**WPQ 37223 table: Unique number of applicants awaiting New Zealand Superannuation grant on the 19th of August 2026, and the previous five years.**

| Date | Total applications awaiting grant | Applicants under 65 years of age | Applicants aged 65 years or over | Proportion under the age of 65 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| August 2021 | 2,605 | 2,089 | 516 | 80.2% |
| August 2022 | 3,488 | 2,926 | 562 | 83.9% |
| August 2023 | 3,411 | 2,737 | 674 | 80.2% |
| August 2024 | 6,010 | 5,090 | 920 | 84.7% |
| August 2025 | 6,318 | 5,240 | 1,078 | 82.9% |
| August 2026 | 6,314 | 5,651 | 663 | 89.5% |

**Notes:**

- Many people apply for New Zealand Superannuation before reaching age 65.
- Applicants under 65 are not yet eligible for New Zealand Superannuation and are awaiting future eligibility rather than grant processing.
- Numbers are provided from Operational Reporting figures, pulled as of end of day 23 August 2026.