

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, 103,818 learners in 474 schools across New Zealand benefit from new LSC staffing entitlement, bringing dedicated learning support into these schools, earlier and closer to the learners who need it most.

In 2026, every region will have around 60 percent access to LSC staffing entitlement, before increasing to 80 percent in 2027, and 100 percent 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%	+34	+13447	+27.24
2028	100%	+23	+10052	+20.21
Total	100%	160	63,249	79.67

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%	+24	+9305	+18.89
2028	100%	+25	+11633	+23.33
Total	100%	149	55,586	91.96

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%	+35	+12389	+25.13
2028	100%	+19	+8327	+16.71
Total	100%	143	54,077	65.47

Te Tai Tokerau / Northland

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	55%	54	10,521	
2026	61%	+13	+1257	+3.20
2027	84%	+34	+4330	+10.46
2028	100%	+18	+3024	+6.48
Total	100%	119	19,132	20.14

Waikato

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	52%	109	24,158	
2026	62%	+43	+4718	+11.91
2027	84%	+47	+10140	+22.10
2028	100%	+25	+7513	+15.40
Total	100%	224	46,529	49.41

Taranaki / Whanganui / Manawātū

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	32%	56	10,352	
2026	62%	+73	+9710	+23.33
2027	80%	+33	+5648	+11.86
2028	100%	+27	+6428	+13.31
Total	100%	189	32,138	48.5

Bay of Plenty / Waiariki

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	55%	86	21,503	
2026	61%	+16	+2214	+5.40
2027	81%	+22	+8054	+16.49
2028	100%	+18	+7444	+14.98
Total	100%	142	39,215	36.87

Nelson / Marlborough / West Coast

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	42%	57	7,251	
2026	58%	+16	+2821	+6.09
2027	81%	+23	+4195	+9.60
2028	100%	+14	+3246	+6.67
Total	100%	110	17,513	22.36

Hawke's Bay / Tairāwhiti

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	48%	75	11,049	
2026	60%	+17	+2611	+6.12
2027	85%	+25	+5544	+12.03
2028	100%	+15	+3401	+7.45
Total	100%	132	22,605	25.60

Otago / Southland

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	49%	119	15,664	
2026	61%	+28	+3806	+8.91
2027	83%	+37	+6865	+15.08
2028	100%	+25	+5449	+11.58
Total	100%	209	31,784	35.57

Canterbury / Chatham Islands

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	39%	102	23,736	
2026	62%	+65	+14059	+29.55
2027	83%	+50	+12447	+26.24
2028	100%	+25	+10581	+21.15
Total	100%	242	60,823	76.94

Wellington

Year	Coverage	Schools	Students	LSC FTTE
2025	42%	110	21,509	
2026	62%	+48	+10519	+21.59
2027	84%	+42	+10583	+21.44
2028	100%	+28	+8117	+16.26
Total	100%	228	50,728	59.29