

Quarterly Statistics

Welcome to the first listing of LINZ survey and title operational statistics on the Internet.

The following tables and graphs will be updated quarterly, around the middle of the month following the end of each quarter. They will no longer be published in *Torrens talk*, the LINZ publication that provides survey and title information for land professionals.

Operational Statistics July 1999 – March 2000

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**Table 1a – Land title document receipt volume comparisons
July - March periods 1998/99 and 1999/00**

	Transfers		Mortgages		Discharged Mortgages		Others		Total		% Change
	98/99	99/00	98/99	99/00	98/99	99/00	98/99	99/00	98/99	99/00	
North Auckland	48,411	50,023	44,107	44,222	44,608	44,500	51,651	51,556	188,777	190,301	0.8%
South Auckland	24,746	25,825	19,471	20,331	20,121	20,273	27,701	28,396	92,039	94,825	3.0%
Gisborne	1,712	1,740	1,273	1,322	1,284	1,345	2,199	1,992	6,468	6,399	-1.1%
Taranaki	3,531	3,881	3,168	3,264	3,253	3,368	3,749	4,050	13,701	14,563	6.3%
Hawke's Bay	5,267	6,165	4,518	4,815	4,631	4,861	6,192	6,612	20,608	22,453	9.0%
Wellington	25,709	29,118	21,668	23,981	21,932	24,026	21,809	23,171	91,118	100,296	10.1%
Nelson	3,681	4,169	2,794	3,019	2,917	3,057	4,733	5,052	14,125	15,297	8.3%
Marlborough	2,291	2,523	1,579	1,751	1,681	1,832	4,425	3,836	9,976	9,942	-0.3%
Westland	712	739	521	522	512	503	1,288	1,115	3,033	2,879	-5.1%
Canterbury	20,388	21,047	18,753	17,853	18,675	17,434	26,654	25,531	84,470	81,865	-3.1%
Otago	8,417	8,816	5,748	6,007	6,013	6,147	8,586	9,966	28,764	30,936	7.6%
Southland	2,905	3,361	2,157	2,138	2,072	2,318	2,914	3,161	10,048	10,978	9.3%
TOTAL	147,770	157,407	125,757	129,225	127,699	129,664	161,901	164,438	563,127	580,734	3.1%

Land title registration volumes for re-issued titles were about 3% higher during the first three quarters of the 1999/00 financial year (July 1999 – March 2000) than for the same period in 1998/99. The number of new titles issued was 2.6% lower and there was also a small decrease in the number of title plans lodged.

During the January–March 2000 quarter, document receipts were 8% lower than last year, while the numbers of title plans lodged and new titles issued were down by 2.6% and 3% respectively.

See Table 1a for land district statistics, and Graph 1 for the national trends.

**Table 1b – Land title plan lodgements and new title issues comparisons
July - March periods 1998/99 and 1999/00**

	Plans Lodged		% Change	New Titles Issued		% Change
	98/99	99/00		98/99	99/00	
North Auckland	3,772	3,761	-0.3%	17,135	17,228	0.5%
South Auckland	1,953	1,766	-9.6%	8,489	6,657	-21.6%
Gisborne	96	105	9.4%	531	329	-38.0%
Taranaki	226	208	-8.0%	631	630	-0.2%
Hawke's Bay	313	337	7.7%	945	1,085	14.8%
Wellington	1,230	1,370	11.4%	4,769	4,997	4.8%
Nelson	237	304	28.3%	1,014	1,101	8.6%
Marlborough	242	278	14.9%	581	690	18.8%
Westland	51	63	23.5%	268	280	4.5%
Canterbury	1,578	1,396	-11.5%	4,911	5,160	5.1%
Otago	329	393	19.5%	1,362	1,333	-2.1%
Southland	130	125	-3.8%	359	440	22.6%
TOTAL	10,157	10,106	-0.5%	40,995	39,930	-2.6%

On a land district basis for the July–March period, North Auckland showed little change from last year; Wellington and Hawke's Bay were significantly higher in all activities; South Auckland new title issues were down by 21%; Canterbury issued about 5% more new titles, although document receipts and plan lodgement numbers fell; and most other land districts experienced large percentage changes in activity levels, based on relatively small volumes.

See Table 1b for land district statistics, and Graph 2 for the national trends.

**Table 2 – Land title search activity volume comparisons
July - March periods 1998/99 and 1999/00**

	Title Searches		% Change	Guaranteed Searches		% Change	Document Searches		% Change
	1998/99	1999/00		1998/99	1999/00		1998/99	1999/00	
North Auckland	222,428	215,922	-2.9%	53,654	55,610	3.6%	54,219	53,743	-0.9%
South Auckland	99,752	97,523	-2.2%	21,564	21,637	0.3%	19,901	20,766	4.3%
Gisborne	7,178	8,211	14.4%	1,152	1,348	17.0%	872	1,245	42.8%
Taranaki	19,063	18,047	-5.3%	1,963	2,126	8.3%	1,848	1,859	0.6%
Hawke's Bay	22,788	25,476	11.8%	4,528	5,348	18.1%	4,078	4,212	3.3%
Wellington	93,065	94,430	1.5%	24,680	26,333	6.7%	20,203	26,151	29.4%
Nelson	18,051	17,022	-5.7%	3,051	3,287	7.7%	4,112	4,298	4.5%
Marlborough	11,730	11,600	-1.1%	1,740	1,995	14.7%	2,811	3,302	17.5%
Westland	5,080	5,172	1.8%	322	419	30.1%	1,148	1,228	7.0%
Canterbury	89,330	82,934	-7.2%	20,244	20,404	0.8%	26,451	25,936	-1.9%
Otago	39,971	39,032	-2.3%	6,169	6,454	4.6%	7,570	7,498	-1.0%
Southland	17,557	16,774	-4.5%	2,080	2,254	8.4%	2,000	1,863	-6.9%
TOTAL	645,993	632,143	-2.1%	141,147	147,215	4.3%	145,213	152,101	4.7%

Land title search volumes for guaranteed searches and document searches were about 4.5% higher during July-March 1999/00 than for the same period last year. Title searches were down by about 2%.

During the January-March 2000 quarter, the volumes for all search types declined compared to the same quarter last year.

North Auckland, South Auckland and Otago showed little change overall; Hawke's Bay and Wellington showed a significant increase in the number of searches; and Canterbury provided fewer title searches. Some of the other land districts experienced large percentage changes on relatively small volumes.

See Graphs 1 and 3 for the national trends.

**Table 3 – Land title issue/re-issue performance
January - March 2000**

	January			February			March		
	10	12	15	10	12	15	10	12	15
Standard (%)	50%	75%	95%	50%	75%	95%	50%	75%	95%
North Auckland	86%	91%	95%	95%	96%	97%	92%	97%	98%
South Auckland	34%	44%	97%	91%	94%	96%	93%	96%	97%
Gisborne	100%	100%	100%	97%	98%	100%	95%	97%	98%
Taranaki	94%	95%	96%	98%	98%	98%	97%	97%	98%
Hawke's Bay	94%	97%	99%	88%	95%	98%	74%	93%	96%
Wellington	90%	95%	96%	88%	92%	95%	89%	94%	98%
Nelson	57%	71%	97%	88%	93%	99%	94%	99%	100%
Marlborough	87%	90%	98%	80%	85%	87%	100%	100%	100%
Westland	91%	93%	97%	99%	99%	100%	96%	96%	99%
Canterbury	80%	94%	96%	97%	97%	98%	95%	96%	96%
Otago	95%	97%	97%	90%	93%	95%	81%	83%	99%
Southland	92%	93%	94%	98%	100%	100%	95%	97%	97%

In January and February 2000, eleven of the twelve offices met the key standard of 95% within 15 days for the issue and re-issue of titles. In March 2000 all offices met all three timeliness standards for this activity. This was the culmination of steadily improving timeliness performance during the financial year since July 1999.

**Table 4 – Survey plan lodgements
January - March periods 1999 and 2000**

	January		% Change	February		% Change	March		% Change
	1998/99	1999/00		1998/99	1999/00		1998/99	1999/00	
North Auckland	207	237	14.5%	356	438	23.0%	609	475	-22.0%
South Auckland	148	151	2.0%	140	181	29.3%	311	195	-37.3%
Gisborne	14	6	-57.1%	5	12	140.0%	8	15	87.5%
Taranaki	23	21	-8.7%	19	16	-15.8%	34	32	-5.9%
Hawke's Bay	17	42	147.1%	41	40	-2.4%	55	39	-29.1%
Wellington	62	99	59.7%	111	168	51.4%	195	178	-8.7%
Nelson	18	30	66.7%	21	51	142.9%	35	36	2.9%
Marlborough	11	20	81.8%	20	29	45.0%	35	41	17.1%
Westland	5	6	20.0%	8	9	12.5%	11	9	-18.2%
Canterbury	89	104	16.9%	152	137	-9.9%	240	172	-28.3%
Otago	36	15	-58.3%	47	58	23.4%	44	56	27.3%
Southland	5	10	100.0%	19	21	10.5%	25	17	-32.0%
TOTAL	635	741	16.7%	939	1,160	23.5%	1,602	1,265	-21.0%

For the financial year to date (July 1999-March 2000) plan lodgements were higher by about 3% than for the same period last year, while plan approvals were about 11% lower.

The number of survey plans lodged during the March quarter 2000 was unchanged from the same quarter in 1999, while plan approvals fell about 8% compared to the March 1999 quarter. Although plan lodgements and approvals were much higher during January and February 2000 than for the same months in 1999, both lodgements and approvals fell by 21% during March 2000 compared to March 1999.

On an individual land district basis, there were some very large monthly variances, especially in some of the land districts where volumes were relatively small.

See Graph 4 for national trends in plan lodgements and approvals

**Table 5 – Survey plan volumes lodged by accredited and non-accredited surveyors
January - March 2000**

	January				February				March			
	Accd	% of Total	Non-Accd	% of Total	Accd	% of Total	Non-Accd	% of Total	Accd	% of Total	Non-Accd	% of Total
North Auckland	134	56.5%	103	43.5%	272	62.1%	166	37.9%	291	61.3%	184	38.7%
South Auckland	124	82.1%	27	17.9%	171	94.5%	10	5.5%	169	86.7%	26	13.3%
Gisborne	6	100.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%	0	0.0%	15	100.0%	0	0.0%
Taranaki	11	52.4%	10	47.6%	7	43.8%	9	56.3%	21	65.6%	11	34.4%
Hawke's Bay	22	52.4%	20	47.6%	23	57.5%	17	42.5%	21	53.8%	18	46.2%
Wellington	84	84.8%	15	15.2%	147	87.5%	21	12.5%	128	71.9%	50	28.1%
Nelson	25	83.3%	5	16.7%	48	94.1%	3	5.9%	32	88.9%	4	11.1%
Marlborough	20	100.0%	0	0.0%	28	96.6%	1	3.4%	37	90.2%	4	9.8%
Westland	6	100.0%	0	0.0%	9	100.0%	0	0.0%	8	88.9%	1	11.1%
Canterbury	92	88.5%	12	11.5%	113	82.5%	24	17.5%	154	89.5%	18	10.5%
Otago	10	66.7%	5	33.3%	41	70.7%	17	29.3%	44	78.6%	12	21.4%
Southland	8	80.0%	2	20.0%	13	61.9%	8	38.1%	10	58.8%	7	41.2%
TOTAL	542	73.1%	199	26.9%	884	76.2%	276	23.8%	930	73.5%	335	26.5%

The proportion of plans lodged by accredited surveyors continued to increase. Since July 1999, the percentage of plans lodged by accredited surveyors has increased from 67% to over 74% for the whole March 2000 quarter.

**Table 6 – Survey plan processing performance
January - March 2000**

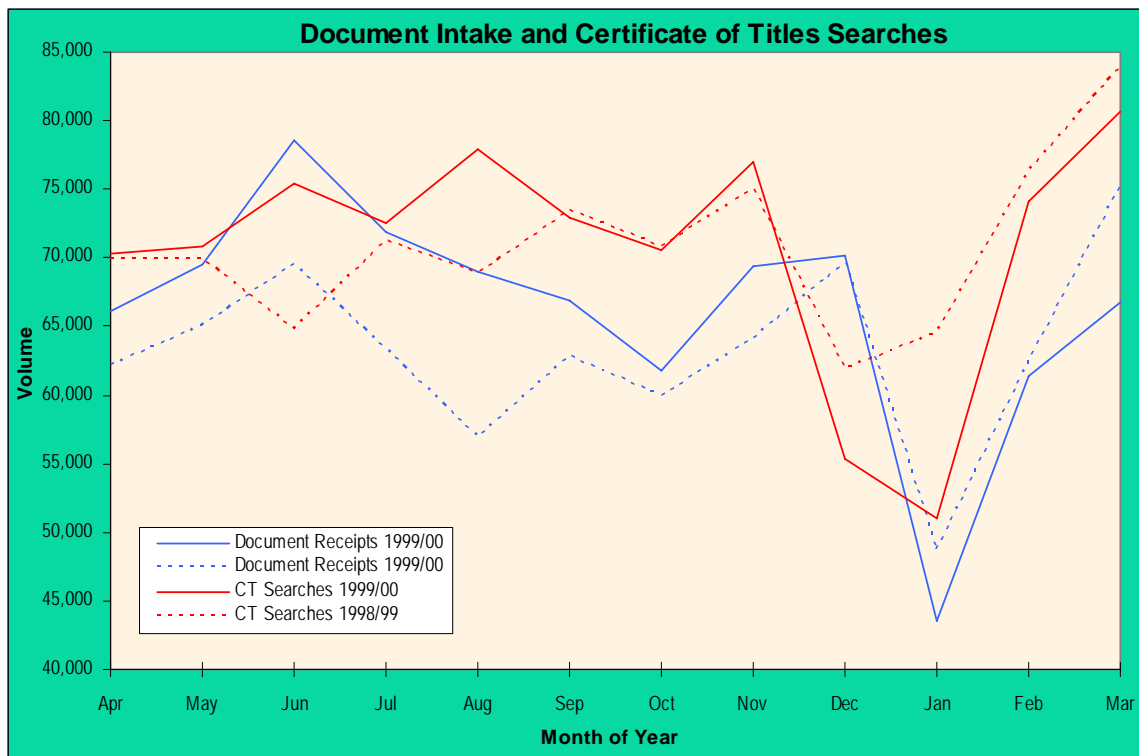
	Accredited Surveyors			Non-accredited Surveyors		
Standard	90% processed in 10 working days			90% processed in 20 working days		
	January	February	March	January	February	March
North Auckland	95%	90%	89%	97%	97%	97%
South Auckland	93%	99%	99%	100%	96%	100%
Gisborne	100%	100%	100%	100%	33%	100%
Taranaki	94%	100%	89%	93%	100%	94%
Hawke's Bay	79%	81%	100%	94%	91%	90%
Wellington	96%	100%	98%	79%	100%	97%
Nelson	93%	100%	86%	100%	100%	100%
Marlborough	79%	96%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Westland	N/A	100%	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Canterbury	95%	98%	97%	100%	100%	100%
Otago	77%	89%	98%	56%	100%	100%
Southland	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
NATIONAL	93%	96%	94%	94%	97%	97%

Note: The national performance is based on total plans processed - not an average of individual office performances

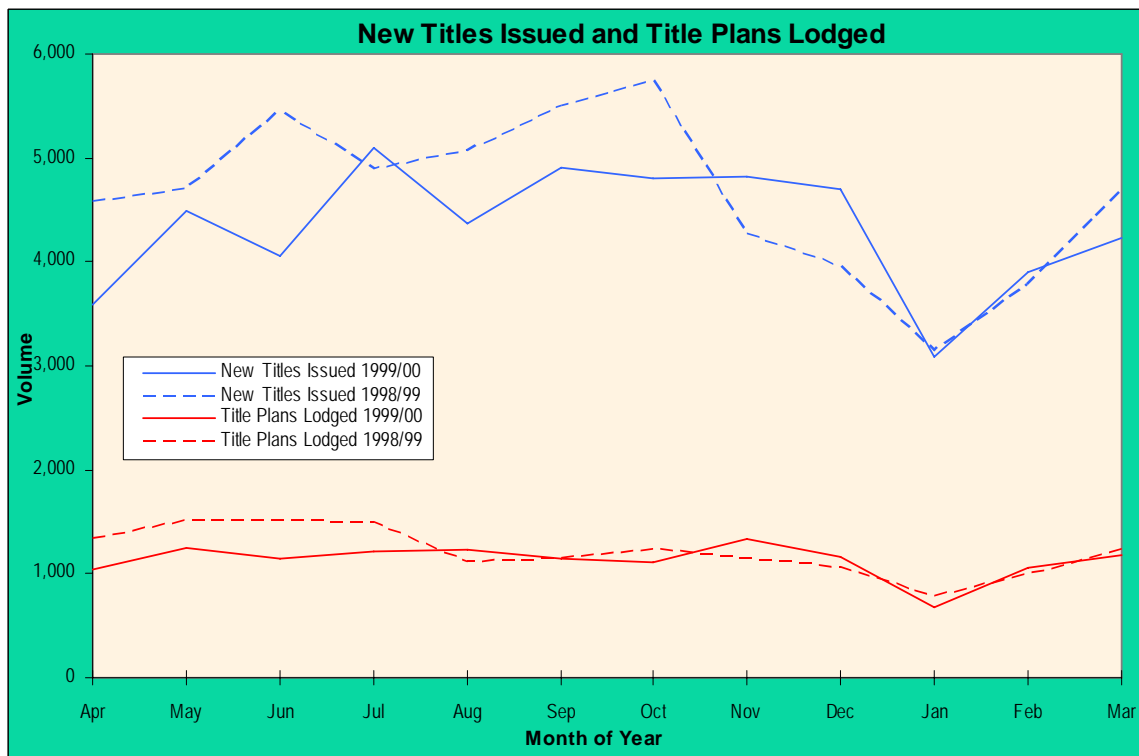
Plan processing performance improved significantly during the January-March 2000 quarter compared with the same quarter in 1999. On a national basis, the monthly percentage of plans processed within the target number of working days for both accredited and non-accredited surveyors ranged from 93% to 97%. The range during the January-March 1999 quarter was 78% to 95%.

The targets are to process 90% of plans within 10 working days for accredited surveyors, and 90% within 20 working days for non-accredited surveyors.

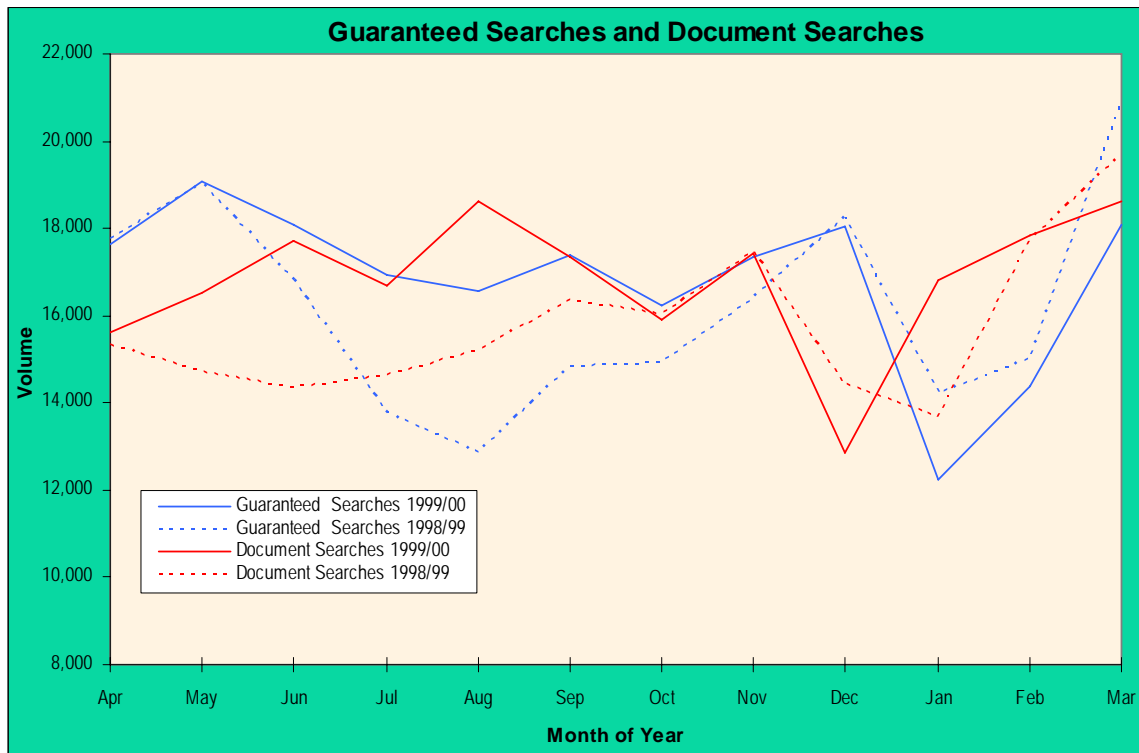
Graph 1



Graph 2



Graph 3



Graph 4

