

Table 4998 (2026). How many women aged 70 years plus have been screened since the extension of eligibility for breast screening, broken down by Te Whatu Ora district, date of screening, age and ethnicity?

Table 1. Number of screens in the BreastScreen age-extension cohort, by district and month

District	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Northland	161	214	70	139
Waitemata	127	388	213	252
Auckland	12	70	68	153
Counties Manukau	65	195	101	71
Waikato	68	167	132	182
Lakes	9	26	65	85
Bay of Plenty	18	96	81	145
Tairāwhiti	13	66	.S	6
Taranaki	10	85	29	66
Hawkes Bay	12	82	135	123
MidCentral	14	181	197	81
Whanganui	10	64	41	33
Capital and Coast	7	36	47	141
Hutt Valley	7	12	31	117
Wairarapa	.S	.S	15	48
Nelson				
Marlborough	115	81	47	58
West Coast	.S	.S	11	23
Canterbury	39	127	149	256
South Canterbury	.S	8	25	37
Southern	13	94	124	116

Table 3. Number of screens in the BreastScreen age-extension cohort, by district and ethnic group

District	Māori	Pacific	Asian	Other
Northland	68	9	8	499
Waitemata	32	19	164	765
Auckland	17	15	75	196
Counties Manukau	79	27	95	231
Waikato	65	9	16	459
Lakes	35	.S	.S	146
Bay of Plenty	58	6	6	270
Tairāwhiti	16	.S	.S	72
Taranaki	13	.S	.S	172
Hawkes Bay	29	.S	.S	313
MidCentral	28	.S	13	429
Whanganui	16	.S	.S	126
Capital and Coast	16	19	15	181
Hutt Valley	9	9	15	134
Wairarapa	.S	.S	.S	63
Nelson				
Marlborough	18	.S	.S	281
West Coast	.S	.S	.S	36
Canterbury	57	23	23	468
South Canterbury	.S	.S	.S	68
Southern	34	.S	.S	305

Table 1 and 3 notes:

- Data extracted on 17 February 2026.
- The number of screens in the age extension cohort for 70–74-year-olds that were completed between 1 October 2025 and 31 January 2026 are provided. Women aged 75 are included as a grace period was established for the first six months of the roll out to allow eligible women (i.e. aged 74 before 1 October 2024) time to access a screen which may occur after they turned 75.
- Data is not provided for February 2026 as there is a lag of approximately two weeks to receive completed breast screening data from lead providers.
- Counts of screens less than six have been suppressed with the symbol “. S”.
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- In the first six months of the age extension roll out a grace period was established to allow women who meet the eligibility criteria to screen at age 75.
- There are fewer 70-year-olds eligible to be screened compared to 74-year-olds. For the national rollout, to be eligible to be screened at age 70, women had to be turning 70 on or after 1 October 2025. The screening interval is every two years, meaning many 70-year-olds will not yet be eligible for their next screen. Further, approximately half of 70-year-olds are not eligible because they screened in the previous year when they were 69 years old.

Table 2 notes:

- Time period: financial quarters from 2021/22 Q3 to 2025/26 Q2 (extracted from 2022-01-01 until 2025-12-31 to provide complete quarters).
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