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Table 1: The number of sanctions for failing work obligations for working age main benefit clients with or without children during the period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025

For reason: Failed to attend appointment(s)

by quarter and ethnicity

Sanction reason / Quarter / Children			Total response ethnicity							
			Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	Total sanctions
Failed to attend appointment(s)	September 2024	No	4,221	2,448	1,662	258	87	285	696	8,511
		Yes	432	219	219	27	12	9	60	855
		Quarter total	4,653	2,664	1,887	288	99	297	756	9,366
	December 2024	No	4,143	2,364	1,587	225	81	273	687	8,193
		Yes	450	231	195	42	9	18	51	876
		Quarter total	4,593	2,595	1,779	267	90	291	738	9,066
	March 2025	No	4,041	2,412	1,458	234	93	291	717	8,151
		Yes	456	222	204	33	12	12	69	891
		Quarter total	4,497	2,634	1,662	264	102	306	786	9,042

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.

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Table 2: The number of sanctions for failing work obligations for working age main benefit clients with or without children during the period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025

For reason: Failed to attend appointment(s)

by quarter and 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	
Failed to attend appointment(s)	September 2024	No	1,455	2,628	1,674	1,032	657	423	300	180	108	54	8,511
		Yes	3	84	96	162	198	159	87	45	21	3	855
		Quarter total	1,461	2,712	1,767	1,194	852	582	387	225	129	57	9,366
	December 2024	No	1,374	2,484	1,638	933	615	429	291	213	147	69	8,193
		Yes	3	84	102	153	192	147	114	51	24	3	873
		Quarter total	1,377	2,568	1,743	1,086	804	576	405	267	171	72	9,069
	March 2025	No	1,326	2,478	1,563	972	594	456	315	207	165	75	8,151
		Yes	3	75	111	144	186	168	111	66	21	3	891
		Quarter total	1,326	2,553	1,677	1,116	783	624	423	276	186	78	9,042

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Table 3: The number of sanctions for failing work obligations for working age main benefit clients with or without children during the period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025

For reason: Failed to attend appointment(s)

by quarter and gender

Sanction reason / Quarter / Children			Gender			Total sanctions
			Female	Gender Diverse	Male	
Failed to attend appointment(s)	September 2024	No	2,625	42	5,844	8,511
		Yes	381	0	474	858
		Quarter total	3,003	45	6,318	9,366
	December 2024	No	2,409	45	5,736	8,193
		Yes	417	0	456	876
		Quarter total	2,826	45	6,195	9,066
	March 2025	No	2,439	54	5,655	8,148
		Yes	444	0	447	891
		Quarter total	2,886	54	6,102	9,039

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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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Table 4: The number of sanctions for failing work obligations for working age main benefit clients with or without children during the period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025

For reason: Failed to attend appointment(s)

by quarter and benefit type

Sanction reason / Quarter / Children			Benefit type						Total sanctions
			Emergency Benefit	Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability	Jobseeker Support - Work Ready	Sole Parent Support	Supported Living Payments related	Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment	
Failed to attend appointment(s)	September 2024	No	0	48	8,463	0	0	0	8,508
		Yes	0	6	789	57	3	0	855
		Quarter total	0	54	9,252	57	3	0	9,366
	December 2024	No	3	84	8,109	0	3	0	8,190
		Yes	0	9	774	93	0	0	876
		Quarter total	3	90	8,883	90	3	0	9,066
	March 2025	No	0	102	8,046	0	3	0	8,148
		Yes	0	12	732	150	0	3	891
		Quarter total	0	111	8,778	147	3	3	9,042

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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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