

Table 2000 (2026). How many salaried dentists or dental specialists does Te Whatu Ora employ, if any?

Health New Zealand oral health workforce employee count and contracted FTE as at 30 September.

ANZSCO description	Sep-20		Sep-21		Sep-22		Sep-23		Sep-24		Sep-25	
	Employee count	Contract	Employee count	Contract	Employee count	Contract	Employee count	Contract	Employee count	Contract	Employee count	Contract
Dental Hygienist	-	-	1	0.5	1	0.5	1	0.1	1	0.8	1	0.8
Dental Specialist	90	54.0	103	63.6	104	65.0	104	63.4	107	66.5	105	65.2
Dental Technician	14	12.8	15	12.4	14	11.2	13	10.4	16	12.8	15	12.0
Dental Therapist	559	463.8	526	438.2	471	391.6	486	402.4	514	422.1	505	420.2
Dentist	37	26.3	32	22.5	33	22.9	30	22.4	27	21.8	35	25.7
Grand Total	700	556.9	677	537.2	623	491.1	634	498.7	665	524.0	661	524.0

Notes:

- Data extracted 3 March 2026.
- Data is collected at the end of each quarter, and data as at 30 September 2025 is the most current data available.