

WPQ 51708 (2025) table: Number of working age clients who started receiving a main benefit from 1 June 2024 to 30 September 2025 by month and previous main benefit indicator.

Month ending	Previously on a main benefit		Total
	No	Yes	
June 2024	3,792	11,532	15,324
July 2024	5,169	15,090	20,256
August 2024	4,941	12,954	17,892
September 2024	4,401	11,631	16,029
October 2024	4,791	12,216	17,007
November 2024	5,658	13,854	19,512
December 2024	6,441	15,087	21,528
January 2025	5,979	10,512	16,491
February 2025	5,235	9,168	14,403
March 2025	5,235	9,837	15,069
April 2025	4,587	9,042	13,632
May 2025	5,115	10,467	15,582
June 2025	4,059	8,331	12,387
July 2025	4,746	9,609	14,355
August 2025	4,227	8,340	12,570
September 2025	4,506	8,622	13,128

Notes:

- The table includes working age only (18 to 64 years).
- Main benefits exclude New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.
- Previous main benefit indicator only looks at main benefit grants prior to 1 June 2024.
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- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
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