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Our results - July 2025 to June 2026

Aotearoa New Zealand

Mā whero, mā pango, ka oti ai te mahi.

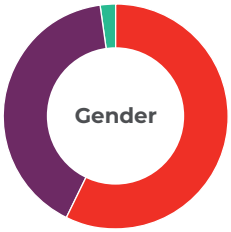
With red and black the work will be complete.
(Together, through all roles, work gets done.)

Workwise has been supporting people facing personal or health challenges to find and keep a job since 2000. Supporting people to live great lives is our purpose. Finding and sustaining a job is about more than a salary – it's about recovery, connection, purpose and belonging.

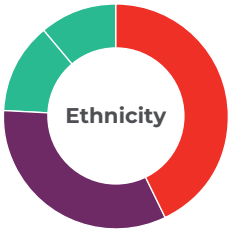
The wider impact employment makes is shared with us by the people we support, and that continues to give us purpose to do what works, everywhere, every time, for those who choose our service. Hope matters, especially in a changing labour market. Agile, positive and compassionate employment support makes a difference, and ensures that support reflects what each person wants for their journey.

We know that being integrated and connected – with health and housing supports, employers and communities – makes all the difference. We're proud of the relationships we've built, led by the choices and aspirations of those using our employment support.

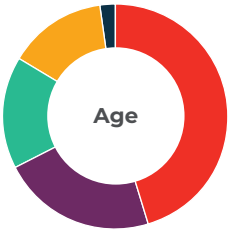
This year, we worked with 1,678 new people - helping them to find work, and stay in work.



58% Male
41% Female
2% Other gender



43% NZ European
33% Māori
13% Other
11% Pacific



45% < 30 years
22% 31 – 40
16% 41 – 50
14% 51 – 60
2% 61+

2,473
total people worked with

700
jobs were secured

37%
of jobs were full-time

392
NZQA training placements

190
other placements (work experience, trial or voluntary placement, non-accredited study)

1,282
total work, study or other placements secured

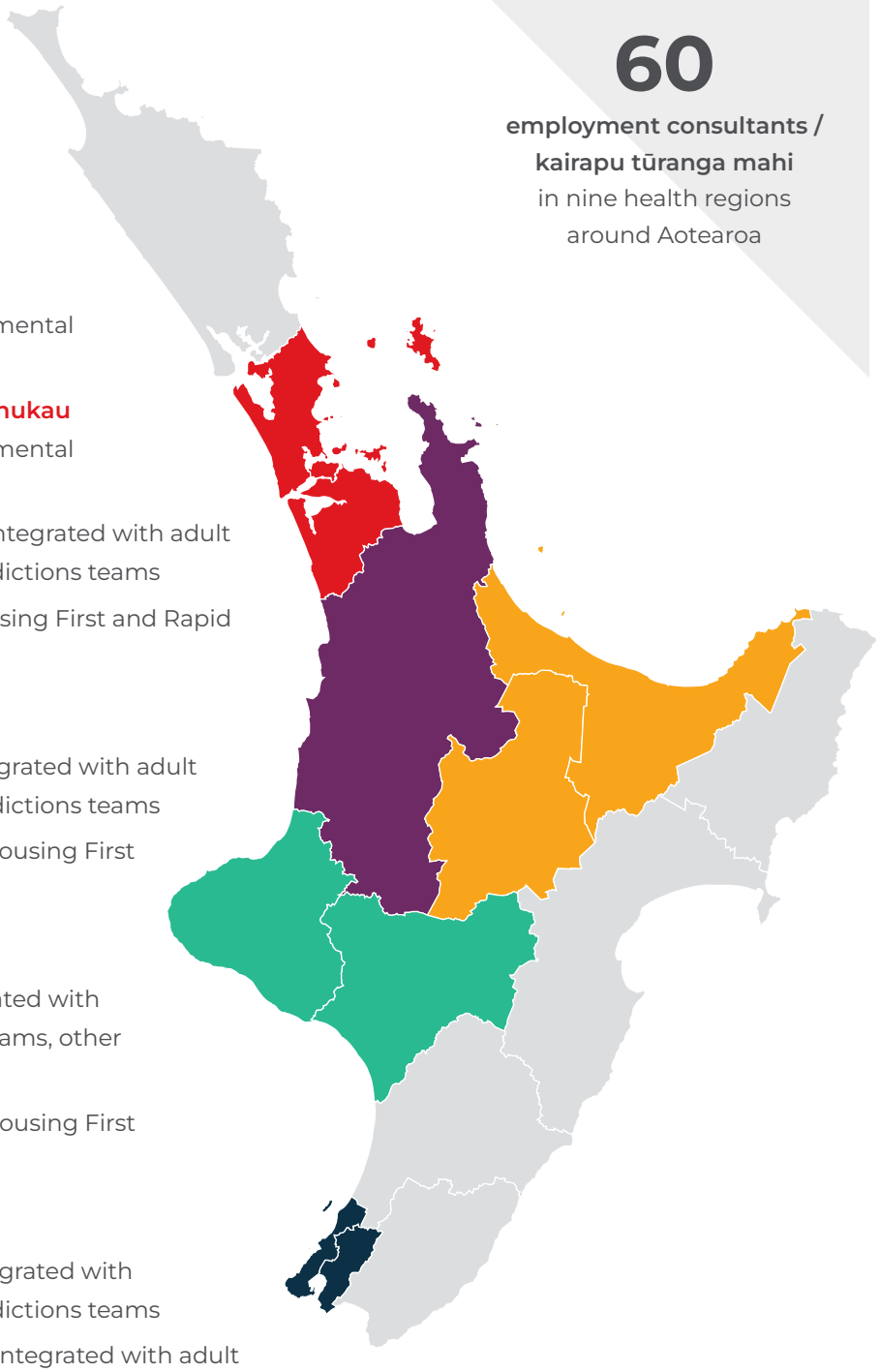
"Since starting work, I'm feeling a lot more confident and happy in myself. I'm able to demonstrate to myself, first and foremost, that I have the skills to effectively get my work done. I've not got here because of anyone else. I am here because of who I've chosen to be as a person, despite having the odds stacked against me. Thanks to getting back into work, I now have that confidence I didn't feel was possible." – ***Siena*** *(not her real name)*



Over the last year, Workwise provided employment support services for:

60

employment consultants / kairapu tūranga mahi in nine health regions around Aotearoa



Auckland

- **Health New Zealand Auckland** integrated with adult community mental health teams
- **Health New Zealand Counties Manukau** integrated with adult community mental health teams
- **Health New Zealand Waitematā** integrated with adult community mental health and addictions teams
- **LinkPeople (South Auckland)** Housing First and Rapid Rehousing services

Waikato

- **Health New Zealand Waikato** integrated with adult community mental health and addictions teams
- **The People's Project (Hamilton)** Housing First (homelessness) service

Bay of Plenty

- **Health New Zealand Lakes** integrated with adult community mental health teams, other community services and Real
- **The People's Project (Tauranga)** Housing First (homelessness) service

Taranaki and Whanganui

- **Health New Zealand Taranaki** integrated with community mental health and addictions teams
- **Health New Zealand Whanganui** integrated with adult community mental health teams and Pathways
- **Work and Income (Whanganui)** service centre
- **Work and Income (Taranaki)** service centre.

Wellington

- **Health New Zealand Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley** integrated with adult community mental health teams

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