

Tables for WPQ 12654

Table 1: Number of Special Needs Grants excluding Emergency Housing for clients aged 50 and older that were granted from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2025

Quarter ending	Total Response Ethnicity							Total grants
	European	Māori	Pasifika	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unspecified	
December 2024	43,698	35,049	10,659	3,084	1,467	2,520	1,923	88,332
March 2025	41,292	34,182	10,413	2,817	1,278	2,220	1,779	84,576
June 2025	39,426	31,728	9,699	2,790	1,314	2,199	1,917	79,878
September 2025	42,147	33,948	10,245	2,976	1,416	2,253	2,067	85,305
December 2025	45,825	37,377	11,187	2,958	1,473	2,526	2,190	92,937

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 excluding Emergency Housing 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	68,706	14,967	4,188	468	88,332
March 2025	65,724	14,373	4,011	468	84,576
June 2025	61,719	13,803	3,894	462	79,878
September 2025	66,927	13,878	3,999	501	85,305
December 2025	72,297	15,633	4,488	519	92,937

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Table 3: Number of Special Needs Grants excluding Emergency Housing 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	50,577	33	37,719	88,332
March 2025	48,045	57	36,471	84,576
June 2025	45,102	60	34,713	79,878
September 2025	48,210	72	37,023	85,305
December 2025	53,316	72	39,549	92,937

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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 excluding Emergency Housing 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	1,578	1,623	1,719	1,791	1,878
Auckland Metro	9,717	10,032	9,072	9,285	9,717
Waikato	2,472	2,562	2,475	2,697	2,772
Taranaki	1,293	1,359	1,362	1,440	1,401
Bay of Plenty	2,370	2,613	2,595	2,511	2,721
East Coast	1,959	1,899	1,785	1,935	2,031
Central	1,563	1,491	1,431	1,425	1,500
Wellington	2,712	2,481	2,472	2,310	2,688
Nelson	1,062	1,122	1,020	1,041	1,023
Canterbury	2,448	2,277	2,139	2,229	2,286
Southern	1,470	1,350	1,371	1,380	1,458
Other	59,688	55,767	52,437	57,258	63,459
Total	88,332	84,576	79,878	85,305	92,937

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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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