

WPQ 779 (2024) Table 1: The mean, median, lower quartile, and upper quartile of working age main benefit continuous durations in days as at quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023.

Quarter Ending		Mar 2020	Jun 2020	Sep 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021	Jun 2021	Sep 2021	Dec 2021	Mar 2022	Jun 2022	Sep 2022	Dec 2022	Mar 2023	Jun 2023	Sep 2023	Dec 2023
Jobseeker Support Related	Mean Continuous Duration	1,143	990	983	993	1,076	1,145	1,153	1,142	1,195	1,199	1,210	1,211	1,229	1,211	1,180	1,163
	Median Continuous Duration	465	352	366	392	471	534	557	580	606	612	612	583	584	554	513	501
	Lower Quartile	150	102	156	162	202	220	203	189	200	193	189	187	188	176	164	170
	Upper Quartile	1,278	1,043	1,029	1,038	1,150	1,262	1,285	1,279	1,367	1,396	1,429	1,449	1,486	1,485	1,463	1,454
Sole Parent Support	Mean Continuous Duration	1,550	1,526	1,518	1,507	1,540	1,560	1,566	1,619	1,641	1,655	1,667	1,670	1,680	1,687	1,687	1,691
	Median Continuous Duration	926	922	925	924	967	997	1,019	1,065	1,099	1,122	1,148	1,159	1,194	1,214	1,235	1,238
	Lower Quartile	365	361	363	376	411	456	461	487	502	510	502	494	486	491	486	483
	Upper Quartile	2,100	2,042	2,024	2,000	2,035	2,048	2,055	2,123	2,155	2,175	2,190	2,207	2,225	2,241	2,253	2,269
Supported Living Payment Related	Mean Continuous Duration	4,659	4,681	4,692	4,698	4,711	4,711	4,716	4,721	4,703	4,649	4,610	4,597	4,604	4,598	4,583	4,570
	Median Continuous Duration	3,734	3,760	3,769	3,773	3,782	3,770	3,762	3,759	3,726	3,623	3,551	3,520	3,546	3,578	3,535	3,493
	Lower Quartile	1,665	1,677	1,674	1,659	1,657	1,645	1,638	1,615	1,591	1,544	1,508	1,493	1,495	1,494	1,486	1,475
	Upper Quartile	6,973	6,983	6,990	6,990	7,013	7,009	7,008	7,016	6,982	6,883	6,809	6,782	6,785	6,775	6,742	6,726
Other Main Benefits	Mean Continuous Duration	753	562	556	214	757	709	597	230	781	757	744	281	795	739	640	259
	Median Continuous Duration	425	213	212	37	398	410	285	37	445	413	407	36	419	373	291	37
	Lower Quartile	160	79	95	28	179	117	37	21	152	121	122	21	135	112	55	23
	Upper Quartile	843	640	619	65	828	783	686	70	872	850	863	154	889	829	729	128

- Notes:**
- This table includes working age clients only. Working age includes clients 18 to 64.
 - The mean, median, lower quartile and upper quartile continuous durations have been rounded to the nearest full day.
 - Continuous duration is how long the current recipients of a benefit (or benefit group) have been continuously receiving a benefit in the wider benefit system, including time on all benefits except Unsupported Child's Benefit, Orphan's Benefit, New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, and non-beneficiary assistance.
 - Supported Living Payment Related includes Supported Living Payment Health Condition and Disability, Supported Living Payment Carer and Supported Living Payment Overseas.
 - Jobseeker Support Related includes Jobseeker Support Health Condition and Disability and Jobseeker Support Work Ready.
 - Other Main Benefits include Emergency Benefit, Emergency Maintenance Allowance, Youth Payment, Young Parent Payment and Jobseeker Support Student Hardship.
 - Mean Continuous Duration is the average continuous duration (in days).
 - Median is the middle value of all continuous durations (in days). It is the value that sits at the middle of all continuous durations when ordered in ascending or descending order.