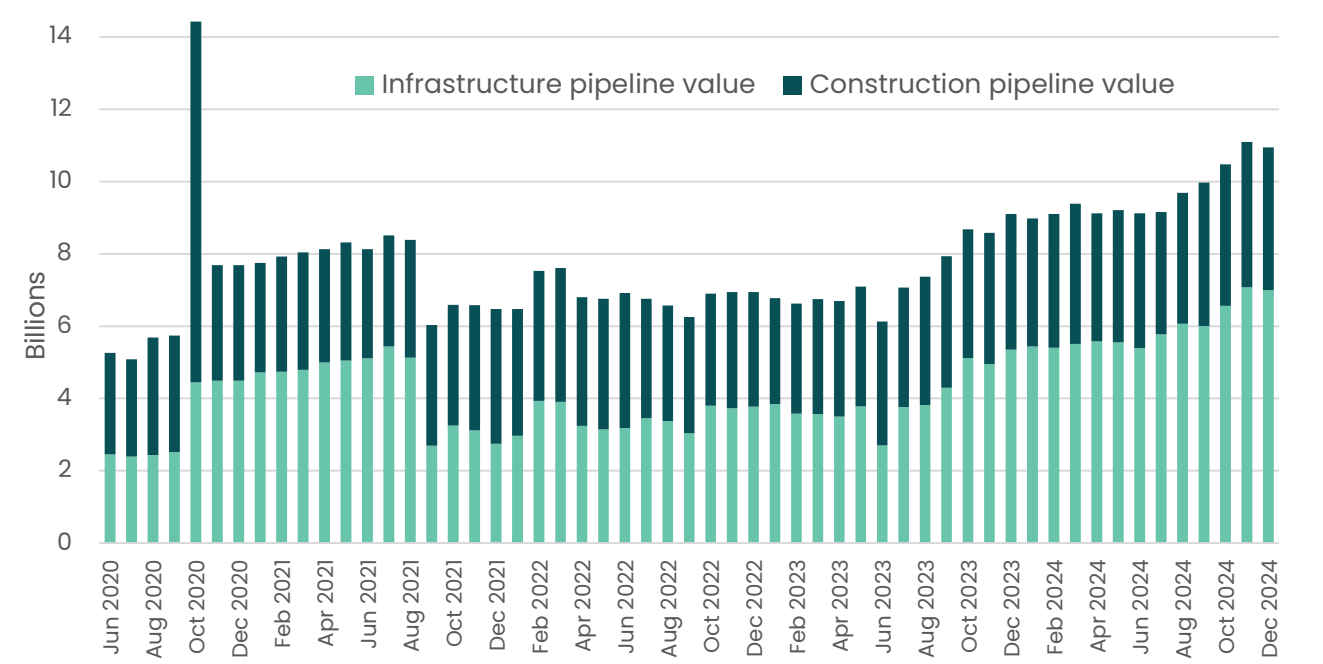
As of June 2025, the Manawatū-Whanganui region has **a three-year project pipeline value of \$6.17 billion** (representing the total value of ongoing and scheduled construction over between 2025-27).

**Fast-track projects (project value information provided by Pacifecon):**

Construction	Infrastructure	Renewable Energy
<b>\$874,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$426,000,000</b>

- ▶ Manawatū-Whanganui region has attracted \$1.3 billion of approved fast-track projects, representing 2.3% of the overall fast-track value. These are captured in the region's overall pipeline.
- ▶ The approved projects include one housing development: the Kingsgate—Oriana Reserve project, which is set to construct 93 to 97 residential homes within the suburb of Highbury.
- ▶ The other significant set of five renewable energy projects includes three wind farms (Puketoi Wind Farm, Foxton Solar Farm, Huriwaka Wind Farm) and two solar farms (Foxton Solar Farm and Bunnythorpe Solar Farm).

## Manawatū-Whanganui five-year project pipeline trends [\(Link\)](#)



**Population changes [\(Infometrics\)](#)**

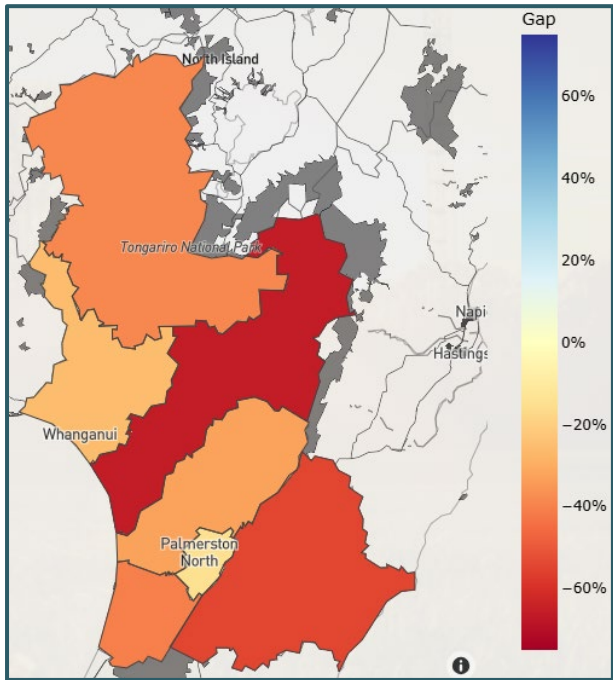
- ▶ [Manawatu District's](#) total population was 34,800 in 2024, up 1.5% from a year earlier. Total population grew by 1.8% in New Zealand over the same period.
- ▶ [Whanganui District's](#) total population was 48,600 in 2024, up 0.6% from a year earlier. Total population grew by 1.8% in New Zealand over the same period.

**Population changes 2023 Census data [\(Link\)](#) & population projections [\(Link\)](#)**

- ▶ 2023 Census usually resident population: 251,412 (+5.3% since 2018)
- ▶ Total dwellings: 108,903 (+5.4% since 2018)
- ▶ Forecast population increase 2023-2028: 6,300 (+2.5%) at the 2023 population to dwellings ratios this would equate to an additional 2,729 dwellings.

**The Manawatū-Whanganui five-year project pipeline trends:**

- ▶ The project pipeline **for the Manawatū-Whanganui** region has primarily stayed flat with very slight undulations (barring a pronounced blip in October 2020). It has slowly been picking up steam from mid-2023 onwards.



- ▶ As of June 2025, there is an **estimated Construction and Infrastructure workforce of 7,246** for the 2025-27 period.
- ▶ The total project pipeline value from 2025 - 2027 is \$6.17 billion.
- ▶ There is a **peak workforce supply and demand shortage during this period of 5,444 people** or 42.4%.

**Iwi/hapū pipeline for the Manawatū-Whanganui region [\(Link\)](#)**

- ▶ The Manawatū-Whanganui region has 11 iwi/hapū groups (based on Council boundaries).
- ▶ The 'Iwi borders' in the WIP follow those approved by Te Puni Kōkiri. Manawatū-Whanganui is encapsulated partially by the Te Arawa region set out on the left, which overlaps with other iwi/hapū groups.
- ▶ As of June 2025, the total project pipeline value (for just Manawatū-Whanganui iwi) is forecast at \$1.7 billion, up from \$1.58 billion in 2024.

**2023 Construction & Infrastructure Workforce [\(Link\)](#) + Training Numbers over time by Age [\(Link\)](#)**

