

44803 (2025). Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall to the Minister of Health: How many “shifts below target” have occurred, if any, in maternity wards in 2024, as reported in the Care Capacity Demand Management programme, listed by district and as a proportion of all shifts?

44804 (2025). Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall to the Minister of Health: How many “shifts below target” have occurred, if any, in maternity wards in 2024, as reported in the Care Capacity Demand Management programme, listed by district?

Table One: shifts below target in maternity wards, by full year, 2022 to 2024, listed by district and percentage

District	2022		2023		2024	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Auckland	1665	29.9%	2192	30.1%	2202	37.6%
Bay Of Plenty	1500	22.9%	1348	20.5%	1094	17.4%
Canterbury	1699	23.6%	2062	26.9%	1753	20.8%
Capital Coast and Hutt Valley	2163	28.2%	2016	26.3%	1954	25.4%
Counties Manukau	1981	25.8%	3463	45.2%	3191	41.5%
Hawkes Bay	357	10.9%	541	16.5%	559	17.0%
Lakes	672	20.5%	239	9.1%	511	15.9%
Midcentral	361	15.2%	349	13.8%	347	15.8%
Nelson Marlborough	642	14.7%	595	13.6%	515	11.8%
Northland	798	19.0%	930	21.3%	893	20.3%
South Canterbury	252	12.1%	254	11.6%	330	15.0%
Southern	1492	34.1%	1468	33.5%	1252	28.5%
Tairāwhiti	99	5.2%	130	5.9%	156	7.1%
Taranaki	160	5.3%	199	7.4%	130	5.7%
Waikato	1198	22.0%	1767	31.8%	2103	31.9%
Wairarapa	78	7.1%	60	5.5%	46	4.6%
Waitemata	1650	37.7%	1739	39.7%	1763	40.1%
West Coast	33	3.7%	17	1.9%	20	2.4%
Whanganui	512	23.4%	477	22.7%	432	20.6%
Grand Total	17312	22.3%	19846	25.0%	19251	24.3%

Table two: shifts above target in maternity wards, by full year, 2022 to 2024, listed by district and percentage

District	2022		2023		2024	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Auckland	3980	60.89%	4263	57.28%	4115	57.28%
Bay Of Plenty	4242	68.58%	4389	66.79%	4662	70.73%
Canterbury	4693	64.98%	4481	58.48%	5666	66.14%
Capital Coast and Hutt Valley	4403	57.43%	4461	58.21%	4574	59.55%
Counties Manukau	5229	59.71%	3342	38.19%	3782	43.04%
Hawkes Bay	2502	76.26%	2373	72.23%	2321	70.53%
Lakes	2329	70.89%	2841	86.47%	2375	72.17%
Midcentral	5783	90.22%	5862	89.85%	5839	89.35%
Nelson Marlborough	3346	76.35%	3407	77.79%	3521	80.16%
Northland	3268	74.64%	3124	71.43%	3154	71.82%
South Canterbury	1719	78.67%	1702	77.73%	1705	77.59%
Southern	2278	52.03%	2288	52.25%	2507	57.07%
Tairāwhiti	1875	85.68%	1955	89.23%	1934	88.08%
Taranaki	2894	88.81%	2800	86.75%	2939	89.80%
Waikato	5306	72.57%	4858	63.48%	4379	57.00%
Wairarapa	971	88.37%	940	85.84%	932	85.14%
Waitemata	2044	46.66%	1851	42.24%	1770	40.30%
West Coast	1022	93.25%	1040	94.96%	1040	94.73%
Whanganui	1396	63.75%	1450	66.21%	1512	68.85%
Grand Total	59280	72.09%	57427	70.28%	58727	70.49%

Caveats:

- As the Member will be aware, the CCDM contains 'moment in time' operational data, and is not a direct proxy for unsafe staffing.
- As Health New Zealand has said publicly, using this tool in isolation to claim that wards are under-staffed and unsafe is misleading.
- As part of our continued focus on strengthening the frontline workforce, I am advised that where there is a vacancy to be filled, Health New Zealand is actively recruiting