



AIDE MEMOIRE

10% Critical Worker target – Report for December 2021

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Information for Minister(s)

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The following departments/agencies have been consulted

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Minister's office to complete:

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Purpose

This aide memoire provides the December 2021 report on progress against the Government's commitment to ensure that Critical Workers are occupying at least 10% of spaces in Managed Isolation and Quarantine (the 10% Critical Worker target).

Privacy of natural persons

Policy Manager, MIQ Policy
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10% Critical Worker Target

Context

1. In December 2020, Cabinet agreed to set a 10% operational target for Critical Workers' use of allocable managed isolation rooms over a rolling three-month period, starting 1 January 2021 [CBC-20-MIN-0137 refers].
2. In April 2021, officials reported on progress in developing information to track progress against this target. Following that briefing you indicated you wished to receive monthly reports, which would then be publicly released [briefing 2021-2756 refers].

December Report

Key findings

3. The December report against the 10% Critical Worker Target is attached as Annex One.
4. On average, critical workers and their accompanying family used 10.2% of occupied rooms in November 2021.
5. Table one, below, sets out the average daily occupancy of MIQ rooms by critical workers for each month reported thus far.

Month	Jan '21	Feb '21	Mar '21	Apr '21	May '21	June '21	July '21	Aug '21	Sep '21	Oct '21	Nov '21
Average CW occupancy	13.3%	18.8%	14.3%	10.3%	13.7%	10.5%	9.6%	8.3%	16.3%	16.3%	10.2%

Table 1: Average MIQ occupancy of critical workers by month

6. The average over a rolling three-month period (1 September to 30 November 2021) was 14.2%.

Observations of note

7. This month’s report reflects some instability in the proportion of rooms occupied by critical workers during mid-November. This coincides with the change from a 14-day MIQ stay to a 7-day MIQ stay (followed by 3 days of self-isolation) and reflects the sudden change in the number of people in MIQ on that day, then returning to normal levels over the following days.

8. Figure 2, below, illustrates this data of the last three months.

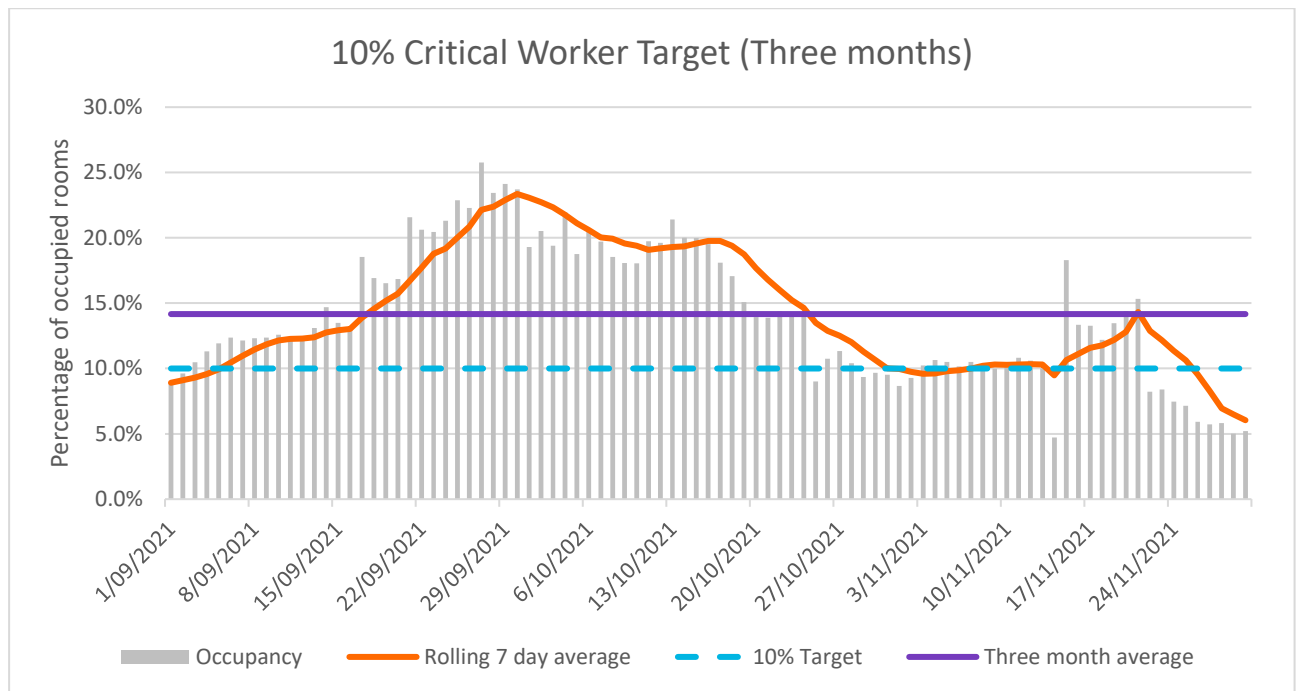


Figure 2: Daily and average MIQ occupancy by critical workers

Public release of the report

9. MBIE will update the information published on the MBIE website¹ with the latest figures on 17 December 2021.

10. We do not propose any proactive communications to mark the release of this report. We have not received any questions following the last monthly release of data.

¹ <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/economic-development/covid-19-data-resources/managed-isolation-and-quarantine-data/managed-isolation-and-quarantine-critical-worker-occupancy/>

11. You may wish to forward a copy of this aide memoire to the Minister of Immigration for his information ahead of the updated data being placed on the MBIE website.

Next report

12. MBIE proposes to provide you with the next report on these figures in February 2022.

13. This report will include data up to the end of the January 2022 calendar month. It will also include advice on the approach to this operational target for the future, in light of the commencement of self-isolation under the medium-risk pathway.

Annexes

Annex One: 10% Critical Worker Target – December Report

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Managed Isolation and Quarantine: Critical worker occupancy

December 2021

Month	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Average occupancy by critical workers	13.3%	18.8%	14.3%	10.3%	13.7%	10.5%
Month	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021	
Average occupancy by critical workers	9.6%	8.3%	16.3%	16.3%	10.2%	

Report period: 1 January 2021 to 30 November 2021

- The above table sets out the proportion of occupied MIQ rooms that are occupied by a critical worker.
- This is calculated by averaging the percentage of rooms occupied by critical workers on each day in the calendar month.

Caveats and Definitions

“Critical workers” include temporary visa holders entering New Zealand under the “other critical worker”, “critical health worker”, and “normally resident work visa holder” border exceptions, including any family members entering the country with that worker.

Data for reporting on critical worker occupancy in MIQ has been collated from 1 January 2021.

This report reflects a snapshot at a point time from various operational data sources.

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