

Target Quarterly Report Summary and Fact Sheets for quarter ending 31 December 2025

	TARGET	Baseline	Previous Quarter	Current Quarter	Previous Status	Current Status	SUMMARY
1	Shorter stays in emergency departments 95% of patients to be admitted, discharged, or transferred from an emergency department within six hours.	68.0% <small>(Sep 2023)</small>	73.9% <small>(Jun 2025)</small>	68.9% <small>(Sep 2025)</small>			Results improved compared with the same quarter in the prior year, despite increased patient demand, however declined since the last quarterly report due to winter illness.
2	Shorter wait times for elective treatment 95% of people wait less than four months for elective treatment.	62.0% <small>(Sep 2023)</small>	63.9% <small>(Jun 2025)</small>	65.9% <small>(Sep 2025)</small>			Results have improved compared to the previous quarter and compared with the same quarter in the prior year. This is the best performance for elective treatment since September 2021.
3	Reduced child and youth offending 15% reduction in the total number of children and young people (<900 people) with serious and persistent offending behaviour.	1,100 <small>(Jun 2023)</small>	896 ¹ <small>(Sep 2025)</small>	856 <small>(Dec 2025)</small>			Target on track. A continued reduction in the number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour, with a decrease of 40 since the last quarterly report.
4	Reduced violent crime 20,000 fewer people who are victims of an assault, robbery, or sexual assault (165,000 people).	185,000 <small>(Oct 2023)</small>	145,025 ¹ <small>(Aug 2025)</small>	135,797 <small>(Oct 2025)</small>			Target on track. There has been a reduction of ~49,000 people experiencing violent crime from the baseline. The Government is focused on continuing to reduce victims of violent crime, noting that quarterly results may fluctuate.
5	Fewer people on the Jobseeker Support benefit 50,000 fewer people on Jobseeker Support benefit (140,000 people).	190,000 <small>(Dec 2023)</small>	217,800 <small>(Sep 2025)</small>	223,500 <small>(Dec 2025)</small>			5,700 more people are receiving the Jobseeker Support since the last report. Flows onto Jobseeker Support are expected to decrease and exits increase as economic conditions improve in 2026.
6	Increased student attendance 80% of students are present for more than 90% of the term.	46.7% <small>(T3, 2023)</small>	58.4% <small>(T2, 2025)</small>	50.3% <small>(T3, 2025)</small>			Decline in performance from Term 3 2024 to Term 3 2025 (51.7% to 50.3%), though provisional Term 4 2025 results indicate a term-on-term increase. The Government is focused on a strong start to 2026 implementing key initiatives in the attendance action plan.
7	More students at expected curriculum levels 80% of Year 8 students at or above the expected curriculum level for their age in reading, writing and maths by December 2030.	Baseline 22% Maths (2023) 47% Reading (2023) 24% Writing (2024)	Current 23% Maths (2024) 47% Reading (2023) 24% Writing (2024)				Target performance unchanged from the last report due to annual reporting cycle. Twice-yearly student assessments start in Term 2 of 2026, with the new Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool trialled by schools during Term 4 of 2025.
8	Fewer people in emergency housing 75% fewer households in emergency housing (<800 households).	3,141 <small>(Dec 2023)</small>	441 <small>(Sep 2025)</small>	444 <small>(Dec 2025)</small>			Target on track. The number of households in emergency housing has reduced by 86% from baseline. As of 31 December, 1,095 Priority One households (with 2,340 children) have been housed in a social housing tenancy.
9	Reduced net greenhouse gas emissions On track to meet New Zealand's 2050 net zero climate change targets, with total net emissions of no more than 290 megatonnes from 2022 to 2025 and 305 megatonnes from 2026 to 2030.	N/A	282.2 ¹ Mt	282.3 Mt		EB1	Target on track with a smaller buffer following MfE projections corrected in January 2026 to fix a data error. There is a margin of 7.7Mt under EB1, and 3.6Mt under EB2. The correction did not affect the overall Target rating.
		N/A	300.5 ¹ Mt	301.4 Mt		EB2	

On Track

Probable

Feasible

At Risk

Unachievable

¹ Data has been revised since last publication – please refer to individual factsheets.