

WPQ 19625 tables:**Table 1: Number of clients who have been granted an Advance Payment of Benefit and number of Advance Payments of Benefit granted from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026 by quarter and need type**

Need type	December 2025		March 2026	
	Number of clients	Number of grants	Number of clients	Number of grants
Ambulance Subscription Fee	24	24	21	21
Appliances	4,281	4,656	3,606	3,909
Attendance at funeral or tangihanga	2,061	2,211	2,085	2,217
Bedding Advance	4,467	4,659	4,344	4,530
Bedding SNG	6	6	S	S
Beds	8,241	8,931	7,647	8,223
Burglary Loss	24	27	18	27
Car Repairs	9,972	11,517	10,152	11,835
Chairs	186	189	150	153
Child Car Seat - Hire	S	S	S	S
Child Car Seat - Purchase	798	825	771	786
Child Car Seat - attachment to fit car seat	6	6	S	S
Clothing	12,420	13,539	12,600	13,749
Contact Lenses	S	S	S	S
Cycle Helmet	6	6	S	S
Dental Treatment Advance	8,442	8,916	8,736	9,303
Dentures	2,997	3,132	3,117	3,276
Electricity Assistance	7,419	7,734	6,207	6,459
Essential Home Repairs	387	426	363	399
Fire Loss	21	33	15	24
Fridge/Freezer	5,124	5,424	5,115	5,397
Furniture	3,693	4,194	3,399	3,867
Gas Assistance	309	324	294	309
Glasses	6,666	7,575	7,044	7,956
Hearing Aids	888	924	843	894
Other Emergency Payment	23,523	28,533	24,642	29,607
Safety Footwear	S	S	S	S
School Fees - Exam	0	0	S	S
School Fees - Other	69	75	933	984
School Stationery	228	246	6,639	7,764
School Uniforms	1,503	1,716	15,897	20,577
Stranded Travel - Petrol	2,058	2,307	2,079	2,298
Stranded travel - Other	279	312	234	258
Tables	249	249	204	204
Telephone Installation	15	12	S	S
Tenancy Tribunal fees	S	S	S	S

Washing Machine	4,815	5,085	4,785	5,025
Water Assistance	579	588	642	654
Total	77,415	124,425	87,930	150,738

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- In certain circumstances, low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified.
- Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.

Table 2: Number of clients who have been granted an Advance Payment of Benefit and number of Advance Payments of Benefit granted from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026 by quarter and gender.

Gender	December 2025		March 2026	
	Number of clients	Number of grants	Number of clients	Number of grants
Female	45,852	74,442	55,107	97,599
Gender Diverse	201	297	261	384
Male	31,362	49,686	32,562	52,752
Total	77,412	124,425	87,933	150,738

Notes:

- 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.
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Table 3: Number of Advance Payments of Benefit granted from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026, by quarter and ethnicity.

Quarter	Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	Total grants
December 2025	65,772	48,888	17,265	2,814	1,566	2,463	5,181	124,428
March 2026	78,945	57,528	23,937	3,477	1,950	2,787	6,291	150,735

Notes:

- This is a count of Advance Payment of Benefit grants, not clients. A client can have more than one grant in each time period.
- 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.
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Table 4: Number of clients who have been granted an Advance Payment of Benefit and number of Advance Payments of Benefit granted from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026 by quarter and Work and Income office.

Work and Income office	December 2025		March 2026	
	Number of clients	Number of grants	Number of clients	Number of grants
Albany	333	522	315	537
Alexandra	75	87	72	105
Ashburton	204	258	228	318
Avondale	471	738	456	675
Balclutha	120	153	78	93
Blenheim	276	360	339	456
CS Hawkes Bay Unit	453	588	396	513
CS Whanganui Unit	231	327	225	318
Cambridge	177	228	216	267
Central Processing Unit	681	807	2,529	3,531
Centralised Unit Housing	24	30	48	63
Christchurch Contact Centre	6,567	7,662	8,436	10,707
Clendon	684	1,113	834	1,386
Dannevirke	204	246	219	267
Dargaville	228	303	201	273
Dinsdale	480	612	636	927
Dunedin Central	477	690	594	1,050
Dunedin Contact Centre	2,775	3,162	3,198	3,855
Ellerslie Contact Centre	4,251	4,680	5,508	6,699
Feilding	156	189	183	246
Five Cross Roads	837	1,212	939	1,425
Flaxmere	219	300	276	411
Foxton	162	213	147	195
Gisborne	1,029	1,563	1,092	1,590
Glenfield	255	321	336	531
Glenmall	318	402	387	567
Gore	165	249	141	213
Greerton	477	624	489	618
Greymouth	192	249	192	282
Hamilton Contact Centre	6,174	7,332	8,610	10,881
Hamilton East	414	552	438	597
Hastings Community Link	978	1,461	1,137	1,764
Hawera	321	426	348	459
Helensville	141	174	162	255

Highland Park	213	327	312	516
Hornby	393	552	408	606
Horowhenua	651	996	648	1,023
Huntly	432	621	390	558
Integrity Intervention Centre	0	0	3	3
Invercargill	684	906	627	834
Johnsonville	141	195	207	279
Kaikohe	375	486	474	660
Kaitia	339	450	366	501
Kamo	312	408	393	549
Kapiti	384	546	339	504
Kawakawa	174	240	189	258
Kawerau	285	402	339	489
Kerikeri	276	345	291	387
Kirikiriroa	1,158	2,052	1,206	2,262
Linwood	708	1,017	804	1,113
Lower Hutt	612	924	501	765
Mangere	1,425	2,376	1,731	3,009
Manukau District	666	1,164	732	1,215
Manurewa	1,353	2,562	1,635	2,814
Marton	165	216	177	246
Matamata	216	333	237	339
Morrinsville	135	159	126	156
Mosgiel	183	240	201	273
Motueka	237	318	228	321
Mount Maunganui	324	441	345	537
Mt Albert	468	732	411	570
Mt Eden	351	504	375	597
Naenae	735	1,119	816	1,320
Napier	1,080	1,638	1,047	1,581
National Office	18	21	12	18
Nelson	297	468	342	552
New Brighton	528	744	618	876
New Lynn	591	861	642	1,056
New Plymouth	708	1,032	735	1,068
Newtown	432	606	426	588
Ngaruawahia	210	306	207	285
Oamaru	120	153	126	156
Onehunga	564	927	723	1,146
Opotiki	309	396	327	435
Orewa	240	297	291	420
Otahuhu	510	849	531	936
Otaki	120	171	144	198
Otara	354	543	483	720

Paeroa	156	201	186	258
Palmerston North	960	1,272	906	1,206
Papakura	1,074	1,686	1,464	2,538
Papanui	573	768	603	888
Papatoetoe	846	1,323	945	1,536
Porirua	600	792	540	732
Pukekohe	651	1,035	681	1,065
Queen Street	750	1,158	870	1,395
Queenstown	15	21	12	12
Rangiora	282	366	357	495
Remote Client Unit	39	51	30	45
Riccarton	429	576	423	603
Richmond	189	246	240	360
Rotorua	1,812	3,078	2,010	3,492
Ruatoria	60	72	84	102
Seniors Support Centre	6,498	7,656	7,224	8,730
Shirley	354	438	294	375
Specialised Processing Srv WLG	117	120	435	492
Specialised Processing Srv WRE	3	3	3	3
Staff Assistance Unit	9	12	9	18
Stratford	222	270	264	336
StudyLink Processing Centre	2,607	2,865	2,319	2,706
Sydenham	666	1,059	681	1,119
Taihape	159	189	201	291
Takapuna	261	372	267	411
Tamaki	711	1,005	693	1,026
Taumarunui	183	267	180	285
Taupo	402	525	453	624
Tauranga	255	327	312	402
Te Awamutu	222	291	279	354
Te Kaika	321	447	294	408
Te Kuiti	243	369	327	537
Te Puke	234	297	246	336
Thames	99	117	108	123
Three Kings	498	786	552	918
Timaru	429	594	384	549
Tokoroa	558	786	558	753
Upper Hutt	486	681	372	537
Waihi	87	111	111	138
Wainuiomata	180	252	171	237
Waipukurau	138	180	129	192
Wairarapa	627	945	612	1,011

Wairoa	249	369	207	300
Waitakere	1,170	2,082	1,200	2,244
Waitakere Contact Centre	6,801	8,079	8,175	10,251
Waitara	174	228	222	285
Waiuku	144	198	129	186
Warkworth	246	363	276	414
Wellington	360	483	354	507
Wellington Contact Centre	5,442	6,372	6,861	8,535
Westgate	384	519	450	630
Westport	165	210	156	201
Whakatane	408	573	459	645
Whanganui	705	939	765	1,074
Whangarei Central	1,386	2,148	1,377	2,118
Youth Service Support Unit	450	786	528	885
Total	77,415	124,428	87,933	150,735

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