

WPQ 8907 Table One: Number of clients, total debt, and average debt of clients owing a debt as at 31 March 2024, by ethnicity.

Ethnicity	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance
Māori	226,293	\$1,206,570,257	\$5,332
European	275,952	\$1,038,557,493	\$3,764
Pacific Peoples	99,405	\$503,009,080	\$5,060
Asian	37,686	\$98,148,805	\$2,604
MELAA	12,885	\$39,948,209	\$3,100
Other	21,321	\$65,564,615	\$3,075
Unknown	31,725	\$64,830,373	\$2,043
Total	623,541	\$2,610,816,106	\$4,187

Notes:

- This data includes Fraud, Overpayment, and Recoverable Assistance debts owing by both current and non-current clients.
- Demographic data is as at 31 March 2024
- 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.
- 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 8907 Table Two: Number of clients, total debt, and average debt of clients owing a debt as at 31 March 2024, by gender.

Gender	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance
Diverse	1,890	\$4,348,159	\$2,302
Female	341,523	\$1,685,158,183	\$4,934
Male	279,897	\$920,486,248	\$3,289
Unknown	234	\$823,517	\$3,534
Total	623,541	\$2,610,816,106	\$4,187

Notes:

- This data includes Fraud, Overpayment, and Recoverable Assistance debts owing by both current and non-current clients.
- Demographic data is as at 31 March 2024
- 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.
- Gender 'unknown' is where the gender is not recorded.
- 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.
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