

Learning Support Coordinators Increase

Regional uplift 2026-2028

All schools with learners in Years 1-8 will have access to staffing entitlement for a Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) by 2028.

This map shows how LSC staffing entitlements will increase across regions over the next three years.

In 2026, 101,117 learners in 461 schools across New Zealand will benefit from new LSC staffing entitlement, bringing dedicated learning support into these schools next year, earlier and closer to the learners who need it most.

In 2026, every region will have around 60% access to LSC staffing entitlement, before increasing to 80% in 2027, and 100% by 2028.

Having LSCs in every school with Years 1-8 across New Zealand provides greater access for all learners, whānau, and communities to support attendance and lift achievement.

For more information go to education.govt.nz/lsc

North and west Auckland - Tāmaki Herenga Tāngata

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	38%	59	23,904	
2026	62%	+44	+15846	+32.22
2027	84%	+33	+13563	+27.49
2028	100%	+23	+10318	+20.77
Total	100%	159	63,631	80.48

Central and east Auckland - Tāmaki Herenga Manawa

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	18%	24	10,102	
2026	62%	+76	+24546	+49.74
2027	79%	+22	+9354	+18.83
2028	100%	+25	+11806	+23.76
Total	100%	147	55,808	92.33

South and southwest Auckland - Tāmaki Herenga Waka

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	40%	54	21,650	
2026	62%	+35	+11711	+23.63
2027	84%	+33	+12103	+24.36
2028	100%	+19	+8443	+16.97
Total	100%	141	53,907	64.96

Te Tai Tokerau / Northland

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	55%	54	10,521	
2026	61%	+13	+1257	+3.20
2027	84%	+34	+4344	+10.47
2028	100%	+18	+3066	+6.71
Total	100%	119	19,188	20.38

Waikato

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	52%	109	24,158	
2026	62%	+43	+4718	+11.91
2027	84%	+46	+10137	+21.96
2028	100%	+25	+7540	+15.44
Total	100%	223	46,553	49.31

Taranaki / Whanganui /Manawātū

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	32%	56	10,352	
2026	62%	+73	+9710	+23.33
2027	80%	+33	+5979	+12.60
2028	100%	+27	+6537	+13.47
Total	100%	189	32,578	49.4

Bay of Plenty / Waiariki

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	55%	86	21,503	
2026	61%	+16	+2214	+5.40
2027	81%	+20	+8051	+16.24
2028	100%	+17	+7342	+14.69
Total	100%	139	39,110	36.33

Nelson / Marlborough / West Coast

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	42%	57	7,251	
2026	58%	+16	+2821	+6.09
2027	81%	+21	+4125	+9.30
2028	100%	+14	+3245	+6.68
Total	100%	108	17,442	22.07

Hawke’s Bay / Tairāwhiti

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	48%	75	11,049	
2026	60%	+17	+2611	+6.12
2027	85%	+24	+5710	+12.20
2028	100%	+15	+3493	+7.57
Total	100%	131	22,863	25.89

Otago / Southland

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	49%	119	15,664	
2026	61%	+28	+3806	+8.91
2027	83%	+38	+7095	+15.48
2028	100%	+24	+5440	+11.48
Total	100%	209	32,005	35.87

Canterbury / Chatham Islands

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	39%	102	23,736	
2026	62%	+65	+14059	+29.55
2027	83%	+50	+12379	+26.18
2028	100%	+25	+10539	+21.07
Total	100%	242	60,713	76.8

Wellington

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	42%	110	21,509	
2026	62%	+48	+10519	+21.59
2027	84%	+42	+10980	+22.20
2028	100%	+29	+8384	+16.99
Total	100%	229	51,392	60.78