

Target Quarterly Report Summary and Fact Sheets for quarter ending 31 March 2026

	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>	68.9% <small>(Sep 2025)</small>	74.2% <small>(Dec 2025)</small>			More patients were admitted, discharged, or transferred from an emergency department within six hours compared to the previous quarter and compared with the same quarter in the prior year, despite increased patient demand.
2	Shorter wait times for elective treatment 95% of people wait less than four months for elective treatment.	62.0% <small>(Sep 2023)</small>	65.9% <small>(Sep 2025)</small>	64.5% <small>(Dec 2025)</small>			Results improved compared with the same quarter in the prior year (59.2%) and 51,513 people were treated from the elective waitlist, up from 46,841 in the same quarter in the prior year.
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>	856 <small>(Dec 2025)</small>	829 <small>(Mar 2026)</small>			Target on track. A 25% reduction in the number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour from baseline, with a decrease of 27 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>	135,797 <small>(Oct 2025)</small>	138,795 <small>(Feb 2026)</small>			Target on track. There has been a reduction of ~46,000 people experiencing violent crime from the baseline. This quarter saw a small increase of 3,000 people compared to the previous report.
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>	223,500 <small>(Dec 2025)</small>	215,200 <small>(March 2026)</small>			8,300 fewer people are receiving Jobseeker Support since the last report. 1,400 more people exited Jobseeker Support into work compared to the same quarter in the prior year.
6	Increased student attendance 80% of students are present for more than 90% of the term.	59.0% <small>(T1, 2023)</small>	50.3% <small>(T3, 2025)</small>	68.8% <small>(T1, 2026)</small>			More students attended school regularly in both Term 4 2025 (57.3% vs 56.5% in Term 4 2024) and in Term 1 2026 (68.8% vs 65.9% in Term 1 2025). From Term 1 2026, all schools are required to have an Attendance Management 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 47% Reading (2023) 24% Writing (2024) 22% Maths (2023)	Current 45% Reading (2025) 28% Writing (2025) 24% Maths (2025)				The 2025 Curriculum Insights results remain stable at Year 8, noting some of the key initiatives aimed at boosting achievement are still in the early stages of being embedded in classrooms.
8	Fewer people in emergency housing 75% fewer households in emergency housing (<800 households).	3,141 <small>(Dec 2023)</small>	444 <small>(Dec 2025)</small>	471 <small>(Mar 2026)</small>			Target on track. The number of households in emergency housing has reduced by 85% from baseline. As of March, 1,101 Priority One households (with 2,367 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	282.3 Mt <small>(Dec 2025)</small>	282.3 Mt <small>(Mar 2026)</small>		EB1	Target on track. Projected net emissions for Emissions Budget one (2022-2025) remain 7.7 Mt below target. Projected emissions for Emissions Budget two (2026-2030) are 3.6 Mt below target.
		N/A	301.4 Mt <small>(Dec 2025)</small>	301.4 Mt <small>(Mar 2026)</small>		EB2	

On Track

Probable

Feasible

At Risk

Unachievable