

Fire and Emergency New Zealand Average Staffing by Headcount since January 2026

Month	Average Career Firefighters (Headcount)	Average Volunteer Firefighters (Headcount)	Average Volunteer Operational Support (Headcount)
January	23	15	2
February	23	15	2
March	23	15	2
April	23	15	2
May	23	15	2
June	23	15	2

- For the purposes of this response, staffing level has been interpreted as the headcount of firefighters assigned to each station at month-end.
- Volunteer firefighters are reported as headcount as they do not have FTE.
- Definition of Operational Support Volunteer: Carry out tasks to help keep our Fire and Emergency people and the public safe at an incident. For example, managing traffic and pedestrians, closing roads, transporting equipment and providing lighting and refreshments.
- This response does not include Volunteer Recruit Firefighters as they are not deemed operational until fully qualified as a Volunteer Firefighter.
- This response does not include Brigade Support Volunteers as they do not attend incidents.