

WPQ 19736 (2026) Table

How many work based learners received the fees free scheme between 2020 and 2026, listed by region?

First-year Fees Free work-based learners by region and calendar year:

Region	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Auckland Region	2,405	20	5	4,830	4,570	1,670
Bay of Plenty Region	575	10	S	1,385	1,315	460
Canterbury Region	845	15	15	1,875	1,930	730
Gisborne Region	60	S	-	175	175	70
Hawke's Bay Region	270	5	S	560	615	265
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	420	S	5	1,070	1,010	300
Marlborough Region	90	-	S	175	165	75
Nelson Region	120	S	S	305	260	85
Northland Region	355	S	S	770	740	285
Otago Region	385	15	5	790	790	320
Southland Region	215	S	S	465	450	155
Taranaki Region	250	S	S	580	540	195
Tasman Region	55	-	-	165	145	40
Waikato Region	830	15	S	1,805	1,670	630
Wellington Region	720	-	S	1,705	1,740	655
West Coast Region	45	-	S	140	150	65
Total	7,565	100	45	16,505	16,165	6,015

Final-year Fees Free work-based learners by region and calendar year:

Region	2025	2026 (YTD)
Auckland Region	S	-
Bay of Plenty Region	-	S
Canterbury Region	-	-
Gisborne Region	-	-
Hawke's Bay Region	-	-
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	-	-
Marlborough Region	-	-
Nelson Region	-	-
Northland Region	-	-
Otago Region	-	-
Southland Region	-	-
Taranaki Region	-	-
Tasman Region	-	-
Waikato Region	-	-
Wellington Region	-	-
West Coast Region	-	-
Total	S	S