

The number of working age main benefit cancellations for reason 'Obtained Work' with a subsequent working age main benefit grant, during the period November 2023 to April 2026, cancellation month.

Cancellation Month	Returned to Main Benefit				Total Cancellations
	Yes		No		
	Cancellations	Percentage	Cancellations	Percentage	
November 2023	3,711	60%	2,490	40%	6,204
December 2023	2,253	55%	1,809	45%	4,059
January 2024	3,063	52%	2,877	48%	5,937
February 2024	3,783	53%	3,357	47%	7,140
March 2024	4,338	56%	3,429	44%	7,770
April 2024	3,438	53%	2,988	47%	6,423
May 2024	3,285	51%	3,195	49%	6,483
June 2024	2,649	51%	2,574	49%	5,220
July 2024	2,922	49%	3,039	51%	5,964
August 2024	2,913	47%	3,306	53%	6,216
September 2024	2,973	47%	3,360	53%	6,333
October 2024	3,738	49%	3,849	51%	7,590
November 2024	3,567	49%	3,669	51%	7,236
December 2024	2,136	47%	2,433	53%	4,569
January 2025	2,739	41%	3,981	59%	6,720
February 2025	3,177	41%	4,518	59%	7,695
March 2025	3,810	43%	5,046	57%	8,853
April 2025	2,475	39%	3,894	61%	6,369
May 2025	2,661	37%	4,506	63%	7,167
June 2025	2,025	33%	4,035	67%	6,060
July 2025	2,184	33%	4,485	67%	6,669
August 2025	2,010	29%	4,875	71%	6,885
September 2025	1,941	27%	5,286	73%	7,224
October 2025	2,121	28%	5,511	72%	7,632
November 2025	1,887	26%	5,331	74%	7,218
December 2025	1,101	22%	3,942	78%	5,043
January 2026	996	14%	5,907	86%	6,903
February 2026	939	11%	7,299	89%	8,238
March 2026	696	7%	8,781	93%	9,477
April 2026	114	2%	6,915	98%	7,026

Notes:

- This is a count of work exits, not clients. A client can have more than one work exit in the period.
- The table includes working age only (18 to 64 years).
- This only includes benefits granted up to April 2026.
- Main Benefits exclude NZ Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.
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- Random Rounding does not round to zero. A value of one or two will be rounded to three.

- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.