

Table 13351 (2026). How many specialist doctor vacancies, if any, currently exist across the country, broken down by specialty and region?

Senior Medical Officer Vacant FTE broken down by specialty and region

ANZSCO Description	Northern	Midland	Central	South Island
Anaesthetist	36.3	17.8	7.6	11.8
Cardiologist	3.0	7.0	2.0	2.8
Cardiothoracic Surgeon	7.1	1.0	--	--
Clinical Haematologist	1.2	3.0	0.8	--
Dental Specialist	8.7	2.0	1.5	0.3
Dentist	1.0	0.8	0.6	--
Dermatologist	1.9	0.6	--	--
Diagnostic & Interventional Radiologist	22.2	18.4	7.2	4.2
Emergency Medicine Specialist	21.3	25.7	4.6	2.2
Endocrinologist	--	2.0	0.5	1.2
Gastroenterologist	8.0	1.0	7.0	2.0
General Practitioner	1.0	--	--	--
Intensive Care Specialist	4.3	5.2	2.1	3.0
Medical Oncologist	8.5	1.4	4.0	1.5
Medical Practitioners nec	4.5	0.1	1.0	--
Medical Superintendent (NZ)	--	--	--	0.4
Neurologist	1.9	--	2.0	--
Neurosurgeon	--	1.0	--	--
Obstetrician and Gynaecologist	6.3	1.7	2.0	0.7
Ophthalmologist	5.8	1.2	2.8	4.3
Orthopaedic Surgeon	14.5	4.4	2.8	1.2
Otorhinolaryngologist	2.0	4.4	4.0	--
Paediatrician	9.9	5.6	2.0	5.2
Pathologist	5.7	1.0	--	--
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon	1.0	1.0	--	--
Psychiatrist	49.7	21.8	10.0	3.2
Radiation Oncologist	5.8	1.0	1.0	--
Renal Medicine Specialist	5.4	3.0	--	--
Rheumatologist	1.9	0.4	0.5	--
Specialist Physician (General Medicine)	14.0	16.2	7.9	8.8
Specialist Physicians nec	13.1	17.9	2.2	2.3
Surgeon (General)	7.8	2.0	2.0	0.9
Urologist	2.0	--	1.0	1.5
Vascular Surgeon	0.2	1.0	--	--
Total	275.7	169.4	79.0	57.4

Notes:

- Data extracted 13 April 2026.
- Data is as at 31 December 2025.
- Health New Zealand does not aggregate data by a 'specialist doctor' category. The data provided includes SMO vacancies by region and specialty.
- SMOs are employees coded under the HWIP SMO Occupation Group. This includes dental and medical specialists; dental officers and medical officers.
- Blanks (--) in the table means no data has been reported from the Region.