



Licensing and Registry Snapshot | September 2026

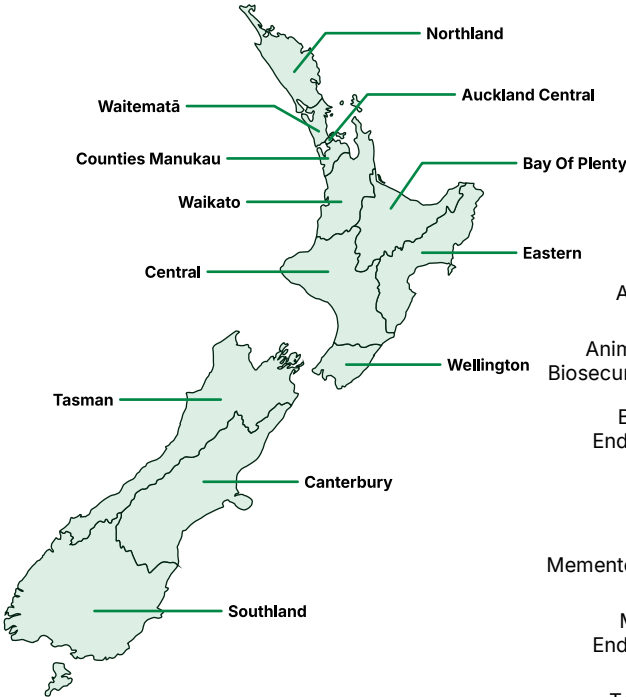
As at 30 September 2026

Our Purpose O Mātou Whāinga: To effectively regulate the legitimate possession and use of firearms to keep all communities safe

This monthly dashboard summarises key data points for Firearms Safety and Education NZ. It includes key metrics and demographics, which supports us in monitoring the regulatory system in which we operate.

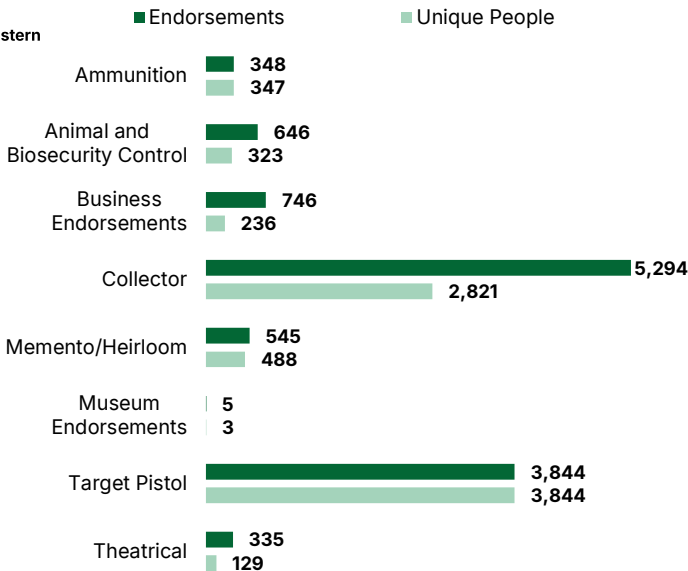
Active firearms licence holders by District

	Individuals	Businesses
Northland	11,975	25
Waitematā	13,432	26
Auckland City	5,024	19
Counties Manukau	10,314	21
Waikato	20,266	28
Bay of Plenty	22,623	53
Eastern	13,957	22
Central	23,991	50
Wellington	13,915	32
Tasman	17,606	27
Canterbury	33,108	78
Southern	30,180	52
Overseas	866	0
Non-geocoded	319	4
Total	217,576	437



Active Endorsements by type

For a detailed breakdown of each endorsement type, refer to the 'Active endorsements by type' worksheet in the Firearms Summary Report. Please note, from October 2026 'endorsements' have been recategorised and are therefore not comparable to previous reports.



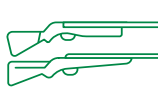
Firearms Licence Holders Registered

155,542



Number of Firearms Registered

726,470



Number of Firearm Parts Registered

20,344

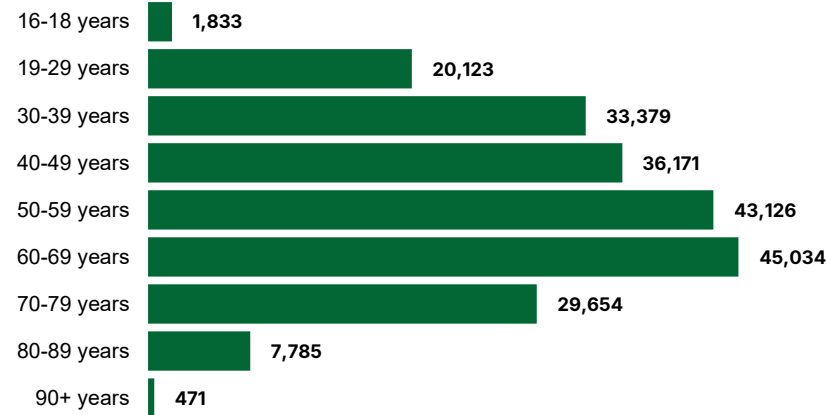


Applications completed and suspensions and revocations processed in the last month with previous month and previous year comparison

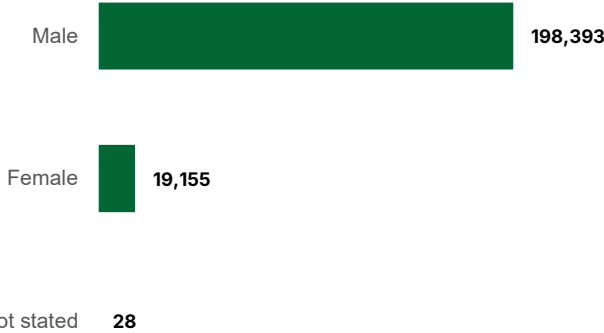
	 Firearms licence applications	 Business and museum licence applications	 Visitor licence applications	 Endorsement applications	 Licences suspended	 Licences revoked	 Import applications
September 2026	1,823	0	55	237	111	57	189
August 2026	1,645	25	53	202	90	68	275
September 2025	2,093	36	41	200	72	54	241

Demographics of firearms licence holders

Active licence holders current age



Active licence holders gender



Caveats:

Data contained in this document is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated. Information is current as at date indicated at the top of this document. For further detailed information on the subjects above please refer to the supplementary spreadsheet. 'Active' licences refer to any firearms licence, business licence, museum licence, museum worker licence, or visitor licence holder who is legally allowed to possess firearms due to holding a current firearms licence. Licences represented as 'overseas' are any licences held by individuals who are currently residing overseas but maintain their New Zealand firearms licence or hold a visitors licence. Licences represented as 'non-geocoded' are any licences where the geographical coordinates of the address do not map directly to a district however Firearms Safety and Education NZ still have the address of each individual. Individuals may hold more than one 'endorsement type'. Firearms licence, visitor and endorsement licence applications processed in the last month refer to those where a licence or endorsement have been issued and does not include applications that have been refused or withdrawn. Firearms licence applications issued also includes museum worker licence applications. Business and museum licence applications processed in the last month includes applications that have been approved and a firearms licence card issued. Import applications processed in the last month refer to all individual import permits processed regardless of whether a permit has been issued or not. Licences suspended and revoked in the last month is based on a point in time status change to either a revoked or suspended status. This is not indicative of the current status of the licence i.e. if a suspended licence has subsequently been revoked or made current. Visitor and museum worker licences are included in the 'Active firearms licence holders by District' and demographic tables. Firearms and firearm parts registered includes those that have been registered and physically exist (i.e. they have not been marked as destroyed, consumed or exported). For further detail on endorsements, refer to - <https://www.firearmssafety.govt.nz/endorsements-permits/endorsements>. For further detail on business and museum licences refer to - <https://www.firearmssafety.govt.nz/businesses-and-organisations>.