

Flag and Emblem of New Zealand



Independence Day is celebrated
on September, 26



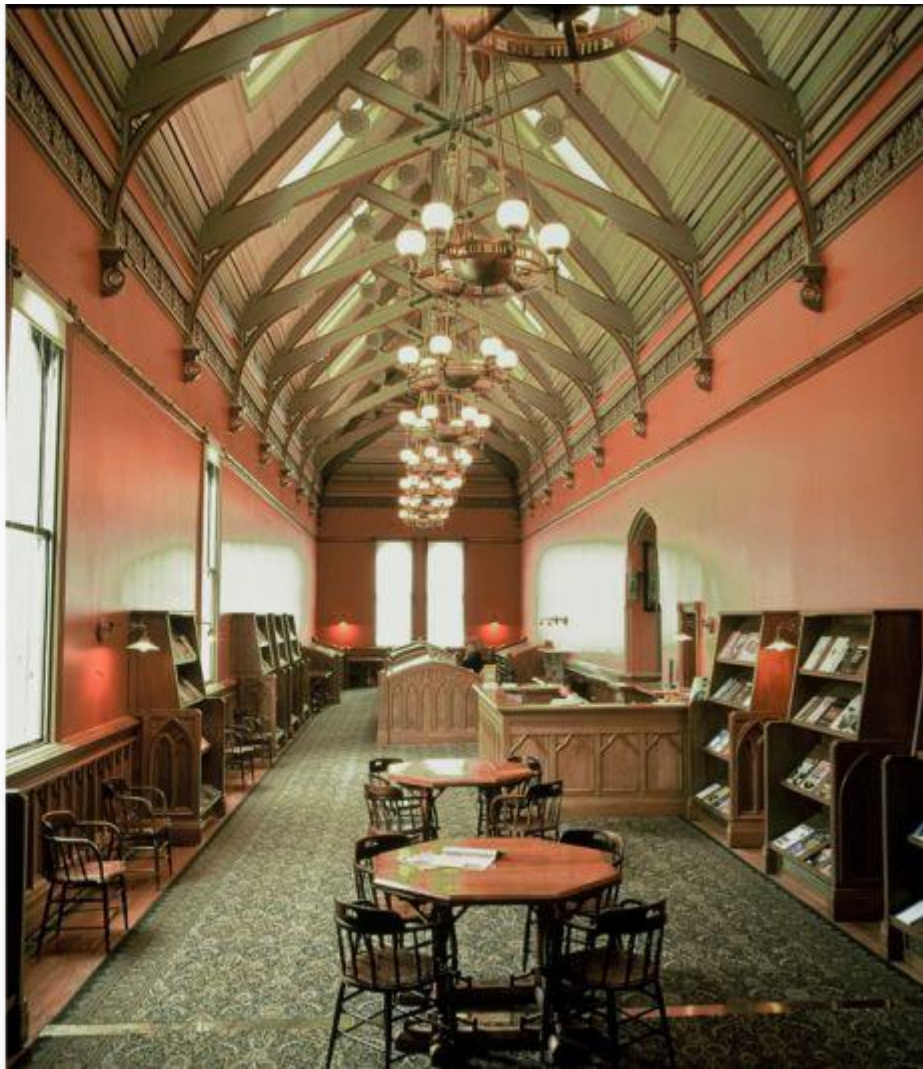


Government type is parliamentary democracy. Administrative division is the following: 93 counties, 9 districts, and 3 town districts.





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Legal system is based on the English law, with special land legislation and land courts for Maoris.



**Since 6 February
1952 the chief of the
state is Queen
Elizabeth II,
represented by
Governor General
Dame Silvia
Cartwright since 4
April 2001.**



Since 10 December 1999, the Head of the government is Prime Minister Helen Clark and Deputy Prime Minister James Anderton.




Since 1984 the government has accomplished major economic restructuring, transforming New Zealand from an agrarian economy to a more industrialized, free market economy that can compete globally.



New Zealand is heavily dependent on trade — particularly in agricultural products.



A scenic landscape of a green valley. In the foreground, two white lambs stand on a lush green field. The middle ground is filled with a large flock of sheep grazing on a rolling green hillside. In the background, majestic mountains rise, their peaks partially shrouded in mist or low clouds. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall scene is peaceful and pastoral.

**The main industries are mining,
food processing, wood and paper
products, textiles, machinery,
transportation equipment.**

New Zealand's currency is New Zealand dollar.

