

WPQ 19740 (2026) Table

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

First-year Fees Free learners by Region and calendar year:

Region	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Auckland Region	18,965	16,105	14,295	19,680	20,260	2,885
Bay of Plenty Region	2,660	1,655	1,265	3,020	3,120	630
Canterbury Region	7,690	7,035	6,445	9,300	10,060	1,260
Gisborne Region	325	165	145	420	420	90
Hawke's Bay Region	1,245	640	515	1,000	1,095	315
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	2,550	1,800	1,560	2,845	2,590	425
Marlborough Region	185	70	45	300	320	100
Nelson Region	595	385	360	755	735	120
Northland Region	1,095	485	400	1,330	1,440	365
Otago Region	5,470	5,285	5,040	5,680	5,500	515
Southland Region	725	325	235	715	770	160
Taranaki Region	940	395	340	1,085	1,070	255
Tasman Region	65	10	15	190	240	50
Waikato Region	4,140	3,210	2,640	4,940	5,410	885

Region	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Wellington Region	7,560	6,890	6,095	7,390	7,740	1,155
West Coast Region	160	110	80	225	265	70
Total	58,285	48,475	43,285	62,345	64,770	10,270

Final-year Fees Free learners by Region and calendar year:

Region	2025	2026 (YTD)
Auckland Region	390	15
Bay of Plenty Region	85	S
Canterbury Region	265	10
Gisborne Region	S	-
Hawke's Bay Region	10	-
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	70	-
Marlborough Region	5	-
Nelson Region	80	-
Northland Region	70	S
Otago Region	85	S
Southland Region	S	-
Taranaki Region	35	-
Tasman Region	10	-
Waikato Region	115	S
Wellington Region	155	10
West Coast Region	10	15
Total	1475	85

