

Tables for WPQ 12655

Table 1: Number of Special Needs Grants for clients aged 50 and older that were granted from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2025 by quarter and total response ethnicity

Quarter ending	Total Response Ethnicity							Total grants
	European	Māori	Pasifika	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unspecified	
December 2024	44,358	35,742	10,752	3,105	1,497	2,562	1,953	89,727
March 2025	41,691	34,578	10,458	2,829	1,290	2,253	1,797	85,383
June 2025	39,837	32,094	9,747	2,808	1,323	2,229	1,947	80,670
September 2025	42,555	34,404	10,293	3,003	1,425	2,277	2,100	86,187
December 2025	46,308	37,842	11,238	2,976	1,491	2,547	2,214	93,897

Notes:

- This is a count of grants, not clients. A client can have more than one grant in each time period.
- Ethnicity data is self-identified and multiple ethnicities may be chosen by an individual as fits their preference or self-concept.
- Total response ethnicity means that if a person identifies with more than one ethnic group, they are counted in each applicable group.
- Because a client can choose more than one ethnic response, the total number of ethnic responses will be greater than the number of clients.
- MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African.
- 'Unknown' is where ethnicity is not recorded. 'Other' is where ethnicities fall outside the reported ethnicities.
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- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- Random rounding does not round down to zero, a value of one or two will be rounded to three.
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Table 2: Number of Special Needs Grants for clients aged 50 and older that were granted from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2025 by quarter and age band

Quarter ending	Age band				Total
	50-64	65-74	75-84	85+	
December 2024	69,765	15,234	4,254	474	89,727
March 2025	66,327	14,535	4,044	477	85,383
June 2025	62,322	13,950	3,933	465	80,670
September 2025	67,578	14,040	4,068	504	86,187
December 2025	73,014	15,804	4,548	531	93,897

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Table 3: Number of Special Needs Grants for clients aged 50 and older that were granted from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2025 by quarter and gender

Quarter ending	Gender			Total
	Female	Gender Diverse	Male	
December 2024	51,234	33	38,460	89,727
March 2025	48,402	57	36,927	85,383
June 2025	45,447	63	35,157	80,670
September 2025	48,591	78	37,515	86,187
December 2025	53,784	72	40,041	93,897

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- From 2 December 2019, The Ministry of Social Development has three options to record a client's or child's gender: Male, Female or Gender Diverse.
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Table 4: Number of Special Needs Grants for clients aged 50 and older that were granted from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2025 by quarter and MSD Region

MSD Region/ Quarter ending	December 2024	March 2025	June 2025	September 2025	December 2025
Northland	1,635	1,668	1,758	1,827	1,923
Auckland Metro	9,945	10,143	9,183	9,453	9,939
Waikato	2,718	2,730	2,649	2,907	2,988
Taranaki	1,338	1,377	1,389	1,497	1,431
Bay of Plenty	2,454	2,661	2,631	2,583	2,838
East Coast	2,061	1,959	1,830	1,998	2,079
Central	1,635	1,521	1,461	1,455	1,512
Wellington	3,066	2,661	2,604	2,388	2,757
Nelson	1,155	1,197	1,107	1,122	1,110
Canterbury	2,550	2,334	2,232	2,298	2,376
Southern	1,482	1,350	1,374	1,383	1,470
Other	59,697	55,779	52,449	57,270	63,474
Total	89,727	85,383	80,670	86,187	93,897

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- The region 'Other' represents those service centres that do not represent a geographic location such as call centres and processing units.
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