

Table One: Number of Special Needs Grants that were granted from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025 by quarter and gender.

Quarter End	Female	Gender Diverse	Male	Unknown	Total
September 2020	241,458	372	156,153	0	397,983
December 2020	275,787	438	157,947	0	434,175
March 2021	272,502	483	155,799	0	428,784
June 2021	229,974	435	131,442	0	361,851
September 2021	258,495	537	146,025	0	405,054
December 2021	252,366	558	136,407	0	389,328
March 2022	283,986	729	146,172	0	430,887
June 2022	214,701	657	119,466	3	334,827
September 2022	242,463	921	133,224	0	376,605
December 2022	256,980	972	138,960	0	396,909
March 2023	271,365	1,101	150,198	0	422,664
June 2023	260,106	1,125	150,525	0	411,759
September 2023	278,592	1,191	160,170	0	439,953
December 2023	272,841	1,296	155,298	0	429,435
March 2024	265,659	1,242	149,733	0	416,637
June 2024	241,584	1,059	138,663	0	381,306
September 2024	261,576	1,296	152,160	0	415,032
December 2024	263,052	1,308	151,002	0	415,362
March 2025	261,042	1,314	148,473	0	410,829
June 2025	246,093	1,164	142,464	0	389,721
Total	5,150,628	18,198	2,920,272	3	8,089,104

Notes:

- This is a count of grants, not clients. A client can have more than one grant in each time period.
- 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 Two: Number of Special Needs Grants that were granted from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025 by quarter and total response ethnicity.

Quarter End	Māori	Pasifika	European	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unspecified	Total grants
September 2020	205,284	55,119	166,191	8,802	5,076	6,495	11,244	397,983
December 2020	223,659	60,906	180,570	9,861	5,763	7,263	11,781	434,175
March 2021	221,139	60,006	178,752	9,261	5,244	7,107	12,243	428,784
June 2021	184,407	49,260	153,441	7,863	4,428	5,982	10,536	361,851
September 2021	209,637	54,375	170,178	9,156	5,346	6,666	10,998	405,054
December 2021	200,877	50,361	166,488	9,033	4,959	6,684	10,734	389,328
March 2022	218,262	61,677	179,640	10,278	5,544	7,404	13,212	430,887
June 2022	168,528	43,458	143,931	8,520	4,491	6,210	10,725	334,827
September 2022	192,174	49,743	159,753	8,595	5,001	6,921	11,937	376,605
December 2022	201,468	52,434	170,409	9,237	5,382	7,503	12,231	396,909
March 2023	211,236	59,655	177,792	10,206	5,889	8,019	14,577	422,664
June 2023	203,136	57,132	176,271	10,272	5,838	8,697	14,718	411,759
September 2023	218,850	62,337	185,535	10,902	6,057	8,970	16,044	439,953
December 2023	210,846	60,552	182,799	11,016	6,519	8,880	15,981	429,435
March 2024	203,817	60,180	175,827	10,401	6,141	8,517	16,371	416,637
June 2024	185,754	52,992	163,170	9,732	5,655	7,932	15,603	381,306
September 2024	202,893	57,744	177,441	10,368	6,093	8,502	17,046	415,032
December 2024	201,777	58,440	178,035	10,734	6,387	8,943	17,379	415,362
March 2025	200,001	58,938	174,462	10,032	6,051	8,253	17,352	410,829
June 2025	188,850	54,747	166,170	9,789	5,694	8,259	17,751	389,721
	4,052,607	1,120,059	3,426,846	194,061	111,564	153,213	278,472	8,089,104

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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Table Three: Number of Special Needs Grants that were granted from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025 by quarter and MSD region.

Quarter End	Northland	Auckland Metro	Waikato	Taranaki	Bay of Plenty	East Coast	Central	Wellington	Nelson	Canterbury	Southern	Other	Total
September 2020	4,776	44,529	10,092	5,409	11,502	7,380	6,930	10,431	4,290	9,822	4,845	277,983	397,983
December 2020	5,475	47,280	9,693	4,434	11,256	8,025	6,567	10,488	3,771	7,905	4,458	314,820	434,175
March 2021	6,072	39,201	10,662	4,152	10,344	8,421	6,384	9,876	3,357	8,793	3,912	317,601	428,784
June 2021	5,190	39,651	11,478	3,801	10,296	8,229	6,204	8,982	3,147	8,127	3,669	253,080	361,851
September 2021	6,135	42,999	13,200	5,304	12,117	10,101	7,206	8,835	3,675	9,339	4,317	281,823	405,054
December 2021	5,889	49,080	13,281	6,339	11,763	10,149	7,362	9,684	3,429	9,720	4,743	257,898	389,328
March 2022	6,600	43,698	14,157	6,474	10,590	10,749	7,623	10,578	3,732	12,099	5,064	299,517	430,887
June 2022	5,361	34,173	12,375	4,845	9,243	8,847	6,030	8,358	3,261	9,948	3,867	228,525	334,827
September 2022	5,325	36,534	13,383	5,562	10,161	8,691	6,390	9,078	3,747	11,079	4,242	262,419	376,605
December 2022	6,072	45,000	14,466	5,793	10,662	8,556	6,891	10,119	4,041	11,925	5,079	268,302	396,909
March 2023	7,620	48,954	16,503	7,047	12,471	8,478	7,893	12,048	4,722	14,736	6,591	275,598	422,664
June 2023	7,491	49,695	14,895	6,108	11,538	9,045	8,178	11,646	4,737	14,283	6,636	267,507	411,759
September 2023	7,719	51,747	16,233	6,702	11,649	10,614	8,679	12,075	5,337	15,201	7,326	286,671	439,953
December 2023	6,813	51,978	14,964	6,552	11,616	10,290	8,385	12,567	5,070	14,031	7,272	279,903	429,435
March 2024	6,831	48,510	13,962	5,886	11,019	9,855	7,716	11,298	4,644	13,047	6,396	277,467	416,637
June 2024	5,895	40,299	12,264	5,061	9,414	8,124	6,108	10,404	4,158	11,412	6,048	262,113	381,306
September 2024	6,099	39,087	11,904	5,082	9,744	8,322	6,351	10,221	4,440	11,484	6,222	296,073	415,032
December 2024	5,493	37,128	10,587	5,136	8,973	7,521	5,808	9,540	3,762	10,296	5,853	305,271	415,362
March 2025	5,529	37,521	10,572	5,016	9,426	7,173	5,601	8,928	3,594	9,870	5,187	302,412	410,829
June 2025	5,853	34,269	10,350	5,328	9,588	6,915	5,574	8,457	3,663	9,327	5,127	285,273	389,721
Total	122,235	861,327	255,021	110,025	213,369	175,488	137,886	203,613	80,571	222,450	106,851	5,600,259	8,089,104

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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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Table Four: Number of Special Needs Grants that were granted from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025 by quarter and need type.

Need type	Quarter ending							
	September 2020	December 2020	March 2021	June 2021	September 2021	December 2021	March 2022	June 2022
Ambulance Fees (Non Subscription)	222	462	288	312	264	270	243	264
Assistance during an initial stand down and/or application process	1560	2094	2157	3429	3498	3495	4155	4455
Assistance during non-entitlement period (Dismissed Misconduct)	3	3	3	0	3	3	0	3
Assistance during non-entitlement period (Voluntary Unemployment)	6	3	3	3	6	6	9	6
Assistance while client is on strike	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0
Bedding Advance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bedding SNG	840	627	657	1149	663	618	648	1053
Car Impound Fee	21	27	21	57	57	39	36	33
Dental Treatment Advance	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	0
Dental Treatment SNG	14043	13149	12771	12789	10119	10857	10737	12702
Dentures	3	3	3	3	3	6	3	6
Designated Health Practitioner Assessment Travel (client only)	33	15	15	9	9	3	18	9
Designated Health Practitioner Assessment Travel (with attendant)	6	3	3	3	0	0	3	3
Domestic Violence	108	87	105	87	63	51	48	81
Drivers Licence New	3141	3030	2841	2754	1851	1431	1464	1662
Drivers Licence Renewal	708	738	810	645	477	447	561	645
Effluent treatment system	78	66	69	45	54	78	54	45
Emergency Housing	44580	39342	34314	34269	36330	40275	35223	32700
Emergency Medical Equipment	108	123	105	120	111	90	78	75
Emergency Medical Treatment (fees)	1098	1242	1266	1269	882	945	897	861
Emergency Medical Treatment (prescription charges)	423	432	471	480	327	294	375	237
Food	317523	359001	359697	290724	339801	317769	363885	267591
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Costs Arrears Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Costs in Advance Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Moving Costs Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Security Cover Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HSP Bond Grant	1023	1245	1308	1563	1140	1185	825	879
HSP Moving Costs Grant	207	243	261	303	216	243	225	153
HSP Rent Arrears Grant	2568	1704	1923	1587	651	408	372	228
HSP Rent in Advance Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HSP Tenancy Costs Cover	18	15	21	18	6	12	21	21
HSP Transition to Alternative Housing Grant	18	30	30	24	18	33	27	33
Health Travel Costs Client Only (Non-Recoverable)	477	504	444	381	315	354	405	372
Health Travel Costs Client Only (Recoverable)	294	318	318	270	210	231	222	249
Health Travel Costs with attendant (Non-Recoverable)	75	75	78	75	54	81	81	78
Health Travel Costs with attendant (Recoverable)	33	42	39	27	21	30	27	9
Hearing Aids	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Laser Therapy for Birth Mark Removal SNG	0	3	3	3	0	3	3	0
Limited Licence Cost Fee	3	3	0	3	3	0	0	0
Limited Licence Legal Fee	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	3
NET Payment	57	57	99	120	144	66	51	72
Other Emergency Grants	4371	4908	4431	5001	4089	4476	4782	3978
Other Emergency Payment	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Re-establishment Grant - Transition from care to independence (Accommodation)	6	3	3	3	3	6	3	3
Re-establishment Grant - Transition from care to independence (Other)	21	27	18	36	24	30	24	15
Re-establishment Long Term Patient (Accommodation)	9	15	15	18	15	18	12	9
Re-establishment Long Term Patient (Other)	72	84	60	72	51	75	63	54
Re-establishment Refugee (Accommodation)	15	6	18	42	42	96	177	405
Re-establishment Refugee (Other)	108	48	66	183	138	375	567	1263
Re-establishment Sole Parent (Accommodation)	6	9	9	12	6	3	0	3
Re-establishment Sole Parent (Other)	42	45	48	36	30	24	27	12
Relocate for Work Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Assistance Payment	48	15	0	0	6	3	3	3
Seasonal Work Assistance	285	390	456	678	309	711	336	501
Security Deposit Claim	0	0	0	0	0	39	771	1320
Sole Parent Study Assistance	57	30	84	39	3	0	0	0

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Steps to freedom	2757	2703	2103	2319	2109	1827	1803	1827
Student Allowance Transfer Grant	0	0	0	0	27	1446	117	51
Termination of Pregnancy - Accommodation	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	0
Termination of Pregnancy - Travel	6	3	3	3	9	0	3	0
Termination of Pregnancy Termination only	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to NZ Super	756	651	660	639	759	639	588	600
Vasectomy Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vasectomy Surgery only	12	9	18	6	9	6	18	18
Vasectomy Travel	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Water Tank Refill	132	549	675	237	129	231	888	228
Wigs and Hairpieces	3	3	6	3	3	9	3	6
Total	397983	434175	428784	361851	405054	389328	430887	334827

Need type	Quarter end							
	September 2022	December 2022	March 2023	June 2023	September 2023	December 2023	March 2024	June 2024
Ambulance Fees (Non Subscription)	270	300	261	261	291	249	282	309
Assistance during an initial stand down and/or application process	4452	4896	5772	6918	6789	5250	4053	4308
Assistance during non-entitlement period (Dismissed Misconduct)	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Assistance during non-entitlement period (Voluntary Unemployment)	9	3	12	12	6	3	6	9
Assistance while client is on strike	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Bedding Advance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Bedding SNG	822	726	921	1173	996	732	786	1101
Car Impound Fee	36	45	51	36	36	48	57	45
Dental Treatment Advance	3	129	330	330	192	126	108	174
Dental Treatment SNG	13503	14859	21810	21390	22548	19149	19293	20661
Dentures	3	12	33	45	39	30	30	30
Designated Health Practitioner Assessment Travel (client only)	6	6	6	6	6	9	6	3
Designated Health Practitioner Assessment Travel (with attendant)	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	81	84	93	57	81	165	180	177
Drivers Licence New	1980	1698	1653	1755	1794	1614	2088	1887

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Drivers Licence Renewal	819	861	819	891	1053	1044	1278	1098
Effluent treatment system	60	63	78	54	72	69	57	60
Emergency Housing	31164	26367	24381	26403	25869	24117	20427	17589
Emergency Medical Equipment	66	96	84	96	78	63	102	69
Emergency Medical Treatment (fees)	1002	987	1041	993	999	1014	1257	1110
Emergency Medical Treatment (prescription charges)	297	249	303	297	123	174	150	162
Food	308202	331614	345294	311637	339222	336270	328593	291495
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Costs Arrears Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Costs in Advance Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Moving Costs Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Security Cover Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HSP Bond Grant	1095	915	2736	9027	9336	9027	9243	11031
HSP Moving Costs Grant	249	234	387	1149	1440	1455	1812	2310
HSP Rent Arrears Grant	303	282	2040	7332	7191	6732	7341	6198
HSP Rent in Advance Grant	0	0	2268	9969	10299	10137	10488	12600
HSP Tenancy Costs Cover	24	21	27	39	57	18	18	24
HSP Transition to Alternative Housing Grant	45	57	36	60	48	60	36	60
Health Travel Costs Client Only (Non-Recoverable)	462	423	396	441	510	525	435	381
Health Travel Costs Client Only (Recoverable)	222	237	207	210	261	336	402	381
Health Travel Costs with attendant (Non-Recoverable)	87	90	72	69	75	72	75	69
Health Travel Costs with attendant (Recoverable)	30	24	30	30	42	42	45	42
Hearing Aids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laser Therapy for Birth Mark Removal SNG	3	3	3	3	0	0	3	0
Limited Licence Cost Fee	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	3
Limited Licence Legal Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET Payment	102	78	72	87	66	51	39	48
Other Emergency Grants	4458	4167	5475	4617	4461	3357	1815	1674
Other Emergency Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Re-establishment Grant - Transition from care to independence (Accommodation)	3	3	3	0	3	3	3	3
Re-establishment Grant - Transition from care to independence (Other)	9	18	9	21	9	18	18	3
Re-establishment Long Term Patient (Accommodation)	12	9	6	12	21	12	9	6
Re-establishment Long Term Patient (Other)	81	45	66	72	66	51	54	48
Re-establishment Refugee (Accommodation)	432	189	153	183	168	180	147	144

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Re-establishment Refugee (Other)	1461	903	750	705	756	810	765	684
Re-establishment Sole Parent (Accommodation)	3	6	3	3	6	3	6	0
Re-establishment Sole Parent (Other)	39	36	21	30	30	24	24	21
Relocate for Work Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Assistance Payment	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Seasonal Work Assistance	519	765	513	555	108	462	144	261
Security Deposit Claim	1527	1335	1335	1527	1506	1506	1131	1395
Sole Parent Study Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steps to freedom	1830	2256	2229	2343	2343	2469	2295	2541
Student Allowance Transfer Grant	69	1008	75	57	48	870	48	33
Termination of Pregnancy - Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Termination of Pregnancy - Travel	3	0	3	6	3	0	3	3
Termination of Pregnancy Termination only	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Transfer to NZ Super	639	654	639	636	666	699	669	636
Vasectomy Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Vasectomy Surgery only	15	12	18	21	18	27	18	21
Vasectomy Travel	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3
Water Tank Refill	81	138	135	192	204	354	789	390
Wigs and Hairpieces	9	6	9	12	6	9	12	9
Total	376605	396909	422664	411759	439953	429435	416637	381306

Need type	Quarter End				Total
	September 2024	December 2024	March 2025	June 2025	
Ambulance Fees (Non Subscription)	303	267	270	234	5619
Assistance during an initial stand down and/or application process	4524	4596	4587	4905	85890
Assistance during non-entitlement period (Dismissed Misconduct)	3	0	0	3	30
Assistance during non-entitlement period (Voluntary Unemployment)	6	3	3	6	117
Assistance while client is on strike	0	0	3	0	6
Bedding Advance	0	0	0	0	3
Bedding SNG	969	831	684	1056	17046
Car Impound Fee	54	66	60	72	888
Dental Treatment Advance	159	135	126	174	1986

Dental Treatment SNG	22959	19824	20553	21714	335436
Dentures	27	24	21	27	351
Designated Health Practitioner Assessment Travel (client only)	3	3	9	9	183
Designated Health Practitioner Assessment Travel (with attendant)	0	0	3	3	21
Domestic Violence	255	252	186	261	2502
Drivers Licence New	1974	1932	2304	2343	41205
Drivers Licence Renewal	1191	1128	1008	1002	17226
Effluent treatment system	75	84	66	57	1278
Emergency Housing	11415	5943	3645	3831	518178
Emergency Medical Equipment	81	72	78	54	1752
Emergency Medical Treatment (fees)	1215	1155	1149	1098	21483
Emergency Medical Treatment (prescription charges)	174	126	123	108	5334
Food	322392	331296	330555	304527	6497085
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Costs Arrears Grant	564	561	495	510	2130
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Costs in Advance Grant	1389	1338	1374	1395	5496
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Moving Costs Grant	522	549	621	609	2301
HSP (non-RTA) Accommodation Security Cover Grant	123	87	99	90	399
HSP Bond Grant	12393	12171	11787	13197	111126
HSP Moving Costs Grant	2475	2442	2283	2676	20766
HSP Rent Arrears Grant	6549	6423	6972	6174	72972
HSP Rent in Advance Grant	14361	14085	12987	14460	111651
HSP Tenancy Costs Cover	18	18	24	33	450
HSP Transition to Alternative Housing Grant	102	141	138	159	1158
Health Travel Costs Client Only (Non-Recoverable)	360	414	387	351	8346
Health Travel Costs Client Only (Recoverable)	348	297	306	297	5616
Health Travel Costs with attendant (Non-Recoverable)	66	57	66	39	1437
Health Travel Costs with attendant (Recoverable)	48	33	36	39	672
Hearing Aids	0	0	0	0	3
Laser Therapy for Birth Mark Removal SNG	0	0	0	0	15
Limited Licence Cost Fee	3	3	0	3	24
Limited Licence Legal Fee	0	0	0	3	6
NET Payment	33	18	18	33	1314
Other Emergency Grants	1572	1272	1293	1218	71409
Other Emergency Payment	0	0	0	0	3

Re-establishment Grant - Transition from care to independence (Accommodation)	0	0	3	3	42
Re-establishment Grant - Transition from care to independence (Other)	9	12	6	9	339
Re-establishment Long Term Patient (Accommodation)	15	6	12	9	234
Re-establishment Long Term Patient (Other)	72	39	81	54	1260
Re-establishment Refugee (Accommodation)	228	195	162	153	3141
Re-establishment Refugee (Other)	819	912	600	822	12738
Re-establishment Sole Parent (Accommodation)	3	0	3	6	87
Re-establishment Sole Parent (Other)	30	15	21	27	594
Relocate for Work Support	0	0	0	195	195
Rural Assistance Payment	3	0	0	33	111
Seasonal Work Assistance	276	354	177	945	8745
Security Deposit Claim	1404	1338	1218	1308	18660
Sole Parent Study Assistance	0	0	0	0	210
Steps to freedom	2571	2676	2403	2622	46014
Student Allowance Transfer Grant	54	903	78	39	4932
Termination of Pregnancy - Accommodation	0	0	3	0	3
Termination of Pregnancy - Travel	3	6	3	3	48
Termination of Pregnancy Termination only	0	0	0	0	3
Transfer to NZ Super	642	678	678	597	13119
Vasectomy Accommodation	0	0	0	0	3
Vasectomy Surgery only	24	21	21	18	327
Vasectomy Travel	3	0	3	0	15
Water Tank Refill	156	552	1047	117	7236
Wigs and Hairpieces	6	3	9	3	135
Total	415032	415362	410829	389721	8089104

Notes:

- This is a count of grants, not clients. A client can have more than one grant in each time period.
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