

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 Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority. It includes key metrics and demographics, which supports us in monitoring the regulatory system in which we operate.

Active individual firearms licence holders by Police District

Police District	Licences
NORTHLAND	12,096
WAITEMATA	13,572
AUCKLAND CITY	5,030
COUNTIES MANUKAU	10,447
WAIKATO	20,436
BAY OF PLENTY	22,867
EASTERN	14,155
CENTRAL	24,266
WELLINGTON	14,122
TASMAN	17,837
CANTERBURY	33,483
SOUTHERN	30,517
OVERSEAS	916
NON-GEOCODED	298
TOTAL	220,042

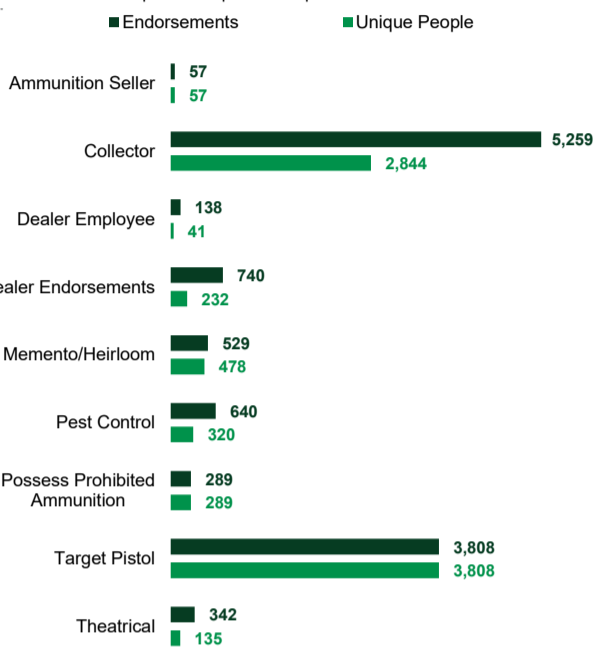
Active Firearms dealers by Police District

Police District	Licences
NORTHLAND	25
WAITEMATA	24
AUCKLAND CITY	18
COUNTIES MANUKAU	22
WAIKATO	27
BAY OF PLENTY	52
EASTERN	23
CENTRAL	48
WELLINGTON	33
TASMAN	28
CANTERBURY	77
SOUTHERN	51
OVERSEAS	0
NON-GEOCODED	4
TOTAL	432



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 Oct 2024 'endorsements' have been recategorised and are therefore not comparable to previous reports.



Firearms Licence Holders Registered

143,563

Number of Firearms Registered

670,402

Number of Firearm Parts Registered

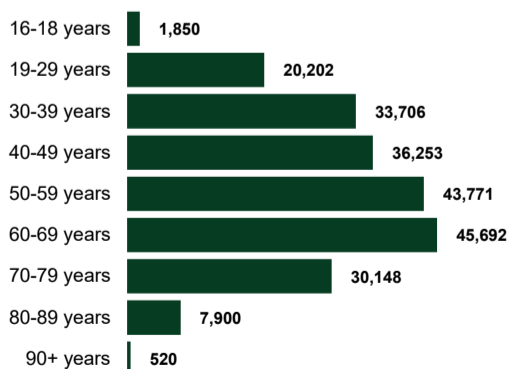
18,518

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

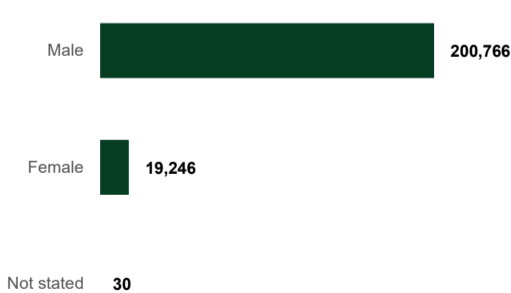
	Individual licence applications	Dealers licence applications	Visitors licence applications	Endorsement applications	Licences suspended	Licences revoked	Import applications
May 2026	1,941	40	112	225	95	64	295
April 2026	1,589	29	159	198	67	48	256
May 2025	2,658	36	109	240	105	73	301

Demographics of firearms licence holders

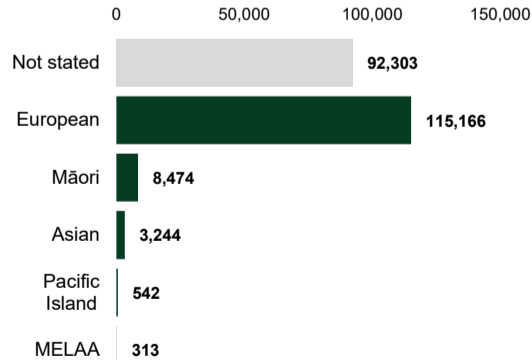
Active licence holders current age



Active licence holders gender



Active licence holders ethnicity



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 individual, visitor or dealer 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 Police still have the address of each individual. Individuals may hold more than one 'endorsement type'. Individual, 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. Dealer licence applications processed in the last month includes dealer 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 licences are included in the 'Active individual firearms licence holders by Police District' and 'Active licence holders' tables. Ethnicities included in 'MELAA' category include Latin American/Hispanic, Middle Eastern, Native American and African origin. 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.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/endorsements>. For further detail on Dealer licences refer to - <https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/firearms-dealers/firearms-dealer-requirements>.