

WPQ 507 (2024) Table 1: The number of sanctions for working age main benefit clients with or without children for sanction reason 'preparing for work during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by ethnicity.

Sanction reason / Quarter / Children			Total response ethnicity							Total sanctions
			Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	
Preparing for work	December 2023	No	924	678	279	54	15	75	117	1,863
		Yes	168	96	54	3	6	3	12	294
		Quarter total	1,092	774	333	54	18	78	132	2,157

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.
- 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 ethnicity' is where ethnicities fall outside the reported ethnicities.
- 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.

WPQ 507 (2024) Table 2: The number of sanctions for working age main benefit clients with or without children for sanction reason 'preparing for work during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by age group.

Sanction reason / Quarter / Children			Age group										Total sanctions
			18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	
Preparing for work	December 2023	No	303	621	312	216	129	105	60	45	42	33	1,863
		Yes	21	27	45	60	54	45	21	9	6	3	294
		Quarter total	324	648	357	276	186	150	81	57	51	30	2,157

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- Children in care is assessed at the time of sanction.
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WPQ 507 (2024) Table 3: The number of sanctions for working age main benefit clients with or without children for sanction reason 'preparing for work during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by gender.

Sanction reason / Quarter / Children			Gender			Total sanctions
			Female	Gender Diverse	Male	
Preparing for work	December 2023	No	636	6	1,221	1,863
		Yes	171	0	120	294
		Quarter total	810	6	1,341	2,157

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- 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.
- 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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WPQ 507 (2024) Table 4: The number of sanctions for working age main benefit clients with or without children for sanction reason 'preparing for work during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by benefit type.

Sanction reason / Quarter / Children			Benefit type				Total sanctions
			Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability	Jobseeker Support - Work Ready	Sole Parent Support	Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment	
Preparing for work	December 2023	No	132	1,722	0	6	1,863
		Yes	12	156	105	18	294
		Quarter total	144	1,881	105	24	2,157

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- 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.
- Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability includes Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury or Disability and Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury or Disability Hardship.
- Jobseeker Support - Work ready includes Jobseeker Support Work Ready, Jobseeker Support Work Ready Hardship, Jobseeker Support Work Ready Training and Jobseeker Support Work Ready Training Hardship
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