

Table One: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed on working age main benefit clients, with or without children during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024 by quarter, broken down by ethnicity.

| Quarter ending | Children | Total response ethnicity | | | | | | | Total stand downs |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| | | Māori | European | Pacific Peoples | Asian | MELAA | Other | Unknown | |
| March 2024 | No | 45 | 51 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 108 |
| | Unknown | 150 | 159 | 69 | 18 | 3 | 18 | 15 | 366 |
| | Yes | 12 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 18 |
| | Quarter total | 207 | 213 | 84 | 24 | 3 | 24 | 21 | 492 |
| June 2024 | No | 54 | 48 | 21 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 126 |
| | Unknown | 165 | 138 | 75 | 24 | 6 | 21 | 21 | 399 |
| | Yes | 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| | Quarter total | 222 | 192 | 96 | 30 | 6 | 27 | 27 | 534 |
| September 2024 | No | 42 | 51 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 120 |
| | Unknown | 159 | 159 | 78 | 21 | 3 | 21 | 33 | 429 |
| | Yes | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 |
| | Quarter total | 204 | 213 | 99 | 27 | 3 | 24 | 51 | 558 |

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- Children in care is assessed at the time of stand down.
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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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Table Two: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed on working age main benefit clients, with or without children during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024 by quarter, broken down by age.

| Quarter / Children | | Age group | | | | | | | | | | Total stand downs |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| | | 18-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | |
| March 2024 | No | 9 | 36 | 24 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 108 |
| | Unknown | 36 | 96 | 93 | 33 | 21 | 27 | 15 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 366 |
| | Yes | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 18 |
| | Quarter total | 45 | 132 | 123 | 51 | 39 | 39 | 18 | 21 | 15 | 12 | 492 |
| June 2024 | No | 21 | 39 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 126 |
| | Unknown | 54 | 117 | 72 | 48 | 36 | 18 | 15 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 399 |
| | Yes | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| | Quarter total | 75 | 153 | 96 | 60 | 45 | 30 | 27 | 21 | 15 | 12 | 534 |
| September 2024 | No | 12 | 33 | 30 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 120 |
| | Unknown | 48 | 120 | 81 | 48 | 36 | 36 | 18 | 21 | 9 | 12 | 429 |
| | Yes | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| | Quarter total | 60 | 153 | 111 | 66 | 48 | 48 | 21 | 24 | 12 | 12 | 558 |

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Table Three: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed on working age main benefit clients, with or without children during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024 by quarter, broken down by gender.

| Quarter ending | Children | Gender | | | Total stand downs |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Gender Diverse | Female | Male | |
| March 2024 | No | 3 | 24 | 84 | 108 |
| | Unknown | 3 | 93 | 273 | 366 |
| | Yes | 0 | 6 | 12 | 18 |
| | Quarter total | 3 | 123 | 366 | 492 |
| June 2024 | No | 0 | 30 | 96 | 126 |
| | Unknown | 3 | 93 | 303 | 399 |
| | Yes | 0 | 3 | 9 | 12 |
| | Quarter total | 3 | 126 | 411 | 534 |
| September 2024 | No | 3 | 21 | 93 | 120 |
| | Unknown | 6 | 102 | 327 | 429 |
| | Yes | 0 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| | Quarter total | 6 | 126 | 426 | 558 |

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Table Four: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed on working age main benefit clients, with or without children during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024 by quarter, broken down by reason.

| Quarter ending | Children | Reason for stand down | | | | | | Total stand downs |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|--|----------------|-------------------|
| | | Failed clean slate activity | Left of your own accord | Not available for work | VU penalty waived - transferring to a non work test benefit | VU penalty waived - undertaken clean slate employment activity | Were dismissed | |
| March 2024 | No | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 102 | 3 | 108 |
| | Unknown | 3 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 354 | 6 | 366 |
| | Yes | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 3 | 18 |
| | Quarter total | 3 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 471 | 9 | 492 |
| June 2024 | No | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 114 | 3 | 126 |
| | Unknown | 0 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 390 | 3 | 399 |
| | Yes | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| | Quarter total | 0 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 510 | 6 | 534 |
| September 2024 | No | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 111 | 6 | 120 |
| | Unknown | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 414 | 6 | 429 |
| | Yes | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| | Quarter total | 0 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 531 | 12 | 558 |

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- The reason reported is the last to be entered for that stand down. When the stand down was subsequently waived, the reason returned is the waiver reason, and we cannot determine the initial reason for the stand down being imposed without individually reviewing each client file.

Table Five: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed on working age main benefit clients, with or without children during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024 by quarter, broken down by benefit type.

| Quarter ending | Children | Benefit type | | | Total stand downs |
|----------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability | Jobseeker Support - Work Ready | Sole Parent Support | |
| March 2024 | No | 6 | 105 | 0 | 108 |
| | Unknown | 24 | 339 | 3 | 366 |
| | Yes | 3 | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| | Quarter total | 30 | 459 | 6 | 492 |
| June 2024 | No | 3 | 120 | 0 | 126 |
| | Unknown | 15 | 378 | 3 | 399 |
| | Yes | 0 | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| | Quarter total | 21 | 510 | 6 | 534 |
| September 2024 | No | 6 | 111 | 0 | 120 |
| | Unknown | 12 | 414 | 6 | 429 |
| | Yes | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| | Quarter total | 18 | 537 | 6 | 558 |

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