

WPQ 29684 (2023) Table One: The number of sanctions for failing work obligations for working age main benefit clients with or without children during the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2023 by region and quarter.

Quarter Ending	Child Indicator	Region												Total
		Northland	Auckland Metro	Waikato	Taranaki	Bay of Plenty	East Coast	Central	Wellington	Nelson	Canterbury	Southern	Other	
March 2017	No	690	2694	978	780	1113	843	621	771	471	741	456	42	10,197
	Yes	312	1632	525	375	843	405	327	267	144	249	105	81	5,268
	Total	1,005	4,326	1,500	1,155	1,956	1,251	948	1,035	615	990	561	123	15,465
June 2017	No	822	3039	1539	726	1008	495	681	804	396	663	387	36	10,599
	Yes	384	1491	729	333	750	300	267	291	165	153	48	108	5,019
	Total	1,206	4,530	2,265	1,059	1,758	798	948	1,095	564	816	435	141	15,618
September 2017	No	612	3012	1233	777	1020	552	699	783	309	558	453	39	10,053
	Yes	243	1515	666	303	678	267	330	219	129	129	81	114	4,671
	Total	852	4,527	1,905	1,083	1,701	819	1,026	1,002	438	684	534	156	14,724
December 2017	No	525	3168	1197	624	1404	933	729	576	405	474	354	33	10,413
	Yes	237	1395	543	258	732	342	282	120	123	156	72	102	4,362
	Total	762	4,566	1,737	882	2,133	1,272	1,011	693	528	630	426	135	14,778
March 2018	No	675	2847	1368	687	1572	1068	552	528	372	477	384	39	10,572
	Yes	312	1206	552	288	729	312	207	78	135	123	81	111	4,134
	Total	987	4,053	1,917	975	2,301	1,380	762	606	510	597	465	150	14,706
June 2018	No	672	2445	1206	600	1320	534	369	696	240	387	345	30	8,844
	Yes	360	891	384	261	738	198	123	75	84	96	51	105	3,372
	Total	1,032	3,339	1,593	861	2,058	729	492	771	324	483	396	135	12,213
September 2018	No	570	2310	951	486	840	477	342	501	150	345	360	42	7,374
	Yes	225	756	303	159	321	69	60	33	33	36	24	117	2,133
	Total	795	3,063	1,254	645	1,161	543	402	537	183	381	384	159	9,504
December 2018	No	432	1767	891	549	927	309	375	441	243	381	285	33	6,633
	Yes	198	477	270	159	327	72	99	30	36	87	24	123	1,902

	Total	630	2,244	1,161	705	1,254	381	477	468	282	468	309	156	8,535
March 2019	No	549	1770	1095	477	774	1374	450	543	297	330	303	48	8,007
	Yes	249	483	270	147	327	333	117	45	42	78	39	54	2,184
	Total	792	2,253	1,365	627	1,101	1,710	564	588	336	411	342	102	10,191
June 2019	No	609	1779	1494	486	1305	888	609	765	231	459	387	36	9,054
	Yes	252	387	435	129	432	177	153	144	54	87	36	57	2,346
	Total	861	2,169	1,929	615	1,740	1,068	765	912	282	546	423	93	11,400
September 2019	No	414	2004	1545	465	804	819	603	522	336	432	342	36	8,328
	Yes	195	399	462	93	267	213	177	39	63	111	33	93	2,145
	Total	609	2,403	2,010	555	1,071	1,035	780	561	399	540	378	132	10,470
December 2019	No	780	2064	1500	720	1227	828	825	618	393	525	378	21	9,876
	Yes	174	339	318	126	285	204	183	75	69	93	36	81	1,977
	Total	951	2,403	1,818	849	1,512	1,032	1,005	693	465	618	414	102	11,853
March 2020	No	906	1914	1119	561	1092	1254	855	678	387	555	462	24	9,807
	Yes	285	318	345	99	204	264	183	93	63	111	63	60	2,085
	Total	1,191	2,229	1,464	657	1,299	1,518	1,038	771	453	666	525	84	11,892
June 2020	No	21	24	12	3	12	6	18	3	9	6	21	3	135
	Yes	3	3	0	3	3	6	3	0	3	0	3	3	24
	Total	27	24	12	3	15	12	21	3	9	6	21	6	159
September 2020	No	123	162	60	39	96	66	330	192	114	132	297	15	1,617
	Yes	27	12	3	6	9	15	24	27	6	9	21	69	222
	Total	147	171	63	42	102	78	357	216	120	141	315	84	1,839
December 2020	No	366	783	567	120	57	162	480	69	630	291	459	24	4,011
	Yes	93	63	57	6	12	21	36	9	39	18	39	87	480
	Total	459	846	624	129	69	183	516	78	669	312	498	111	4,494
March 2021	No	429	1056	627	102	474	225	480	348	435	549	405	18	5,154
	Yes	60	60	45	12	54	60	48	18	42	33	33	57	519
	Total	486	1,116	672	114	528	285	525	369	474	582	435	75	5,673
June 2021	No	567	1887	666	108	504	381	795	456	294	540	567	12	6,780

	Yes	93	141	60	9	48	60	123	12	36	48	54	72	753
	Total	660	2,031	729	117	552	441	915	468	327	588	621	84	7,536
September 2021	No	435	1257	420	57	363	198	456	384	264	459	345	6	4,650
	Yes	96	120	48	9	54	18	69	39	27	57	27	42	600
	Total	531	1,374	468	66	417	216	525	420	291	516	372	48	5,250
December 2021	No	555	690	450	60	156	318	555	447	300	540	381	12	4,461
	Yes	99	51	81	3	12	27	102	45	36	69	21	39	579
	Total	654	741	534	63	168	342	654	489	336	609	399	51	5,040
March 2022	No	378	777	249	54	72	651	399	279	327	414	309	6	3,915
	Yes	66	81	42	9	3	105	42	30	33	42	24	39	519
	Total	447	855	294	63	75	753	441	309	363	456	333	45	4,434
June 2022	No	510	1137	429	177	75	477	438	588	279	522	264	9	4,911
	Yes	144	153	78	6	9	57	69	48	18	36	12	45	672
	Total	654	1,287	510	183	84	537	504	639	297	555	276	54	5,583
September 2022	No	201	1107	402	150	198	492	405	753	219	537	336	6	4,803
	Yes	99	195	63	24	48	45	111	84	30	63	27	60	852
	Total	303	1,302	462	171	246	537	516	837	249	600	363	66	5,655
December 2022	No	288	993	363	117	375	423	303	498	240	420	291	15	4,329
	Yes	132	201	78	12	81	57	129	99	45	108	36	75	1,056
	Total	423	1,191	438	132	456	480	432	597	288	528	327	90	5,388
March 2023	No	177	789	351	87	519	543	360	1011	444	597	288	18	5,181
	Yes	57	150	69	12	150	147	117	126	69	72	42	54	1,062
	Total	234	936	420	102	666	693	477	1,134	513	669	327	75	6,246
June 2023	No	408	1032	648	105	663	240	525	735	279	603	363	15	5,607
	Yes	138	228	123	15	192	24	126	105	48	63	27	63	1,152
	Total	546	1,257	768	120	855	264	651	840	327	666	387	78	6,759
September 2023	No	345	1200	696	102	540	648	423	90	201	567	276	12	5,100
	Yes	174	237	141	15	147	84	87	12	27	84	15	54	1,077
	Total	519	1,437	834	117	687	735	513	102	225	654	288	69	6,177

Notes:

- The table includes working age only (18 to 64 years).
- Main Benefits exclude NZ Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.
- This is a count of sanctions, not clients. A client can have more than one sanction within the time period.
- Children in care is assessed at the time of sanction.
- 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 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.