

WPQ 19623 tables:**Table 1: Number of clients who have been granted a Special Needs Grant and number of Special Needs Grants granted from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026 by quarter and need type**

Need type	December 2025		March 2026	
	Number of clients	Number of grants	Number of clients	Number of grants
Ambulance Fees (Non Subscription)	261	270	258	267
Assistance during an initial stand down and/or application process	5,040	6,252	4,416	5,529
Assistance during non-entitlement period (Dismissed Misconduct)	S	S	S	S
Assistance during non-entitlement period (Voluntary Unemployment)	S	S	S	S
Bedding SNG	759	777	762	774
Car Impound Fee	39	39	48	51
Dental Treatment Advance	126	123	159	159
Dental Treatment SNG	18,978	20,421	18,984	20,529
Dentures	18	15	15	15
Designated Health Practitioner Assessment Travel (client only)	S	6	6	6
Designated Health Practitioner Assessment Travel (with attendant)	0	0	S	S
Domestic Violence	27	285	27	252
Drivers Licence New	1,764	1,968	1,941	2,136
Drivers Licence Renewal	801	879	765	843
Effluent treatment system	60	63	63	63
Emergency Housing	1,188	4,089	1,218	4,065
Emergency Medical Equipment	72	72	63	69
Emergency Medical Treatment (fees)	876	984	912	1,041
Emergency Medical Treatment (prescription charges)	96	99	75	81
Food	187,752	350,094	182,856	338,847
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Costs Arrears Grant	459	504	399	447
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Costs in Advance Grant	1,302	1,398	1,152	1,212
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Moving Costs Grant	519	615	468	552
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Security Cover Grant	81	84	54	51
HSP Bond Grant	12,816	13,137	12,147	12,489
HSP Moving Costs Grant	2,259	2,604	2,280	2,619
HSP Rent Arrears Grant	5,601	6,333	5,970	6,933
HSP Rent in Advance Grant	13,746	14,124	12,888	13,248
HSP Tenancy Costs Cover	30	27	18	21
HSP Transition to Alternative Housing Grant	213	213	204	207
Health Travel Costs Client Only (Non-Recoverable)	255	291	291	327

Health Travel Costs Client Only (Recoverable)	264	297	270	297
Health Travel Costs with attendant (Non-Recoverable)	54	57	42	45
Health Travel Costs with attendant (Recoverable)	30	33	21	21
Limited Licence Cost Fee	S	S	S	S
Limited Licence Legal Fee	0	0	S	S
NET Payment	21	21	15	15
Other Emergency Grants	1,119	1,215	1,224	1,317
Re-establishment Grant - Transition from care to independence (Accommodation)	S	S	S	S
Re-establishment Grant - Transition from care to independence (Other)	15	15	S	S
Re-establishment Long Term Patient (Accommodation)	S	S	12	12
Re-establishment Long Term Patient (Other)	27	39	33	51
Re-establishment Refugee (Accommodation)	150	156	138	138
Re-establishment Refugee (Other)	261	501	216	450
Re-establishment Sole Parent (Accommodation)	S	S	S	S
Re-establishment Sole Parent (Other)	21	30	27	30
Relocate for Work Support	141	147	189	198
Rural Assistance Payment	S	S	0	0
Seasonal Work Assistance	258	423	210	369
Security Deposit Claim	1,335	1,383	1,134	1,158
Steps to freedom	2,847	2,922	2,568	2,643
Student Allowance Transfer Grant	948	963	102	105
Termination of Pregnancy - Travel	0	0	S	S
Transfer to NZ Super	627	636	612	615
Vasectomy Surgery only	18	18	12	12
Water Tank Refill	306	315	387	393
Wigs and Hairpieces	9	12	S	S
Total	212,952	434,979	208,260	420,723

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- In certain circumstances, low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified.
- Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.

Table 2: Number of clients who have been granted a Special Needs grant and number of Special Needs Grants granted from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026 by quarter and gender.

Gender	December 2025		March 2026	
	Number of clients	Number of grants	Number of clients	Number of grants
Female	128,289	275,316	126,231	267,450
Gender Diverse	807	1,500	798	1,422
Male	83,862	158,163	81,237	151,851
Total	212,952	434,979	208,260	420,723

Notes:

- 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 3: Number of Special Needs Grants granted from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026, by quarter and ethnicity.

Quarter	Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	Total grants
December 2025	212,115	183,012	61,893	10,863	6,693	9,492	19,719	434,976
March 2026	204,669	176,277	61,293	10,623	6,273	9,018	19,398	420,720

Notes:

- This is a count of Advance Payment of Benefit 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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Table 4: Number of clients who have been granted a Special Needs grant and number of Special Needs Grants granted from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026 by quarter and Work and Income office.

Work and Income office	December 2025		March 2026	
	Number of clients	Number of grants	Number of clients	Number of grants
Albany	900	1,311	771	1,158
Alexandra	162	210	144	204
Ashburton	312	492	324	450
Avondale	813	1,206	678	939
Balclutha	153	192	87	123
Blenheim	543	909	555	801
CS Hawkes Bay Unit	789	1,038	624	792
CS Whanganui Unit	324	450	315	432
Cambridge	234	297	267	333
Central Processing Unit	1,866	1,980	1,881	2,028
Centralised Unit Housing	2,430	3,222	2,259	2,979
Christchurch Contact Centre	15,696	17,994	15,675	18,009
Clendon	1,017	1,449	1,041	1,458
Dannevirke	234	315	255	336
Dargaville	258	342	237	300
Dinsdale	792	960	888	1,125
Due Paid Assessment Team	153	189	24	39
Dunedin Central	879	1,227	888	1,344
Dunedin Contact Centre	7,800	8,586	7,092	7,812
Ellerslie Contact Centre	10,638	11,625	10,299	11,280
Feilding	174	219	207	279
Five Cross Roads	1,311	1,857	1,320	1,827
Flaxmere	459	648	537	705
Foxton	216	297	204	273
Gisborne	1,176	1,764	1,275	1,839
Glenfield	405	522	435	540
Glenmall	618	837	660	864
Gore	237	312	192	258
Greerton	657	831	714	888
Greymouth	249	423	246	366
Hamilton Contact Centre	15,075	17,430	16,746	19,467
Hamilton East	849	1,182	852	1,170
Hastings Community Link	1,482	2,061	1,650	2,358
Hawera	327	447	345	474

Helensville	231	336	234	360
Highland Park	444	567	531	687
Hornby	624	837	612	795
Horowhenua	870	1,308	822	1,269
Housing Processing Wellington	81	102	258	360
Huntly	717	1,098	693	1,053
Integrity Intervention Centre	0	0	3	3
Invercargill	1,074	1,464	897	1,212
Johnsonville	300	402	291	393
Kaikohe	543	765	600	906
Kaitia	669	900	624	840
Kamo	435	561	405	504
Kapiti	768	1,206	612	957
Kawakawa	363	450	348	417
Kawerau	318	468	336	441
Kerikeri	546	744	441	555
Kirikiriroa	1,920	3,561	1,752	3,093
Linwood	1,092	1,566	1,053	1,464
Lower Hutt	825	1,203	780	1,104
Mangere	1,962	2,787	2,154	3,036
Manukau District	1,260	1,770	1,143	1,605
Manurewa	2,112	3,168	2,118	3,336
Marton	225	309	237	321
Matamata	294	459	327	498
Morrinsville	186	213	159	189
Mosgiel	210	273	225	291
Motueka	489	669	450	624
Mount Maunganui	519	720	537	732
Mt Albert	723	975	648	879
Mt Eden	591	891	621	969
Naenae	909	1,218	936	1,260
Napier	1,461	2,004	1,374	1,806
National Office	112,161	205,998	108,894	199,416
Nelson	480	756	606	933
New Brighton	780	1,092	783	1,062
New Lynn	807	1,125	930	1,329
New Plymouth	900	1,419	849	1,311
Newtown	801	1,056	675	879
Ngaruawahia	375	534	348	489
Oamaru	138	168	141	174
Onehunga	1,050	1,467	1,206	1,644
Opotiki	387	501	342	432
Orewa	519	729	474	663

Otahuhu	900	1,275	852	1,266
Otaki	192	264	195	267
Otara	498	651	495	618
Paeroa	171	246	222	312
Palmerston North	1,317	2,055	1,230	1,833
Papakura	1,320	1,806	1,524	2,214
Papanui	960	1,344	879	1,248
Papatoetoe	1,353	2,070	1,239	1,830
Porirua	1,038	1,362	999	1,302
Pukekohe	810	1,281	771	1,095
Queen Street	1,470	2,289	1,554	2,403
Queenstown	57	78	54	69
Rangiora	522	711	510	741
Remote Client Unit	42	105	48	105
Riccarton	888	1,179	720	942
Richmond	390	561	402	555
Rotorua	2,298	3,594	2,289	3,438
Ruatoria	60	75	66	75
Seniors Support Centre	11,877	13,509	11,256	12,837
Shirley	567	744	513	663
Specialised Processing Srv WLG	261	270	324	327
Specialised Processing Srv WRE	3	3	3	3
Staff Assistance Unit	108	168	81	132
Stratford	309	420	282	378
StudyLink Processing Centre	9,315	10,848	5,760	6,504
Sydenham	1,239	1,866	1,188	1,836
Taihape	195	246	219	306
Takapuna	513	624	537	648
Tamaki	1,098	1,416	1,071	1,371
Taumarunui	204	321	198	288
Taupo	558	822	579	846
Tauranga	507	681	522	684
Te Awamutu	441	546	459	555
Te Kaika	438	615	375	552
Te Kuiti	351	579	363	561
Te Puke	405	606	348	513
Thames	147	180	138	165
Three Kings	879	1,356	879	1,365
Timaru	582	819	489	669
Tokoroa	714	1,068	672	972
Upper Hutt	675	954	573	834
Waihi	123	153	135	159

Wainuiomata	348	462	318	420
Waipukurau	231	306	252	360
Wairarapa	906	1,392	861	1,302
Wairoa	270	417	258	348
Waitakere	1,590	2,346	1,527	2,289
Waitakere Contact Centre	13,839	15,762	13,776	15,669
Waitara	213	267	216	285
Waiuku	222	327	183	261
Warkworth	468	645	471	657
Wellington	702	981	633	861
Wellington Contact Centre	13,050	14,880	13,098	14,889
Westgate	648	837	582	771
Westport	180	267	138	192
Whakatane	513	789	534	789
Whanganui	891	1,170	819	1,155
Whangarei Central	1,857	2,670	1,779	2,457
Youth Service Support Unit	612	1,035	597	999
Total	212,955	434,979	208,260	420,723

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