

Table 1: Number of working age clients at orange and red in the traffic light system (TLS) as at the end of each quarter September 2024 to March 2025, by Traffic Light System (TLS) colour, quarter end and gender

TLS colour/As at end of		Gender			Total
		Gender Diverse	Female	Male	
Orange	September 2024	9	609	1,323	1,941
	December 2024	6	507	975	1,488
	March 2025	6	735	1,491	2,232
Red	September 2024	18	1,173	2,790	3,981
	December 2024	15	969	2,538	3,522
	March 2025	27	1,188	2,823	4,038

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Table 2: Number of working age clients at orange and red in the traffic light system (TLS) as at the end of each quarter September 2024 to March 2025, by Traffic Light System (TLS) colour, quarter end and MSD region

TLS colour/As at end of		MSD region												Total
		King of the South	Bay of Plenty	Canterbury	Central	East Coast	Nelson	Northland	Southern	Taranaki	Waikato	Wellington	Other	
Orange	Sep-24	753	210	141	93	114	69	75	66	72	216	123	0	1,941
	Dec-24	567	144	141	60	78	57	129	60	42	150	57	3	1,488
	Mar-25	798	225	153	129	273	45	144	72	90	195	117	3	2,232
Red	Sep-24	1,701	456	240	225	219	84	195	132	120	378	228	3	3,981
	Dec-24	1,245	447	246	141	264	111	222	105	126	393	219	3	3,522
	Mar-25	1,548	453	306	177	255	96	282	126	168	393	231	3	4,038

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Table 3: Number of working age clients at orange and red in the traffic light system (TLS) as at the end of each quarter September 2024 to March 2025, by traffic light system (TLS) colour, quarter end and ethnicity

TLS colour/As at end of		Māori	European	Pacific People	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unspecified	Total Clients
Orange	Sep-24	927	531	357	72	15	48	249	1,941
	Dec-24	726	414	306	57	15	48	120	1,488
	Mar-25	1,161	645	402	66	21	81	195	2,232
Red	Sep-24	1,809	1,017	876	105	57	129	510	3,981
	Dec-24	1,707	930	744	111	33	135	321	3,522
	Mar-25	1,875	1,092	849	123	45	150	417	4,038

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- Ethnicity data is self-identified and multiple ethnicities may be chosen by an individual as fits their preference or self-concept.
- Total response ethnicity means that if a person identifies with more than one ethnic group, they are counted in each applicable group.
- Because a client can choose more than one ethnic response, the total number of ethnic responses will be greater than the number of clients.
- MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African.
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TLS colour/As at end of		Gender			Total
		Gender Diverse	Female	Male	
Orange	Sep-24	0	84	99	183
	Dec-24	0	75	78	153
	Mar-25	0	126	138	261
Red	Sep-24	3	126	177	303
	Dec-24	0	108	168	276
	Mar-25	3	138	150	291

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		Auckland Metro	Bay of Plenty	Canterbury	Central	East Coast	Nelson	Northland	Southern	Taranaki	Waikato	Wellington	Other	
Orange	Sep-24	69	15	12	3	9	6	12	6	9	27	6	0	183
	Dec-24	60	18	12	3	9	3	18	3	6	12	3	0	153
	Mar-25	99	24	15	12	39	3	18	12	12	21	12	0	261
Red	Sep-24	135	33	21	12	15	3	21	9	9	36	9	0	303
	Dec-24	114	27	18	12	18	3	24	9	15	30	3	3	276
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	Dec-24	75	33	36	6	3	0	15	153
	Mar-25	147	66	51	9	3	9	18	261
Red	Sep-24	135	66	93	6	3	3	36	303
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