

PQ 28208 (2025)

Table 1: Number of clients, total debt, and average debt of the top 10% of clients owing a debt as at the end of each quarter from September 2024 to March 2025
by gender and total response ethnicity

Notes:
This data includes Fraud, Overpayment, and Recoverable Assistance debts owing by both current and non-current clients.

Quarter ending / Gender		Māori			European			Pacific Peoples			Asian			MELAA			Other			Unknown			Total		
		Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance
30 September	Diverse	60	\$1,195,517	\$19,925	33	\$669,313	\$19,686	18	\$321,780	\$20,111	0	\$0	\$0	3	\$57,610	\$19,203	3	\$54,070	\$18,023	0	\$0	\$0	87	\$1,709,556	\$19,427
	Female	21,690	\$548,567,174	\$25,294	15,846	\$396,200,393	\$25,006	8,847	\$231,823,215	\$26,198	1,281	\$30,524,969	\$23,829	420	\$9,468,198	\$22,543	750	\$18,123,258	\$24,100	690	\$14,669,735	\$21,291	42,372	\$1,072,670,970	\$25,316
	Male	10,098	\$202,408,487	\$20,042	8,292	\$170,584,467	\$20,572	3,924	\$80,173,384	\$20,426	798	\$17,156,065	\$21,553	450	\$8,899,031	\$19,776	651	\$12,764,343	\$19,637	408	\$8,172,240	\$20,030	20,964	\$428,064,780	\$20,419
	Unknown	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	3	\$18,085	\$18,085	3	\$18,085	\$18,085
	Total	31,848	\$752,171,178	\$23,618	24,171	\$567,454,173	\$23,478	12,789	\$312,318,378	\$24,419	2,076	\$47,681,034	\$22,957	873	\$18,424,839	\$21,105	1,407	\$30,941,671	\$22,023	1,098	\$22,860,060	\$20,820	63,426	\$1,502,463,392	\$23,689
31 December	Diverse	60	\$1,272,756	\$20,528	33	\$782,242	\$22,350	18	\$349,479	\$19,416	0	\$0	\$0	3	\$57,586	\$19,195	6	\$341,429	\$68,286	0	\$0	\$0	96	\$2,155,251	\$22,928
	Female	21,912	\$561,511,853	\$25,628	16,020	\$404,026,812	\$25,223	8,973	\$236,285,414	\$26,330	1,284	\$31,316,807	\$24,409	438	\$9,787,756	\$22,398	765	\$18,713,532	\$24,398	711	\$15,271,099	\$21,448	42,840	\$1,095,151,834	\$25,563
	Male	10,197	\$207,263,945	\$20,330	8,349	\$173,671,523	\$20,801	3,936	\$81,430,618	\$20,689	813	\$17,646,881	\$21,759	459	\$9,215,937	\$20,078	657	\$13,035,291	\$19,810	414	\$8,329,956	\$20,169	21,102	\$436,386,372	\$20,682
	Unknown	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	3	\$13,855	\$13,855	3	\$13,855	\$13,855
	Total	32,166	\$770,048,555	\$23,939	24,402	\$578,480,576	\$23,706	12,927	\$318,065,511	\$24,603	2,094	\$48,963,688	\$23,383	900	\$19,061,279	\$21,203	1,428	\$32,090,251	\$22,441	1,128	\$23,614,911	\$20,972	64,038	\$1,533,707,311	\$23,951
31 March 2025	Diverse	60	\$1,314,159	\$21,544	36	\$771,219	\$21,423	18	\$375,750	\$20,875	0	\$0	\$0	3	\$57,657	\$19,219	6	\$74,050	\$18,513	0	\$0	\$0	90	\$1,878,575	\$20,644
	Female	22,206	\$573,757,098	\$25,837	16,212	\$412,843,433	\$25,464	9,057	\$241,316,607	\$26,638	1,305	\$32,197,794	\$24,692	441	\$10,045,071	\$22,675	786	\$19,100,547	\$24,301	753	\$16,205,200	\$21,549	43,395	\$1,118,790,253	\$25,780
	Male	10,269	\$210,981,715	\$20,543	8,349	\$176,319,526	\$21,121	3,981	\$83,254,033	\$20,918	837	\$18,538,111	\$22,175	465	\$9,415,272	\$20,204	687	\$13,642,645	\$19,858	432	\$8,631,597	\$19,888	21,249	\$444,484,695	\$20,920
	Unknown	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	3	\$13,855	\$13,855	3	\$13,855	\$13,855
	Total	32,538	\$786,052,972	\$24,158	24,597	\$589,934,178	\$23,984	13,056	\$324,946,390	\$24,887	2,139	\$50,735,905	\$23,708	912	\$19,518,000	\$21,401	1,476	\$32,817,242	\$22,219	1,188	\$24,850,651	\$20,936	64,734	\$1,565,167,377	\$24,178

Notes:
Demographic data is as at the end of quarter ending.
From 2 December 2019, The Ministry of Social Development has three options to record a client's or child's gender: Male, Female or Gender Diverse.
Gender 'unknown' is where the gender is not recorded.
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.
'Unknown' is where ethnicity is not recorded. 'Other' is where ethnicities fall outside the reported ethnicities.

Confidentiality notes:
To protect confidentiality the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
Random rounding does not round down 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.